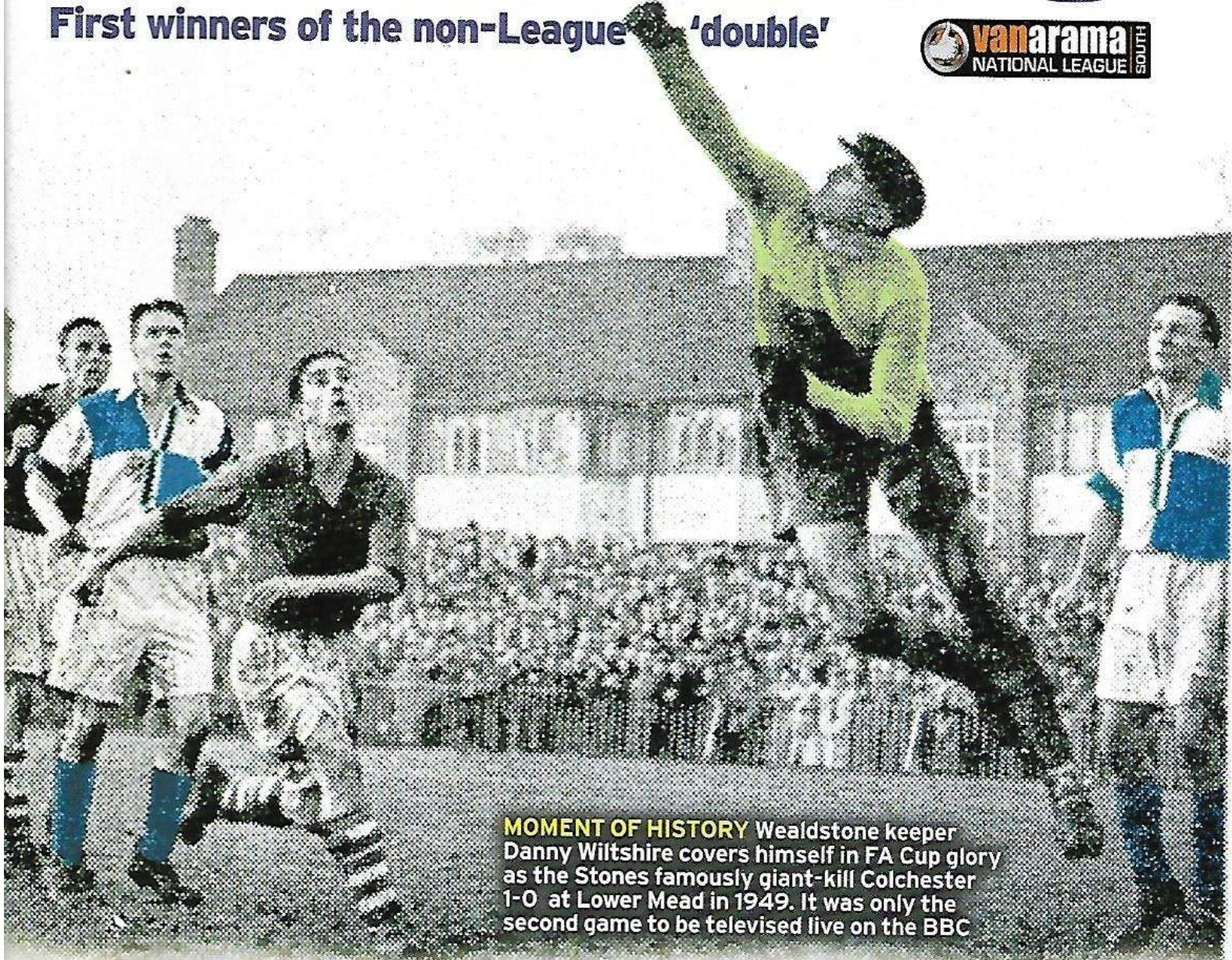


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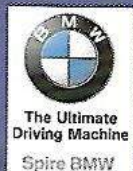
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Welcome BBC, Welcome Colchester United, Welcome World.

There is no doubt that as a club we have enjoyed some amazing days over the years and in true non-league style these have been, intimate us against the world Wealdstone moments that have bonded us and seen us through the darkest of hours. Today, however, the entire country gets to join the party as we are beamed live into the nation's front rooms courtesy of the BBC's Football Focus and MOTD teams.

I think it is fair to say there has been an air of excitement around the place over the last two weeks. The team is on an incredible 13 game unbeaten run and claimed an away victory at runaway, free spending, full time, league leaders Ebbsfleet last Saturday that had all in attendance asking..... could we? Well I guess in 90 minutes or so we will have the answer.

For anyone experiencing Wealdstone for the very first time today, please enjoy your afternoon. We are a friendly bunch and incredibly proud of our Club and its history. As a fans run club we are all about community from our fully inclusive youth and ladies sections, through to links with the Harrow Stones Stars teams for people with learning difficulties, as well as local schools & businesses.

A huge amount of work has gone into the preparations for today's game and thanks to all is expressed later in the programme. As usual I would like, on behalf of the club, to thank all of our club sponsors, today's match sponsors, our ball donors and advertisers... we are all in this together.

Finally, as tomorrow is Remembrance Sunday, we would ask everyone to observe a minutes silence prior to kick off this afternoon. So as I said welcome BBC, welcome Colchester United, welcome World.

WE ARE WEALDSTONE.

Mark

Scott McGleish – 100 Up!!



Congratulations to Scott McGleish who recently made his 100th competitive appearance for the Club in the match against Dartford when he came on as a substitute. During his 100 matches that he has played for Wealdstone FC Scott has scored 43 goals. Scotty made his debut for us in March 2013 away at Margate where we won 4-2 and he ripped the onion for the first time. During our Championship season of 2013/14 he top scored with 28 goals.

Today Wealdstone FC officials, players and supporters will pay their respects to those who have fallen fighting for their country in the great wars and the recent conflicts, where the scars are still seen and cut deep.

A wreath will be laid on the centre spot and a minutes silence observed for the fallen prior to kick off.

The teams will be led out by Stones fans Chief Petty Officer Andy "Gibbo" Gibbs currently serving in the Royal Navy and Retired Soldier Darrell Bennett who saw active service between 1990 and 1997 in the Royal Corp of Signals seeing service in Northern Ireland and Belize.

Gibbo is a bit of a fundraising legend having raised just under £400000 for the charity Help for Heroes in the last 6 years whilst maintaining a high tempo front line job in the Royal Navy.

His 28 years service has seen him serve in many hot spots of the world including 5 trips to the Arabian Gulf on various tasks post Gulf War 2, involved in extraction of British nationals from Beirut in 2006 and embargo operations in the Adriatic during the Former Yugoslavia conflict in 1993, 1995 and 1996.. You can follow Gibbo on Twitter @teamdifh



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LEST WE FORGET

TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE REPRESENTATIVES OF WEALDSTONE FOOTBALL CLUB WHO LOST THEIR LIVES IN TWO WORLD WARS

1914-1918

ANDREWS, P.

A FINE GOAL SCORER CAPPED IN 1911 BY THE COUNTY AND A REGULAR PLAYER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS.

BELLCHAMBERS, C. F.

A FORMER PLAYER AND OFFICIAL AT THE TIME OF THE 'FORMATION' OF THE CLUB IN 1899. PREVIOUSLY INVOLVED WITH PREDECESSORS OF THE CLUB.

BIRD, C.

A PLAYER IN THE SEASONS LEADING UP TO THE WAR

BOWELLS, H.

PLAYED IN THE LAST MATCH OF THE CLUB IN 1905 AND TO RETURN FOR THE FIRST GAME OF THE REFORMED CLUB IN 1909.

BRADBERRY, R. W.

A FORMER RESERVE PLAYER AND RELATION OF GOALKEEPER T W BRADBERRY.

COZENS, W.

CAPTAIN OF THE SIDE IN 1899, PLAYING ALONGSIDE HIS BROTHER, BOTH HAVING TURNED THE FORTUNES OF WEALDSTONE ATHLETIC IN 1895.

GOODAGE, R.

A FORMER PLAYER.

HOWMAN, W.

A FORMER PLAYER AND RELATION OF A TEAM VICE CAPTAIN IN 1913-14 H HOWMAN.

MARTIN, F.

JOINED THE CLUB AS IT REFORMED IN 1909 AND 1ST XI VICE CAPTAIN IN 1913/14

ROBERTSON, G.

A FORMER PLAYER WHO ALSO JOINED THE CLUB AS IT REFORMED IN 1909

1939 - 1945

BALDWIN K.

A FINE GOAL SCORER, A CHELSEA AMATEUR AND A FORMER SCHOOLBOY INTERNATIONAL

BIDEWELL R.

ANOTHER FORMER PLAYER WHO HAD REMAINED WITH THE CLUB UNTIL HIS CALL UP.

BUNCE C. E.

A FORMER CAPTAIN AND AN OUTSTANDING PLAYER WHO WOULD HAVE GONE ON TO BETTER THINGS HAD HE RETURNED FROM THE FAR EAST.

BURTON W.A.

A FORMER PLAYER FROM THE PRE-WAR PERIOD.

PARR W. W.

A PROFESSIONAL PLAYER WITH A LONG CAREER THAT GUESTED FOR WEALDSTONE IN THE EARLY WARTIME MATCHES.

WALKER E.

RESERVE AND THEN FIRST TEAM GOALKEEPER UNTIL HE JOINED THE ROYAL NAVY IN 1940. KILLED AT THE AGE OF 24.

WINTERBOTTOM W. A

A FORMER PLAYER AND COMMITTEE MEMBER.

REST IN PEACE



Dreams can come true

“I’m sure today will be memorable. Let’s hope that on the pitch as well as off it we do Wealdstone proud and we can look forward to the draw for the Second Round”

The FA Cup, a competition where, without fail, dreams burn brightly every year. As September comes round we all think, “Maybe this will be our year”. Often we are out before we’ve got going. But maybe, just maybe in season 2015/16 it will be our turn.

We welcome Colchester United to the freebets.co.uk Stadium for today’s FA Cup 1st Round match. We also welcome BBC TV and radio and all the other media and press who are visiting us today. You are all welcome. We hope you will enjoy your day with us – and come back!

The elation of winning the 4th qualifying match against Bognor, and the excitement ahead of the draw for today’s match were tangible and remind us why we do what we do, spending the many hours that no one sees slogging away for the good of the Club and putting the rest of our lives on hold. The

satisfaction after last week’s win at Ebbsfleet wasn’t bad either.

For the first time in six years we are in the First Round of the FA Cup. It’s been too long but now we are there we need to make the most of it. As I’ve said in the media over the last few weeks the prize money is great but the FA Cup is far more than that. It is the media exposure; it is the excitement; the planning and the fact that for a few days at least we are big news. More than that it is the promise of what might happen, what could be possible.

We will dream about being today’s giant killers, especially on the back our 13 match unbeaten run. But remember if the difference between Wealdstone and Brockenhurst was three levels it is the same gap to Colchester – just the other way around. So we are massive underdogs today and in all probability will be well beaten...but it is the FA Cup and you never know. And just as we at Wealdstone think this could be our year, so will Colchester.

I need to thank the many people who have helped make today a reality. The Football Association don’t give us much time to organise this fixture – it’s only been two weeks since we



beat Bognor after all. So a heartfelt thanks to Fingers, Dave Hooper, Nick Dugard, Andrew Lane and an army of people who have put in many hours to make sure today goes as well as it can. Hopefully your efforts will be well worth it.

I’m sure today will be memorable. Let’s hope that on the pitch as well as off it we do Wealdstone proud and we can look forward to the draw for the Second Round with even more excitement to come.

Howard



At last, the hype, speculation and talking is now over and it’s time to welcome Football League Division One side Colchester United to the Freebet.co.uk Stadium for today’s FA Cup First round tie.

Anyone who sat through the draw on the Monday evening will understand that it’s not only matches that put you through all sorts of emotions. Knowing the numbers didn’t actually help and to be second from last ball out, left us on tenter hooks for far too long. In the end, we were delighted with a home draw against a Division Two club, especially containing two ex players in Watford youngsters in Gavin Massey and Marvin Sordell.

One of our pre-season targets was an FA Cup run. Having reached the first round proper you start to think about your wish list. A home draw, a pro club, big crowd, television and of course, a giant killing! Some of those have been achieved and with Football Focus being shown live and TV highlights being shown later, it just leaves the big one. Can we pull off that ‘giant killing’? With the lads pumped up and giving a decent performance, followed by a bit of luck and the fans really getting behind us, who

knows what we can achieve over the next couple of hours?

With two of our old lads returning, I must mention our own Scott McGleish, who I’m sure will feel a little bit of nostalgia this afternoon, as he comes up against one of his old clubs. His experience has been invaluable in our cup run and once again, he has used his contacts to give us a bit of helpful information on today’s opponents.

We haven’t been great recently, but results lift the mood around the camp and all of a sudden we are approaching one of the biggest games in our history. At this stage 6 years ago, we played Rotherham which was bound to throw up comparisons and it’s been a big topic of conversation in the bar. I know Chris O’Leary is one player who the fans would love to have out on the pitch this afternoon and I think he would add a physical strength always needed against pro teams. Comparisons are always difficult as you need to remember we are playing at a higher level. Can players do it at a consistent level week in week out? That’s why cup upsets are always on the cards, as the lads can lift themselves in these one off games, but you rarely get a second bite of the cherry. Our chance is today, so let’s give it our best shot.

Half term last week gave me the opportunity to spend a lot more time on the football front. I managed to pop into QPR’s training ground to see Les Ferdinand and Andy Impey, two players I managed as teenagers. I meet numerous people including Chris Ramsey and it was a very encouraging morning. Hopefully it may sow some seeds for a closer

relationship between the two clubs.

At the time of writing, we are in the process of negotiating with another club trying to bring in another player and I hope we’ve achieved this by the weekend. Unfortunately, he will not appear today as he cup tied. I have also been in ongoing talks with Cambridge United over Matt Lowe who has loved his experience and is desperately keen to get back to playing here. They called him back into their squad for last week’s trip to the south-west and again for the home game against Bristol Rovers. With Elliot suspended, more talks will undoubtedly take place over the next few days and I hope he will re-sign a loan deal prior to today.

On the injury front, Tom Hickey is making very good progress and could possibly even be involved from the bench in Tuesdays Middlesex up game against Harrow Borough. Tom Cadmore’s injury situation has been a little more frustrating but I’m hopeful he’ll be fit by the middle of November. Ryan Watts however is a different story and we won’t be seeing him in a blue shirt again. His toe injury was taking longer than expected and at the same time his business commitments were becoming more than he can cope with, so he has regretfully decided to call it a day. I’m sure you’ll all join me in thanking for his efforts over the last couple of years and wish him well in his business venture.

Well that’s all. Let’s get behind the lads and do all you can to make this a day to remember for the club

The Musings of El Presidente

“Be on the terraces at ten to three then sing, sing & sing some more, believe in our boys and we can do this!!!!”



Isn't this why we all do this at our great club? It's just for days like this, isn't it?

The long and depressing nomadic years fade for today, as it's our turn to bathe in the sunshine.

Well, I am still struggling and having to pinch myself with the notion that we are at home in THE Cup today against an old foe in Colchester Utd. Dan Walker & Football Focus are here for the day & win lose or draw we've got an hour long extended highlights on BT Sport 2 HD later tonight, then MOTD on Sunday night as well, what's not to like? Good luck messages have been flooding in for the team from all corners of the globe including USA, Spain, Italy & Australia to name a few.

Most of you will not know that some 6 years ago, a fresh faced Dan Walker stood in at very short notice as MC at a sportsman's dinner here as our very own Rob Nothman was taken ill. Not only did the very likeable

young man do an excellent job but 2 weeks later became the new face of Football Focus. So you see, it's not just footballers that can pass through our doors and go onto better things!

There have been incredibly huge efforts from so many people at the club in varying capacities in the lead up to today's game, with too many to single out and mention but you know who you are, so I and the club thank you all very very much.

Then of course today, in its own right, has brought many logistical hurdles to overcome so please spare a thought for Paul Fingers Fruin, our club secretary, who has been at the epicentre of making the day go smoothly since the draw was made.

Most people have no idea what happens behind the scenes on a normal Saturday so magnify it 10 times for today. If you see Fingers around 9pm looking very tired and lost, please buy him a beer or two as he's truly

earned it.

Last Saturday saw us go to the full time professionals & league leaders Ebbsfleet and come away with 3 points with a real backs to the wsfleet and come away with 3

points with a real backs to the wall performance, make no bones about it, the best team on the day won it fair and square!

And what about our fans at Stonebridge Road? They were magnificent, a wall of noise particularly in the 2nd half, so come on let's show the wider public today what we are truly like when it comes to being the 12th man.

Be on the terraces at ten to three then sing, sing & sing some more, believe in our boys and we can do this!!!!

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Over the years there have been a number of Wealdstone players who have gone on to make the grade in the Football League, the two most famous being Stuart Pearce who joined Coventry City in 1983 and Vince (Vinny) Jones who joined Wimbledon three years later. Both players went on to represent England and Wales respectively in full Internationals. A more recent success story is that of Jermaine Beckford. So where did it all start?

Wealdstone Football Club as we know it today was, it is generally agreed, founded at the beginning of the 1899/1900 season. The club was however short-lived and a report headed "Defunct" appeared in the local paper for October 20th 1906 stating that, due to a sad falling-off of interest among both players and fans, the committee was disbanding the Club completely.

It wasn't until the 1908/09 season that the Wealdstone Football Club came into being again. The Club closed down for the duration of the First World War (1914-1918)

A new ground called Lower Mead, situated between Harrow and Wealdstone

town centers was ready for the 1922/23 season. At the time of moving to Lower Mead the Club joined the Spartan League, spending six seasons in that league before joining the Athenian League for the 1928/29 season.

In June 1942 Wealdstone met RAF (Uxbridge) at Wembley Stadium in the final of the Middlesex Senior Red Cross Cup. Their opponents included nine professional Football League players but it was the Stones who won the cup, 5-2 after extra time.

In October 1946 the Club were involved in the first televised football match, the BBC showing part of their Athenian League match at Barnet. Wealdstone also took part in the first two "live" FA Cup ties ever to be seen by viewers

when the whole of their victories over Edgware Town and Colchester United were televised by the BBC in November 1949. Later that month Wealdstone met a Football League side in the FA Cup for the first time when they were beaten 1-0 at Port Vale in the First Round Proper.

In 1964 the Club left the Athenian League and joined the Isthmian League for the first time. Two years later they beat fellow Isthmian's Hendon 3-1 in the FA Amateur Cup final at Wembley Stadium to bring the trophy to Lower Mead for the first and only time.

In 1971 Wealdstone left the ranks of amateur football and turned professional, joining the Southern League. Since then four major league championships have been won by the first team as well as five cup competitions.

During the 1977/78 season Wealdstone played in the Anglo-Italian Tournament. A 4-2 victory over Paganese was followed by a 1-0 defeat against Udinese, the eventual winners of the tournament, both these matches taking place at Lower Mead. The Club then visited Italy only to lose 1-0 at Reggiana and 2-0 at Arezzo.

Wealdstone were relegated for the first time in the Club's history in



The victorious Amateur Cup winners of 1966 parade the trophy at Wembley

1980/81 but the following season they won all five trophies on offer in the Southern League to return to the Conference at the first attempt. The 1984/85 season was to be the Club's most successful when they became the first of only three clubs so far to achieve the non-league "double", winning the Football Conference and FA Trophy in the same season. To complete a "treble", Wealdstone also won the 1984/85 Middlesex Senior Challenge Cup beating Enfield in the final.

Unfortunately at the end of the 1990/91 season the Club had to sell their Lower Mead home in order to stay in existence. The company handling the sale of Lower Mead went into liquidation and, after lengthy court proceedings, the Club received only a fraction of the sum Tesco's had paid for the ground. An agreement was entered into with Watford FC to share the lease on their Vicarage Road ground and the 1991/92 season was to become the first of seventeen seasons ground sharing with another club. Their stay at Vicarage Road lasted for just two seasons before the Club decided to move out and for the 1993/94 & 1994/95 seasons Wealdstone ground shared at Yeading FC.

The 1995/96 season began a new era for the Club as they left the Southern League and rejoined the Isthmian League which they had last played in in 1971. They also changed grounds once again, moving in with Edgware Town FC who had agreed to share facilities at their White Lion Ground.

Wealdstone had to start at the bottom of the Isthmian League (effectively demoting themselves two divisions) the 1996/97 season saw Wealdstone win the Division Three championship and in 1997/98 they made it two promotions in successive seasons when finishing third in Division Two. The Club should have been promoted for a third season running in 1998/99 after finishing third in Division One. However, a couple of ground improvements required at Edgware to obtain the necessary "A" grading for promotion to the Premier Division were not completed until six days after the April 1st deadline. The Club eventually gained promotion to the Premier Division at the end of the 2003/04 season after meeting Dulwich Hamlet in a promotion play-off encounter.

For the 2005/06 season Wealdstone started a three year agreement with Northwood FC to play first team matches at their Chestnut Avenue ground then in January 2008 the Club had the opportunity to take over our current Grosvenor Vale site, then the home of Ruislip Manor FC. A dedicated band of supporters worked extremely hard to bring the stadium up to the standard required by the Isthmian League so that, from the start of the 2008/09 season,

Wealdstone once again had a ground and clubhouse they could call their own.



*A young Stuart Pearce
in his Stones days*

Successive seasons at The Vale have seen the Club proposer both on and off the field, the 2010/11 season saw the Club achieve a 4th place finish in the League, but they were then beaten in the play-offs 2-1 away to Lowestoft Town. They also reached the semi-final of the FA Trophy having accounted for a number of Conference National (Barrow, Dartford & Cambridge Utd) sides on their journey before bowing out over the 2 legged semi-final to Newport County

The 2012/13 again saw the Club challenging for promotion and again missing out via the play-offs this time to Concord Rangers. However the 2013/14 saw the Stones finally achieve promotion when they won the Ryman Premier League sealing the Championship with a hard fought 1-0 away win at Margate on the 15th Apr 14. Last season, despite a difficult start Wealdstone eventually finished their first season in the Conference South in a very credible 12th place.

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FAN IN THE STAND: PAUL TORPEY

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One of my favourite games was away to Banbury United in 1987 when my nine-year-old eyes couldn't believe the debauchery on display!

Every week we ask one of our supporters to explain their devotion to the Stones. For this FA Cup special issue it's the rather interesting Paul Torpey...

Where do you live? Muswell Hill now. Born in Harrow, grew up in Swindon.

Where do you work? At the Guardian newspaper, mainly editing graphics and interactives these days. Simon Ricketts is another fan to be found at our whizzy Kings Cross HQ.

First Stones game attended? It was definitely against Gateshead at Lower Mead in the mid 80s so either a 4-2 win on 1st September 1984 or a 2-2 draw on 28th March 1987! I'm not 100% but fairly sure it was the former.

What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan? My Dad was a lifelong Stones fan having grown up very close to Lower Mead so a home match was an occasional treat when we returned to Harrow to visit my grandparents. In 1987 I even got to run on to the hallowed turf myself as a mascot in a conference game against Lincoln City who in the previous season were the first club automatically relegated into non-league football. We also used to go to any away games that Dad considered driving distance from Swindon, so places like Bath, Cheltenham and Worcester. When I moved back to London I started watching under my own steam at Edgware.



Do you follow any other team? Not in a meaningful sense any more but I watched a bit of Swindon growing up and still will once in a while.

Do you prefer lower-League football? It's all I know really. I don't really have the time to keep up with the Premier League and the hype a bit bewildering.

Any disadvantages? No, I thoroughly enjoy every aspect of non-league football but I wouldn't want to put it on a pedestal. It's amazing to think Stones were once within touching distance of the Football League - getting back there or beyond seems inconceivable but I'd love it!

How do you like watching football,

and Wealdstone, into your family/working life? I've never been anywhere near a regular but I've always managed at least a handful of home and away games every season since 2002. I saw quite a few during our Ryman Premier title-winning campaign but only managed four last season, which was disappointing. It's not easy with a young family and there are other things I like to do at the weekend as well, which is why I'm a big fan of Monday nights at the Vale - better atmosphere and easier to head straight there after work.

How big a part of your life is the game? Not massive, to be honest.

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I've already said I don't follow the Premier League so it's just those Stones games I do manage each season (and England during tournaments). Nevertheless, the institution of Wealdstone Football Club is hugely important to me because it's a link back to my childhood and much-missed family members. Long may we prosper!

Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen? The

1993 Division One play-off between Swindon and Leicester for a place in the Premier League was a memorable occasion but we had a terrible old Wembley view so didn't see much of the action. Swindon threw away a 3-0 lead to Leicester and then finally inched over the line 4-3. Next season, I saw Swindon draw 2-2 at home with Manchester United in the Premier League, Eric Cantona was sent off and Mark Hughes had some handbags with Swindon fans. I also saw goals 96, 97, 98, 99 and 100 conceded against Leeds in the last game of that season.

And most memorable Wealdstone game, and moment? The moment has to be winning the title at Margate. Whatever the level of football, opportunities for most fans to see their team actually win a competition are comparatively rare so I feel privileged to have seen the Stones win something. I was too young for the '85 final but most of my favourite games have been in the Trophy. There was a game away to Banbury just before Christmas 1987 (I think) where my nine year-old eyes couldn't quite believe the debauchery on display. It was brilliant - I'll always remember there was some bloke in a werewolf mask! Then the best part of 20 years later, there was that pulsating game against Thurrock at Edgware. I think



I'm also in the picture highlighted by Kev Williams in his Fan in the Stand from earlier in the season. Then all the games I saw on our run to the semis in 2012, particularly Barrow where the second half was probably the best atmosphere I can recall at the Vale. Myself (to any level) and most memorable moments? Five a-side and a bit of Sunday league when younger but only ever at the smoking and puking at half-time level.

Any suggestions to improve your Stones-watching experience at the Vale? Apart from more Monday night games we also need to do something about struggling to play up the slope towards Couch Corner although attacking the Bulla in the second half usually generates better support.

Favourite current Wealdstone line-up (1-11, with reasons)? I haven't been since Chelmsford at

home and we've unstoppable since so my humble advice to GB would be don't change a winning team...too much! Beating Dartford is still a more impressive result than teams like Biggleswade or Brockenhurst so I'll say the starting XI from that game. I'll go out on a limb and say I've always quite liked the look of Jonny Wright even though I know he has his critics.

Favourite all-time Stones line-up (with reasons)? Jonathan North, James Hammond, Jerome Okimo, Tom Hamblin, Sean Cronin - it's hard for a part-time fan to improve on the back we've from our great Ryman League triumph. Glenn Little - one of the beauties of non-league football is the occasional opportunities it gives you to see these great characters wind down their careers. Clearly still playing for the love of the game and clearly still massively talented

Chris O'Leary - brilliant during our Trophy run, especially at Dartford
Brian Jones - comic book genius
Robin Wainwright - my favourite player in 1987 according to my mascot programme, love the fact he's kept his flowing locks!
Jermaine Beckford - saw him single-handedly destroy Swindon when playing for Preston in the League One play-off final



A very young Paul pulls up his socks as he prepares to be a Lower Mead mascot in 1987. Club secretary Peter Braxton looks very dubious in the background (left)

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I earlier this year. Would be nice to see him back in a Stones shirt one day
Richard Jolly - total ledge: it's a real shame he wasn't at the club during our title-winning season
Subs: Chappell, Dave Ryan, Tom Pett, Tony Lynch, Marvin Morgan
Best away trips? I've never seen a dull game at Banbury! Dartford away in our Trophy run was a good game in a good ground and O'Leary's bullet header was one for the annals. Dulwich away in the title-winning season was a cracker, not least for That Glenn Little goal - another piece of Stones folklore right there.

What was your highlight of last season? Didn't see many but was at Chelmsford away where we ground out a win in terrible second-half conditions. It turned out this was the start of an unbeaten run which helped undo the damage caused by that particular season's slow start.

Best non-League ground you've visited? I'm not especially well-travelled but Dartford, Tooting and Dulwich are three examples of good, modern non-league grounds. We can but dream.

Best stadium you've EVER visited? Didn't see a game there (probably wise) but Boca Juniors' La Bombonera in Buenos Aires.

Where do you like to stand (or sit) at the Vale? Couch Corner and the Bulla.

What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? We haven't made it that easy for ourselves in the league so far but staying up is a no-brainer, surely

TODAYS MASCOT

Today's Mascot is Paul Torpey whose 9th birthday was on October 11th. Paul attends St Mary's School in Swindon, and his father always takes him to see Wealdstone when we travel west. Paul's favourite player is Robin Wainwright and he wishes the Stones a good run in the FA Cup.

That day as a Stones mascot in '87 clearly left an indelible impression on Paul. Above: More programme memorabilia, plus a tuft of the Lower Mead turf from the final day in 1991 (right). I'm no expert but it could do with a bit of watering!



Paul runs out with his Stones heroes against Lincoln City

nobody wants to go back to the Ryman?! The cup run so far has boosted morale and I hope we do similarly well in the Trophy - there's nothing quite like a cup tie

How does the current programme compare with others you see? Extremely favourably!

Any articles or features that you'd like to see? I think the temperature during the home game against Ebbsfleet earlier this season was the hottest I've ever seen a match played in so I'd like to see an article about Wealdstone-related weather phenomena - hottest ever Stones

game (if it wasn't Ebbsfleet), coldest, snowiest, spectacular abandonments... (good idea-Ed)

What has been the most readable/least readable Fan in the Stand so far? I always enjoy them but this one's terrible

What do you think of the bars and catering at The Vale? Any beers or food you'd like to be added? More than adequate. It was funny when people on the forum brievely seemed more excited by the advent of duck and venison burgers than Conference South football.

Do you buy much at the club-shop? What is your favourite Stones strip of all time? I drop in from time to time if I hear of something interesting that

was in a programme from a game I missed. I also like reading the old Elmslie Enders so occasionally grab one of those. Strip-wise, I like the blue and white quarters although the only Stones strip I've possessed is the one I was given after my mascot game. When

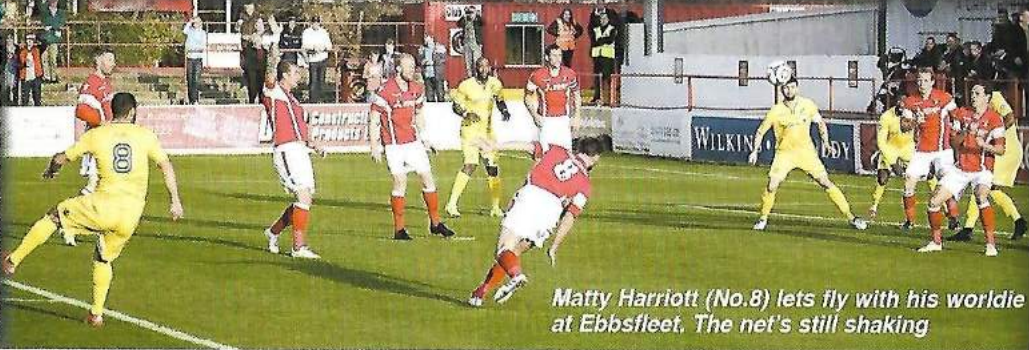
I wore it for PE back at school in Swindon, some peasant asked it was "Oxfam United" - hopefully he's had a terrible life.

Finally, where do you see the club in five years' time? Hopefully established at this level and starting to think about the next step, depending on the lease. I dream of a run to an FA Cup third round tie with Manchester United having dispatched Barnet and Swindon along the way...



I was delighted to score that goal on my debut.. but I was gutted to find out it that wasn't videoed!

PICTURES: STEVE FOSTER



Matty Harriott (No.8) lets fly with his worldie at Ebbfleet. The net's still shaking

MATTY Harriott enjoyed probably the most sensational debut in Stones history at Ebbfleet last Saturday.

With his first touch, after just two minutes, he controlled a half-cleared corner 25 yards out... and with his second touch he rifled it unerringly beyond home keeper Brandon Hall and into the top corner!

"Yes, it was the best goal I've ever scored and it was fantastic for me in my first game" said Harriott on Monday, still buzzing after his two-goal showing against the league leaders.

"I scored 11 last season from midfield, and I've now got five this season, and most from the edge of the box, but normally I hit them into the bottom corner. To be

honest, I thought it was going to smack the crossbar and come out.

"I was overjoyed when it went in, and so pleased for the fans". Harriott, 23, explained that it was the big Wealdstone following that persuaded him to join the club from Hemel Hempstead.

"I played against the Stones three times last season for

Hemel - the 2-2 at Grosvenor Vale, the 1-1 at Hemel and the game that was frozen off with Hemel 3-0 ahead. That was a strange one!

"At each game the Wealdstone support was massive. So impressive. Before I signed for Hemel at the end of 2014 I was playing for Hayes & Yeading and, although I was injured, I came over to The Vale to see the FA Trophy game between Wealdstone and H & Y. The ground was rammed and so noisy. I thought then that I'd love to play for Wealdstone, and was very happy to sign last week just in time for the Ebbfleet game".

Matty only just beat the 5pm deadline last Friday, and barely had time to meet his new teammates before running out

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... but not everyone was impressed

22 yards? Pah!

against The Fleet. And he played a hugely influential 71 minutes in his favoured central midfield position before making way for Matthew Ball.

"I love to play a more advanced role, and we have the players to hurt teams going forward. Bradley (Hudson-Odoi) and Shaun (Lucien) were terrific on Saturday and I'm looking forward to playing a full part. The manager, Gordon, emphasised what a tight-knit group of players we have here - younger players looking to get back into the League, and a few older ones really enjoying playing for this ambitious club - and I think I might be around for a while".

The quick-footed Matty began

his career at Luton as a youngster before Sheffield United enticed him to Yorkshire for three years. Then came a move to Northampton in League Two.

"It was a classic case of a new manager coming in and having his own ideas about the players he wanted. Aidy Boothroyd had me in the team and I enjoyed some really enjoyable games, against the likes of Portsmouth at Fratton Park.

"Then he was replaced by Chris Wilder and I didn't get a look-in. I went to Hayes & Yeading on loan, and then permanently but it was only for six weeks before I joined Hemel. Hemel played a good,

passing game that appealed to me but there was a difference of opinion with the manager there, purely on a professional level.

"I only needed to meet Gordon Bartlett to know I'd made the right decision to come to Wealdstone. He showed me around the club, and although I was aware of the club's history he spelled out how passionate and ambitious everyone is. Already I love it here.

"All we need now is to get every game videoed. I couldn't believe there was a ban on cameras at Ebbfleet... I score a goal like that but I can't even brag about it!"

By **TIM PARKS**

Truly Bradley deeply... why Hudson-Odoi is realising his true potential under GB

BRADLEY Hudson-Odoi gave it both barrels at Ebbfleet... and the winger, who played with Hereford in League Two, revealed that Stones boss Gordon Bartlett was bringing the best out of him.

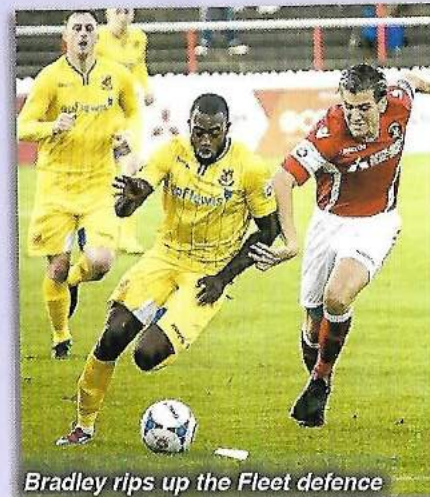
"Having a run of games in the team, and the continuity that brings, has helped my confidence and I'm sure the same is true of Shaun Lucien. We love to run at people and I think we proved last week that we can cause havoc against any team at this level".

And Bradley doesn't rule out Wealdstone causing a surprise today. "Colchester are not going to fancy coming to Ruislip to face us and we can cause a shock... not that it will shock us, as we have the quality to really believe we can win this sort of game."

Bradley joined the Stones from the Metropolitan Police in the summer and has finally cemented his place in the side. "No disrespect to The Met, but the fans' presence at Weald-

stone makes us want to go out and perform. I don't think the fans always appreciate how much we appreciate them... it's huge to have that sort of support. I'm only sad I didn't score at Ebbfleet as I had a couple of chances, but I was pleased with my overall contribution".

See the next edition of the **Royal Blue Review** for the full interview with Bradley Hudson-Odoi...



Bradley rips up the Fleet defence



Nick Burleigh In Memory of Howard Kendall
22/5/46 – 17/10/15 Everton's Greatest Manager

Howard Kendall: An Everton great in both playing and managing, one of the few who have won the First Division title as player and manager with the same team. This brings things nicely round to today's game, and the giant killing Colchester side that beat Leeds in 1971 only to be destroyed by Everton 5-0 in the next round with Howard Kendall scoring twice.

DERRICK GARRAWAY

When I heard Wealdstone were drawn against Colchester in the FA Cup, it brought back memories of 1949. I was there and it was freezing. Also going to Aldershot, Reading and QPR other years for the FA Cup, and trips to Barrow, Scarborough, Weymouth and Yeovil in the past. Sometimes for the whole weekend. Good Luck Wealdstone **Derrick, Spain.**

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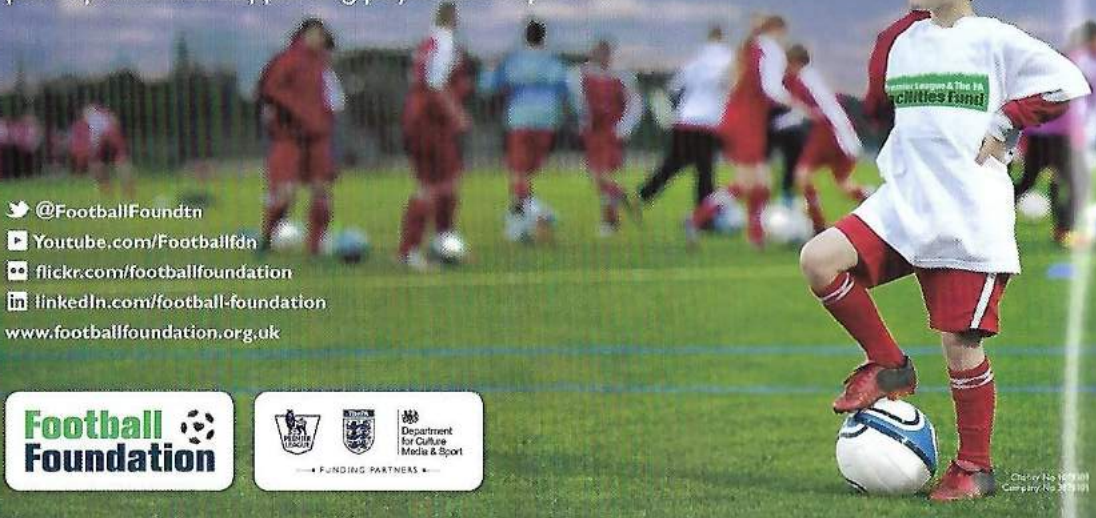
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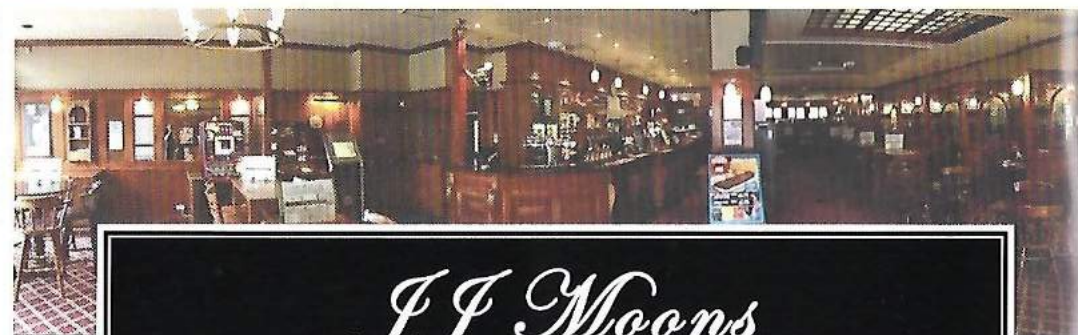
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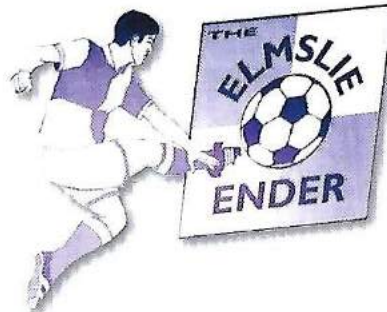
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What do Colchester United, Wycombe Wanderers and Wealdstone have in common?

BY SUDHIR RAWAL



All three have won the non-league double. The only difference between the trio is that we were a semi-professional club rather than a former football league side with a full time team. No doubt the former duo will argue that the quality of the teams were higher in the professional era, but winning the double when the players held down full time real jobs was some achievement.

I know Colchester the town pretty well. I used to act for a big employer in the town called GFM and they had/have many links with the football club. The company's owner Peter Sakal is a great friend of the club and has a box at the new stadium, whilst their former chief executive later on moved to GFM. She was one of few women to have a leadership role at a football club. I also recall well our last trip to the Essex military town. A four nil stuffing in the second round proper back in the eighties. Stones had beaten local rivals Enfield after two replays but floundered at Layer Road on the back on some strange team selection. The highlight that day was the superb away following, touching nearly a thousand which the local

constabulary claimed had been more difficult to control than Manchester United a week or two earlier in the league cup.

The F A cup is all about fame, glory but fortune as well especially for non-league teams where it can make a huge difference to a club's finances. When the draw was made it was obvious that the television companies would go for Didcot as the lowest rank team and the media city darlings of Salford. Those games were a given, but when the third went to the ex-Manchester United supporters team, most non-league fans went into despair. Now I will save my thoughts on them for another day, but they clearly have stated that their ethos is not to move games for TV. The FA rules state that any game can be moved for TV if required in the F A Cup. Here you have a strange case of a club that doesn't want to move the game, doesn't want the TV exposure but being compelled to do so. Rules are rules, but truly bizarre. I am sure the 70k in compensation will sooth the way along though. Interestingly enough whilst FCUM have had this hoo ha over the game being moved to accommodate TV, in their planning regulations for their new stadium, they have to move games to

Sundays if Manchester City are playing at home and have already had a televised game on a Friday before!

Fortunately, whilst most at the Vale were disappointed with not getting a live game, being the lead game on Match of the Day tonight and hosting the iconic Football Focus will go some way to compensate for missing out. It will bring a huge amount of exposure to the club. I am looking forward to Dan Walker interviewing the Raider and Fingers (might need a translator) and asking Ginge on his opinion of all things red.

I wonder if Mark Chapman from the Beeb will be in town. He's a local, sort of, as whilst working down south, he lived on the Hill and his kids attended Orley Farm. Chappers isn't the only local on Auntie's team as our very own Rob Notham will hopefully be on duty around the ground. A loyal Wealdstone fan for many years.

Anyway, I have been told to keep it brief by the editor this week as the glory hunters have all piled in with their programme notes. Don't normally see them busting a gut against Gosport at home midweek!

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

Like almost every other Stones fan I was glued to the telly at 7pm last Monday, chewing my nails, pacing the room, telling my wife and daughter to be quiet and extremely anxious as to which ball we were going to be paired with. Talk about tension. Almost every time the ball came out the rest of the family was given a running commentary on whether that was a good or bad draw. I have to say when ball number 69 was finally pulled out and matched to Colchester I was jumping around the room and reaching for the phone to share the excitement. That feeling probably lasted 15 minutes until the realisation hit like a freight train that the next two weeks were going to be hell on earth. Fast forward seven days and life is just a bit stressful trying to ensure new stock arrives, shirts are printed and all those little bits and bobs are in place for Saturday. I am now a few steps closer to divorce as

the house has quickly been taken over by boxes of stock and resembles an Amazon warehouse. You would think after eight years of doing this, life would get easier, but I can assure you it has not.

Aside from the stresses of organising for the big day the appearance in the first round gives any lower league / non-league fan the chance to parade their club in front of all those doubters whether at work or school. For a few weeks it will mean I don't have to explain who my club are, the history we have and actually how great it is to watch football in flesh rather than on a TV screen. For a few short moments people actually realise there is life outside the Premier League.

FA Cup Special – We have a limited number of Wealdstone v Colchester United commemorative mugs available to buy to mark the third meeting of our two clubs in the FA Cup. The mugs will be available at all Megastore outlets today, so bag yours early as if previous big matches are anything to go by they will be gone well before three o'clock. One could be yours for just £5.

Megastore Locations – Please be aware that due to the added numbers of fans in the ground today for the big game we will be opening the Megastore as

usual (behind the dugouts) but also selling a few items outside the ground before the game, and finally in our mobile Megastore Gazebo near Dead Fox corner (You cannot miss it as it is the only gazebo in the ground).

Inside the Megastore – As always the Megastore will be open today and you will be able to buy all your Wealdstone merchandise from football shirts to polo shirts, beanie hats to scarves, baby grows to bags. Please remember if we don't have your size in stock we are happy to order it in for a few weeks' time.

Payment – As always we can process card payments in the Megastore on game days via a handy PayPal card machine, so not only can you spend more in the Megastore, but you can also retain your cash to buy pints, programmes or golden goal **Thanks** – A quick thank you to all the helpers and volunteers that have been roped in to helping out today, as well as giving up their time to make today a success. Here's to a great day.

Adam

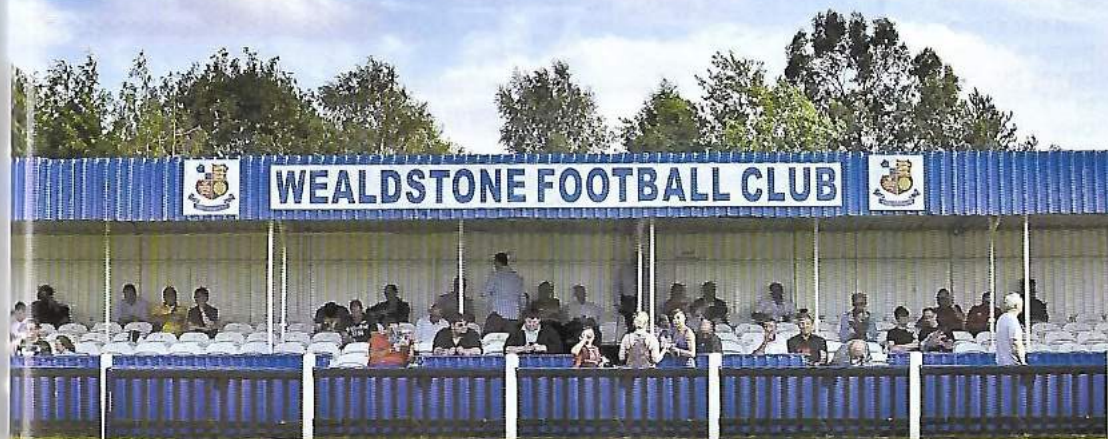
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Wealdstone Supporters Club AGM

The Wealdstone FC Supporters Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 24 November 2015 at 7.30 pm and will take place in the Aquarium Bar of the Ruislip Social Club.

The meeting is open to all supporters although only members will be able to cast any votes. The meeting will then be followed by the Wealdstone Football Club's Annual General Meeting.

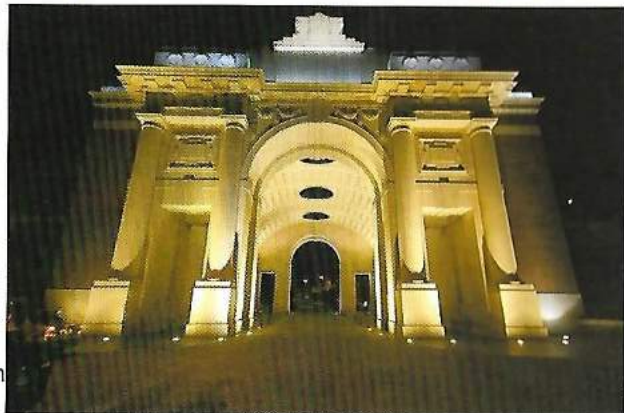
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Having a bit of a keen interest in history with WW1 being a favourite subject matter of mine since I'd been in school a trip to Ypres in Belgium, encompassing seeing some of the battlefields and excavated trenches, had been on my bucket list of things to do for over 25 years.



The Menin Gate at Night

I'd also wanted to witness the playing of The Last Post which takes place at The Menin Gate in Ypres every night at 8pm and since the centenary commemorations of WW1 over the past 12 months or so my desire to visit the region had increased. I'd missed out on being part of a team from my workplace who were lucky enough to take part in the deinstillation of the ceramic poppies at The Tower of London in November 2014 as I had been in Glasgow watching England beat Scotland 3-1 (Ha Ha!).

Because of this I was determined to actually do something to be able to pay my respects to those who had served in that awful conflict.

Whilst I was on the train to the away match at Farnborough in April we passed Brookwood cemetery, which is clearly visible on the route from London. For those unaware, Brookwood cemetery <http://www.brookwoodcemetery.com/> is the largest cemetery in Western Europe and also houses the largest amount of military personnel burials in the UK. This is due to the fact that several of the soldiers who came back mortally wounded from both world wars were buried there. Brookwood is also famous as being the place where the Last Post was sounded for 4 years from 1940 to 1944 while Belgium was occupied by Germany during WW2. Seeing this cemetery from the train, with the rows and rows of neatly spaced headstones of the war dead,

gave me the kick up the backside I'd needed to finally look into booking a trip to Ypres after all these years. On the train home from Farnborough I chatted to Jim Wiseman, who as well as being a Wealdstone fan of many years standing is also a former Royal Navy sailor

and has an extremely good knowledge of the WW1 sites as he has visited the region many times. He gave me a bit more info on Brookwood and recommended a few places to visit in Belgium. My mind was now made up, I was going to go this summer.

After doing a bit of research online to find a suitable 2-3 days to go across to Belgium I came across this website www.lastpost.be

Browsing through this website I discovered that Thursday 9th July would be the 30,000th time that The Last Post would be played since it had first been played at the Menin Gate in 1928. This seemed like a perfect time to go across and I booked both eurostar and a hotel for myself and my other half to visit Ypres between 7th and 10th July. Also, whilst browsing this website I realised that you could request an opportunity to lay wreaths/flowers at the Menin Gate during the ceremony. I thought this would be a nice gesture if I could do this on behalf of Wealdstone FC so I filled a request form in on the website, not really expecting to be accepted. Like the rest of the country between 1914-1918, World War 1 touched Harrow and also affected the Wealdstone football team. Ten former and current (when war broke out in 1914) Wealdstone players were killed during WW1 and I thought this would be a good chance for myself to represent the club and pay our respects and gratitude to them. To my surprise



within a day I received an email back saying we had been accepted for the Wednesday 8th July ceremony and would need to report to the Menin Gate at 7.30pm on that date. In the meantime, prior to my trip I booked a tour of the battlefields online and also ordered a poppy wreath from the British legion website. I also bought a couple more WW1 books on the region to add to my collection and tried to fill any gaps in my knowledge of the Flanders region and it's WW1 history. Having thought that I knew a bit about the war and it's affect on the Ypres/Passchendale area in general, I found that in reality I actually knew very little and looked forward to trying to actually put some clarity to the events in that area and what the soldiers and civilians went through by seeing the region for myself.

Prior to leaving for Belgium I also did some research into looking into the Wealdstone players who had died in both World Wars as I wanted to attach sheets of laminated paper with their names and details to my British legion wreath that I was going to lay at the ceremony as well as to a bunch of fresh flowers that I would buy locally in Ypres. Luckily, due to the excellent work of those who had researched the Wealdstone FC history book that was published in 2003 I found details of the players and filled in their military history from the information that had been published on the www.wealdstonefc.co.uk/forum previously. I also managed to find in the history book photographs of five of our players who had died in WW1 as well as a photo of Charlie Bunce who died in Malaya in WW2.

Prior to going over I got as much advice about what to see there as I could from Roger Slater and Mike Vincent who was there in 2014. They were both very helpful and I was fairly happy that I'd cover all I needed to see when I was over there. Tuesday 7th July finally came and off we went.

Ypres (or Ieper to give its Flemish name) is a very pretty little town but the vast majority of the buildings are 90 years of age or less due to the city being flattened in WW1. On our first day we spent a relaxing time with no tours planned and that evening I went down to The Menin Gate to see the Last Post being played and get a feel for the ceremony. I

was praying I did it justice the following day. There was quite a crowd there watching as tourists were arriving in numbers from all over the world that week for the 30,000th ceremony on the Thursday.

Wednesday morning we made our way to the bookshop in the city centre from where our tour was to take place. Our guide met us and took us off in the minibus along with 4 other people. Our first stop after approx 5 minutes was Essex Farm cemetery and the first aid posts, or dressing stations as they were known, near the northern Ypres salient battlefield. It was near here that Major John McCrae wrote the famous war poem 'In Flanders field' after two of his close friends were killed.

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*



This poem is one of the main reasons the poppy became synonymous with the struggles of WW1. The poem was used by both the British and Canadians in a huge drive to recruit new volunteers. We entered the dressing station bunkers and our guide gave us details on the numbers and types of casualties that would have been treated there. The 2nd battle of Ypres from April 22nd to May 25th 1915 was the first place where poison gas was first used and several of the first casualties from this new weapon were brought to these very first aid posts. It was an extremely dark and eerie place to be and you can only imagine what the walls of those small bunkers could say if only they could speak....

To Be Continued

Welcome to today's FA cup 1st round clash versus Colchester, and a big hello to all their fans and officials from the Stones.

Obviously today will be a massive test for us mentally and physically. With the usual energy levels of late and a hell of a lot of luck, though, there is no reason why we can't cause an upset - and we really have nothing to lose.

Colchester are used to playing in high-pressure environments so it's important we, ourselves, play the game and not the occasion.

Anyway, I sit here writing this blog the morning after the day before, nursing the usual Sunday morning niggles and soreness. That particular 'day before' being the win at the so called 'champions elect' Ebbsfleet.

No-one expected us to get a result in their own back yard and there was probably a touch of complacency from the league leaders too, which we have experienced ourselves during our Ryman title winning season a couple of years back.

Throughout the match despite being under a fair bit of pressure and conceding a lot of possession I thought we were good value for the win. We defended well albeit with a couple of lapses in concentration (and goes without saying, a couple of amazing Northy blocks! The guy just keeps getting better) but what pleased me the most is how

A day in the spotlight that everyone at this great club deserves



the rewards of such belief.

Before today's match we welcome Dan Walker and the Football Focus team as today's the show is hosted here. I'm assuming it will be filmed in the clubhouse so for those fans who are still

clinical we were going forward, hitting Ebbsfleet on the counter attack.

Before the game Scotty Mac said we'd only get a couple of chances and they were taken. On their day Big Jeff, Brad and Sean are more than a handful and brimming with confidence these guys are doing the business. When you've got players that can carry the ball the way these guys are at the minute it makes our job at the back a hell of a lot easier.

Another mention has to go to Matty Harriott making his debut with his two shanked goals! Hell of a start in a Stones shirt.

The buzz is certainly back at the football club after the doom and gloom of early season. I have mentioned this before and will mention it again but the belief has always been in that dressing room and we are beginning to reap

servicing their alcohol-consumption ban from their wives (no names of course Ginge, Clive etc) it might be wise to hide while the cameras are rolling. Maybe a cameraman should also follow the chairman around after the full time whistle if we get a result? It will be interesting to see where he disappears to instead of being at the bar getting in the beers!!!!!!!

Joking aside the coverage that the BBC and BT sport give the competition at this stage immensely helps those non-league clubs who are not blessed with a sugardaddy.

Not only from a financial aspect but also puts our club in the spot light and hopefully recognise the huge effort from those who sacrifice their time to the running of a non-league football club.

Enjoy the match and COYS!

Vanarama National League South - Table as at Sunday 1st November

	Home					Away					All					WFC Results		
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A		+/-	Pts
1 Ebbsfleet United	7	4	1	2	11 8	8	7	1	0	15 3	15	11	2	2	26 11	15	35	1-2 3-2
2 Oxford City	8	3	5	0	15 9	6	5	0	1	17 3	14	8	5	1	32 12	20	29	
3 Maidstone United	7	4	0	3	6 5	7	5	1	1	8 2	14	9	1	4	14 7	7	28	
4 Whitehawk	8	4	2	2	17 9	7	3	3	1	14 13	15	7	5	3	31 22	9	26	
5 Maidenhead United	8	5	2	1	14 8	6	3	0	3	9 9	14	8	2	4	23 17	6	26	
6 Bath City	8	4	3	1	13 6	6	3	1	2	6 6	14	7	4	3	19 12	7	25	1-2
7 Hemel Hempstead Town	7	2	1	4	9 8	8	4	4	0	21 11	15	6	5	4	30 19	11	23	
8 Chelmsford City	7	3	2	2	13 10	8	3	2	3	9 11	15	6	4	5	22 21	1	22	0-0
9 Sutton United	6	2	3	1	12 10	8	3	3	2	11 8	14	5	6	3	23 18	5	21	2-5
10 Gosport Borough	8	2	3	3	12 14	7	3	3	1	10 5	15	5	6	4	22 19	3	21	
11 Dartford	8	3	2	3	11 10	7	3	1	3	9 8	15	6	3	6	20 18	2	21	2-1
12 Truro City	8	4	1	3	11 13	7	1	5	1	7 8	15	5	6	4	18 21	-3	21	
13 Bishop's Cleeve	7	2	1	4	8 9	8	4	1	3	10 12	15	6	2	7	18 21	-3	20	3-1
14 Eastbourne Borough	8	2	3	3	5 8	6	3	1	2	10 9	14	5	4	5	15 17	-2	19	0-1
15 Wealdstone	6	2	1	3	7 7	7	2	3	2	9 11	13	4	4	5	16 18	-2	16	-- --
16 Hayes & Yeading Utd	6	1	3	2	6 6	9	2	2	5	8 16	15	3	5	7	14 22	-8	14	0-0
17 Concord Rangers	8	2	0	6	10 17	7	2	2	3	11 14	15	4	2	9	21 31	-10	14	1-2
18 Havant & Waterlooville	8	3	1	4	13 13	6	0	2	4	2 14	14	3	3	8	15 27	-12	12	2-1
19 Margate	6	0	2	4	1 8	8	2	3	3	11 11	14	2	5	7	12 19	-7	11	0-0
20 Weston-super-Mare	6	0	2	4	6 15	8	3	0	5	8 13	14	3	2	9	14 28	-14	11	
21 St. Albans City	6	1	2	3	7 9	8	1	2	5	3 13	14	2	4	8	10 22	-12	10	
22 Basingstoke Town	8	1	3	4	8 13	7	0	3	4	7 15	15	1	6	8	15 28	-13	9	1-1

PLEASE NOTE! IF WE DRAW TODAY'S GAME, THE REPLAY WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE COLCHESTER COMMUNITY STADIUM ON TUESDAY 17TH NOVEMBER, 7:45PM - VISIT WWW.WEALDSTONE-FC.COM FOR FULL DETAILS

COMING UP HERE AT THE VALE...

Bath City — Saturday 21st November, 3:00pm

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH - Half price admission for holders of Premier / Football League season tickets

Whitehawk — Monday 23rd November, 7:45pm

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH - Half price admission for holders of Premier / Football League season tickets

Gosport Borough — Monday 30th November, 7:45pm

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH - Half price admission for holders of Premier / Football League season tickets

FOLLOW THE STONES AWAY FROM HOME...

Harrow Borough — Tuesday 10th November, 7:45pm

MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP 2ND ROUND www.pitchero.com/clubs/harrowborough - @HarrowBoro_FC

St. Albans City — Saturday 14th November, 3:00pm

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH www.stalbanscityfc.com/ - @StAlbansCityFC

Maidstone United — Tuesday 17th November, 7:45pm

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH www.maidstoneunited.co.uk/ - @MaidstoneUnited

Your quick fire introduction to the Stones squad

MATTHEW BALL:

A strong, fast and technically excellent midfielder who joined 'Stones in October 2014 from Farnborough. Matt started his career with Norwich City in 2005 and progressed through the ranks at the club to sign his first professional contract in May 2011. He says the proudest moment so far in his career was his Football League debut for Stevenage. While representing Northern Ireland, Matt played against Paul Pogba who was then at Manchester United. He owns his own football coaching company together with team mate Matt Bevans.

MATT BEVANS:

A composed and intelligent right back, Matt joined 'Stones this summer having previously made his Football League debut for Oxford United. He started his career at Watford.

DALE BINNS:

A fast, experienced wide man, Dale joined Wealdstone from Sutton to play in front of the legendary Stones fans. He used to go to Lower Mead with his family as a youngster. His most memorable moment in football was winning the FA Trophy with Stevenage at the new Wembley in 2008.

SEAN BONNETT-JOHNSON:

A clever, energetic midfielder who joined the club this summer from Dundee FC of the Scottish Premier League. He enjoys dictating the play and also uses his authority in the classroom where he works as a PE teacher. Sean was part of Dundee's Scottish Championship-winning team in 2013/14.

MICHAEL CORCORAN:

An influential, strong-tackling midfielder who is just as comfortable in defence. The experienced Northern Ireland Youth International previously played for Cardiff City, Oxford United and Rushden & Diamonds in the Football League - and his best moment in football so far is playing at Anfield.

SCOTT DAVIES:

A creative centre midfielder who loves to get

on the ball and make things happen. Scott was at Reading until the age of 23 with loan spells at Aldershot, Wycombe Wanderers, Yeovil and Bristol Rovers. He says his proudest moments are scoring a free kick against Petr Cech and representing Republic of Ireland at U21 level when he played against Lampard, Ozil and Deco.

ELLIOTT GODFREY:

The fulcrum of the whole squad. Elliott is an intelligent, experienced midfielder who joined Wealdstone in January 2013 from rivals Staines Town. While a professional player at Watford he represented his country Canada in the U-20s World Cup. Last season Elliott shaved off his famed beard to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. He owns his own carpet and flooring shop in Hemel.

THOMAS HAMBLIN:

No-nonsense, old-school centre back who moved to London in June 2013. Tom played for Gloucester City in the Vanarama Conference North League for seven seasons, and his strength in the air has provided some crucial goals.

BRADLEY HUDSON-ODOI:

A quick wide player who can also play centre forward, Bradley has silky dribbling skills and is comfortable on either wing. His proudest moments are playing for England U16s and Ghana U20s. He was previously at Fulham and Hereford United and also played in Europe with FC Vasa Budapest. Bradley also knows how to get a good deal as he is a players' agent.

JOSH HUTCHINSON:

A great mover off the ball and a prolific striker, Josh netted 32 times for Southern League Potters Bar last season and is a valuable addition to Gordon Bartlett's plans. He has played previously at National League South level for Billericay Town and also for Cheshunt.

JEFFERSON LOUIS:

Jeff is famous for baring his bottom on live TV when his Oxford United team were

drawn against his boyhood club Arsenal in the FA Cup. Our experienced forward likes to bully defenders with his height, strength and pace. He joined the 'Stones in December 2014, in what is surely a record-breaking 36th career move, from Conference North outfit Lowestoft Town. Jeff is custodian of the boom box on the team coach.

SHAUN LUCIEN:

This pacey, skilful midfielder with a good right foot who enjoys playing on either wing signed from Harrow Borough in October 2014. Previously was with Brentford, Uxbridge and Hampton & Richmond Borough. Away from football Shaun works in market research.

SCOTT MCGLEISH:

Our veteran striker has joined the coaching staff at the club but continues to be a goalscoring threat on the pitch - his outstanding workrate putting the younger players to shame. Scott's high-profile previous clubs include Leyton Orient, Bristol Rovers, Wycombe Wanderers, Northampton, Charlton and Colchester. His all-time favourite memory is playing in the 5th round of the FA Cup against Arsenal at Highbury, and measuring himself against Dennis Bergkamp. He works for the PFA.

JOSH McLEOD-URQUHART:

Highly-rated, composed and energetic central midfielder or defender who signed from Ryman League side Harlow Town during the summer. Josh has previously played for St. Albans City and Northampton Town.

JONATHAN NORTH:

Our highly-rated No.1 suffered a horrific broken leg at Canvey Island in March 2012 but has since recovered the athleticism that makes him one of the top keepers in non-League. He is another one of our proud Welsh players to represent his country. Northy was our "Player of the Year" in 2010/11 and again last season (in 2014/15) - and has now completed over 200 first team league & cup appearances for the Stones.

WES PARKER:

Part of our strong centre back team and club captain, Wes is a fitness enthusiast

to the extreme, recently taking part in the Iron Man Wales challenge. He is another one of our ex League Two players having played for Grimsby Town, before spells with Gainsborough Trinity and Boston United. Wes joined Wealdstone in August 2010.

JONNY WRIGHT:

A striker rated highly by his former club Workington in the Vanarama Conference North, Jonny moved to London in October 2013 and joined the Stones' Ryman Championship-winning side. He was appointed captain while at Workington and netted 73 times while at the Cumbrian club - and was regarded by the Workington manager as "the complete centre forward".

Management**GORDON BARTLETT & LEO MORRIS**

The dynamic duo have been in charge at Wealdstone for a remarkable 20 years! Gordon is a school teacher, having previously played for Portsmouth, Denver Dynamos (USA), Brentford, Slough Town and Hayes - and then, as a manager, took Hounslow Town to promotion and League Cup success, led both Southall and Yeading to FA Vase finals at Wembley, as well as gaining two promotions to accompany four County Cup finals with Yeading. Gordon joined Wealdstone in June 1995 and up to the end of last season had been our First Team Manager for well over 1,200 matches alongside his assistant, Leo Morris. During that time the pair have guided these Stones to four promotions and the winning of the Middlesex Charity Cup final in 2004 and 2011. In season 2011/12 they led the Club to the Ryman League play-offs, the FA Trophy semi-finals and the Middlesex Senior Cup final. And then, in 2013/14, they guided Wealdstone to win the Ryman Premier Division and promotion to the National League South - as well as the Middlesex Senior Cup final. Leo joined Wealdstone a day after Gordon Bartlett, thereby continuing a partnership of ten seasons at Yeading and Hounslow. Leo also led Yeading out when they won the replayed 1990 FA Vase final at Elland Road, Leeds. He had previously spent 20 years at Hounslow as player, manager and assistant manager.



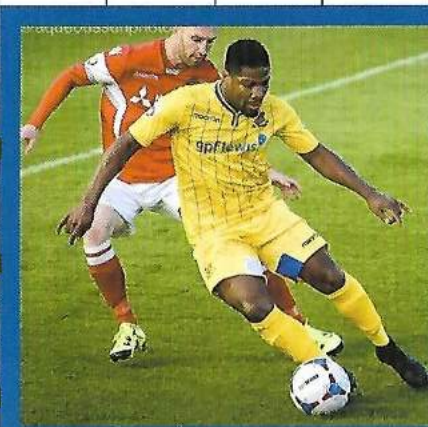
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FOOTBALL CLUB FIXTURES & RESULTS, SEASON 2015/2016

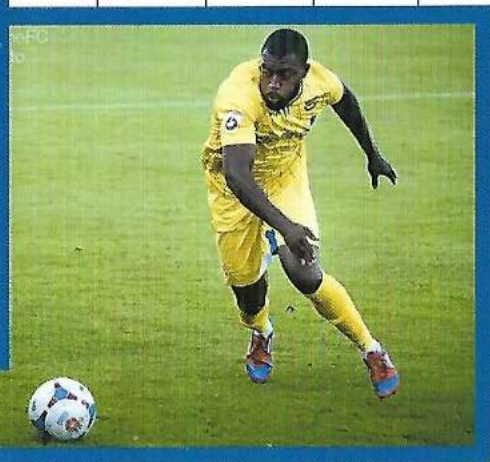
KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS AND ICONS

- = Yellow card
- = Red card
- = Straight red
- = Goal
- = Penalty
- = Man of the Match
- = First substituted player
- = First substitute used FAC = FA Cup
- = Second substituted player
- = Second substitute used
- = Third substituted player
- = Third substitute used
- NLS = Vanarama National League South
- FAT = FA Trophy
- MSC = Middlesex Senior Cup
- Date in red = Midweek evening kick-off

AUGUST		Competition	Result	Crowd	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17/GK
8	Bath City	NLS	1-2	641	-	North	Bevans	Case	Corcoran	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Brown	Calcutt	Hutchinson	Lucien	Davies	Lynch	Hudson-Odoi	Bonnett-Johnson	Hope
10	CONCORD RANGERS	NLS	1-2	664	-	North	Bevans	Case	Martin	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Ball	Corcoran	Hutchinson	Lucien	Davies	Lynch	Hudson-Odoi	McLeod-Urquhart	Brown
15	EASTBOURNE BOROUGH	NLS	0-1	581	21	North	Bevans	Watts	Parker	Hamblin	Corcoran	Wright	Ball	Hutchinson	Davies	Lucien	Godfrey	Hudson-Odoi	Calcutt	Brown	McLeod-Urquhart
18	Margate	NLS	0-0	677	20	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Watts	Parker	Bevan	Godfrey	Wright	Corcoran	Louis	Calcutt	Ball	Hutchinson	Lucien	Davies	Brown	Hudson-Odoi
22	EBBSFLEET UNITED	NLS	1-2	764	20	North	Bevans	McLeod-Urquhart	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Ball	Corcoran	Louis	Hutchinson	Hudson-Odoi	Davies	Calcutt	Brown	Lucien	Gore
29	Sutton United	NLS	2-5	803	20	Gore	McLeod-Urquhart	Watts	Parker	Hamblin	Davies	Ball	Corcoran	Louis	Wright	Hudson-Odoi	Calcutt	Lucien	Brown	Bevans	Hutchinson
31	BISHOPS STORTFORD	NLS	3-1	663	19	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Watts	Parker	Hamblin	Davies	Ball	Godfrey	Calcutt	Hutchinson	Hudson-Odoi	Louis	Lucien	Martin	Corcoran	Wright
SEPTEMBER																					
5	Hayes & Yeading United	NLS	0-0	359	18	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Watts	Parker	Hamblin	Davies	Ball	Godfrey	Louis	Hutchinson	Hudson-Odoi	Calcutt	Corcoran	Wright	Lucien	Bevans
12	CHELMSFORD CITY	NLS	0-0	803	20	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Watts	Martin	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Corcoran	Hutchinson	Davies	Ball	Louis	Calcutt	Lucien	Bevans	Brown
12	CB HOUNSLOW UNITED	MSCC1	9-0	TBA	20	Malone	Bevans	Binns	Diallo	Cadmore	Christian-Law	Lucien	Brown	Louis	Calcutt	Bonnett-Johnson	McGleish	Lampernakis	Hope	Corcoran	Brown
19	Basingstoke Town	NLS	1-1	532	20	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Hutchinson	Ball	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Corcoran	Calcutt	Lucien	Wright	Lowe
26	BIGGLESWADE TOWN	FAC 2QR	1-1	342	20	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Cadmore	Hamblin	Godfrey	Lucien	Lowe	Calcutt	Hudson-Odoi	Ball	Davies	Corcoran	Lucien	Binns	Parker
29	Biggleswade Town	FAC 2QRR	2-0	264	20	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Martin	Hamblin	Godfrey	Lucien	Lowe	Louis	Davies	Ball	Corcoran	Hudson-Odoi	Wright	McGleish	Calcutt
OCTOBER																					
3	DARTFORD	NLS	2-1	665	18	North	Duffy	Binns	McLeod-Urquhart	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Lowe	Louis	Ball	Lucien	Davies	Corcoran	Hudson-Odoi	Calcutt	McGleish
10	Brockenhurst	FAC 3QR	5-1	477	18	North	Duffy	McLeod-Urquhart	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Wright	Lowe	Louis	Ball	Lucien	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Calcutt	McGleish	Binns
13	EDGWARE TOWN	MSCC2	3-2	108	18	Malone	Lampernakis	Urquhart	Martin	Duffy	Corcoran	Hutchinson	Chridian-Law	McGleish	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Parker	Lucien	Wright	Ball	Bonnett-Johnson
17	Havant & Waterlooville	NLS	2-1	736	16	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Lucien	Lowe	Louis	Ball	Hudson-Odoi	Corcoran	Davies	Hutchinson	McGleish	Malone
24	BOGNOR REGIS TOWN	FAC 4QR	2-1	847	18	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Godfrey	Lucien	Davies	Louis	Ball	Hudson-Odoi	Corcoran	Wright	Hutchinson	Duffy	McGleish
31	Ebbsfleet United	NLS	3-2	1,121	16	North	McLeod-Urquhart	Binns	Parker	Hamblin	Corcoran	Lucien	Harriott	Louis	Davies	Hudson-Odoi	Ball	Duffy	Hutchinson	Christian-Law	McGleish
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Action from our 3-2 win at league leaders Ebbsfleet last weekend - starring Messrs Lucien, Corcoran and Hudson-Odoi



RESULTS OF FRIENDLIES

- 4th July: **Hanwell Town (N) 7-2**
- Hutchinson 2, J Herrera 2, R Tison-Lascaris, L McDevitt, DG
- 11th July: **Stevenage (H) 0-1**
- 14th July: **Staines Town (A) 1-2**
Goals: DG
- 18th July: **Dover Athletic (H) 0-2**
- 21st July: **Wycombe Wanderers**
- (H) 1-3
- Goals: Godfrey
- 23rd July: **Leighton Town (A) 0-0**
- 25th July: **AFC Rushden & Diamonds (A) 0-0**
- 28th July **Edgeware Town (A) 5-1**
R Tison-Lascaris, I Conteh, J Smith, J Osei, K Otudeko

- 29th July: **Dagenham & Redbridge**
- (H) 3-1
- Goals: Godfrey, Lucien, Hutchinson
- 1st August: **Queens Park Rangers**
- (H) 3-1
- Goals: Lucien, Calcutt (Pen), Wright
- 3rd August: **Slough Town (A) 0-2**
- 19th August **Enfield Town (H) 3-1**
- Goals: J Walker, S Davies, D Falla
- 25 August **Farnborough (H) 1-1**
- Goal: Hudson-Odoi
- 2nd September **Hendon (A) 3-1**
- Goals: Lucien 2, A Musoke

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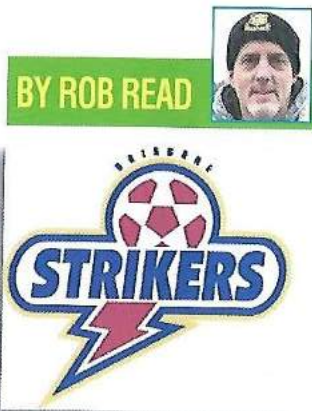
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Strikers seek success via the PlayStation 4 NPL Queensland semi-final play off

Wealdstone's furthest flung fan is Brisbane school teacher Rob Read. This week his ongoing look at football in Australia takes in Brisbane's 'other' team, the Strikers

For the second of my match reports from non-league Brisbane I'm at Perry Park, the home of the Brisbane Strikers. It's a pleasant evening in inner-city Bowen Hills where I'm here to watch the PlayStation 4 NPL Qld semi-final play off between the Strikers and Redlands United. This is the traditional format 2nd vs 3rd game, although the Strikers would feel hard done by as they were denied the opportunity to win the Premiership and therefore have a 1st vs 4th semi. The Strikers are resplendent in yellow shirts with natty blue sides, yellow socks and blue shorts; Redlands in



BY ROB READ



all red, with black horizontal bands across the shirts.

Compared to Brisbane City's stadium this is much more industrial. A grass bank at both ends, one nestling under trees and 2/3 of the other being the undercroft of a large, bland building (the local YMCA). There is a decent stand taking up one whole side of the ground (The Bill Waddell Stand) which tonight houses a few hundred

supporters on natty patterned blue and yellow seats. This is complemented by a bar and canteen on the upper level, which has a good view of the action. The other side of the ground has nothing much, a couple of miniature stands, seven advertising hoardings and a crude gantry for the camera – the game will be live streamed by the league for those that can't (be bothered to) make it.

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As the ground has a fence around it there is an admission charge of \$5, mainly because it's a semi final. Apparently the club does sometimes charge for entry, but only when they have a volunteer to collect money at the gate, which isn't often. Being a Saturday night I'm guessing the game is the first part of a night out for some, as the aroma of talcum powder and perfume reminds me of being on the Underground escalators whenever the Rugby League grand final was on at Wembley.

When you consider that the Strikers have previously won the National Soccer League title, the national precursor to the A-League, in 1997 (and plenty of other trophies as two cabinets can attest), it seems like a bit of a comedown from

those heady days when the team won 2:1 against Sydney United in front of a remarkable 45,000 crowd at Lang Park, current home of the Brisbane Roar and where Australia's international matches are played (occasionally). The fact that the Strikers applied for the Brisbane berth in the new national competition, but were denied due to another consortium having a better financial package, must rankle as the Brisbane Roar went on to win three A-League titles in four years just over a decade later.

The first half is a fairly even contest, with plenty of corners at both ends in the first 15, Redlands preferring the near post flick-on (Wealdstone FC circa 78-9 were good proponents of this but Redlands can't get it right) while the Strikers aim for their large, powerful #10 at the back post.

Five minutes from half time and a potential psychological killer blow is dealt by the away team with a spectacular, Andy Grahamesque over-the-head volley from the edge of the area from Redlands' #13 that flies into the top right hand corner of the net. The Strikers had been marginally on top as the half came to a close, and it will be interesting to see if the side that finished the season 44 points ahead can rally in the second 45.

For the second half kick off I've got my chips and stubby (beer) and I'm sitting with the Ultras, or whatever the home support are called. There's certainly more passion here

than at Brisbane City, with banners and friendly repartee with visiting players. This is much more akin to Lower Mead or the Vale and makes the experience all the more enjoyable. The Strikers are working hard, with stout defending by the Redlands #7, with his Paul Waites-esque 80s wedge haircut, easing the pressure, but with twenty to go it's all Strikers aside from the occasional foray from the visitors. But three forwards against seven defenders isn't going to work, until... it's a penalty! And the banners are waving with fifteen to go as the penalty is dispatched with aplomb. Five minutes to go and it's still predominantly three against seven in the box, but with added brown pants time when the visitors venture upfield on the break.

Great Strikers pressure, and a vocal home support creates an electric atmosphere as a Strikers forward shoots low from the edge of the area...and hits the post, the ball bouncing back into the goalie's grateful arms. So, extra time here, and the spectre of a penalty shoot out

“The legend that is Alan Cordice won the game that evening with a cheeky penalty into the top corner. Those were the days!”



makes me reminisce about the last one I saw with the Stones in the 1982 Southern League Championship decider against Nuneaton Borough. The legend that is Alan Cordice won the game that evening with a cheeky penalty into the top corner. Those were the days!

Into the first period of extra time, and a challenge similar to Bishops Stortford against Jefferson Louis, but this time no penalty (although it looked legit). Five minutes to go until a shootout, by then at long last it's a second for the Strikers as at long last a ball is threaded through to the Strikers' #8 at the back stick who slides it under the keeper. The Strikers slow the game down with long balls down to the corners followed by the obligatory leaning on the corner flag, then three peeps and the Strikers are through to the Grand Final.

So the better side won, and sadly no second live penalty shoot out in a little over 30 years for me. The Strikers went on to narrowly lose the Final to a goal two minutes from the final whistle (sound familiar!?)

NEXT TIME: The opening weeks of the A-League and the finals of the FFA Cup. Toodle pip.



The Strikers celebrate

Welcome 'The U's'

COLCHESTER UNITED



Colchester United have been at their new stadium for nearly a decade, but their history stretches all the way back to the 1930s, with a proud heritage of representing the town in professional sport both in Colchester itself and around the country.

Over 800 players have represented the team through those 70+ years, many of whom have been born in the town. And things have come full circle in recent years, with the club having their eyes on a bright future with a very local theme.

The U's have invested heavily in the years to come, moving into their own purpose built training ground facility in 2013, which cost £3.5m as the club looked to provide its players with 'best in class' facilities to prepare for those all important games.

And, having moved into their brand new Weston Homes Community Stadium in 2008, the club are arguably in their strongest position in those 75 years since the club's

formation in 1937.

Back in the years just before the start of the Second World War, Colchester United was formed as the football folk of the town decided that they wanted to try to bring professional football to north Essex.

The U's – then known as the Oystermen in reference to the main product of the town's port heritage – superseded the amateur side Colchester Town and moved into Layer Road, the club's home for the next 70 years.

It was another thirteen years before the U's attained Football League status and, with less than 70 years in league, they are one of the younger clubs in the four divisions.

Two years prior to entering the Football League, they had caused a cup upset by beating Bradford Park Avenue, becoming the first non-league side to defeat top division opposition and that was to be the pre-cursor to an even more memorable giantkilling.

1971 was probably the year where the U's arrived on the global football landscape, as Dick Graham's team of older players caused one of the biggest FA Cup upsets of all time, when they defeated Don Revie's Leeds United by a 3-2 scoreline.

Leeds were the undoubted top dogs, both nationally and at European level, but they were swept aside by a courageous performance by Graham's men. Such was the scale of the upset that Dick was someone who the national press would contact to talk about the result each year until his recent sad passing.

A series of promotions and relegations were to follow in the years to come, but it looked like the U's stay as a Football League club could be at an end when they slid out of the Fourth Division in 1990.

At the time, the Vauxhall Conference was less well established division and, having just missed out on an

immediate return in 1991, Roy McDonough's men swept all before them a year later to land the Conference and FA Trophy double.

That was the club's first ever visit to Wembley, but they were to reach the Twin Towers twice more before the 1990s were out. First was a narrow defeat on penalties – to Carlisle United – in the Auto Windscreens Shield, before a year later, David Gregory's penalty was enough to defeat Torquay United and send the U's up to the then Division Three.

Having been happy to stay in the division for the next few years, the arrival of Phil Parkinson as U's boss

took things onto another level and, after a couple of years of building his team, Parkinson took the U's into the second tier for the first time in their history in 2006.

Hull came calling for the ambitious manager and it was left to his number two, and current Welsh U21s boss Geraint Williams to take the U's into their new adventure. He succeeded – taking the U's to a club high finish of 10th, with a chance of the play-offs still realistic on the penultimate day of that season.

The U's suffered from second season syndrome though, and fell out of the Championship as they were relegated in their

last season at Layer Road.

The first few years at their new stadium saw them flirt with the top six, but recent seasons have seen the club take a brief step back whilst they plan for a prosperous future on the pitch. Plenty of hard work is going on behind the scenes to set the club up with a team of players that has a strong local core and a desire to drive the team up the league in the future. Last season, Academy graduates made 122 appearances in the first team and the 2015/16 campaign looks like the U's youngsters will beat that total, with the team enjoying a positive start to the new season under manager Tony Humes.



Guess this just about tops our Gun Turret

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v COLCHESTER UNITED
P11 W3 D3 L5 F16 A24

Sam Walker - Goalkeeper

A firm favourite with the U's fans, the towering keeper was an ever present for the U's in 2013/14 and only missed two games in 2014/15.

Tosin Olufemi - Defender

Began in the youth team. Made his debut at Bury in a League One game in 2012/13 and added fourteen more appearances in 2013/14, before an Achilles rupture ruled him out for most of the 2014/15 campaign.

Frankie Kent - Defender

Young centre half who was the captain and a mainstay in the youth team's league and cup success in the 2013/14 season. Made his U's first team debut in the 13/14 campaign at Walsall. Frankie established himself as a genuine first team contender in 2014/15 before injury cut his campaign short.

Tom Eastman - Defender

Tom joined the U's from near neighbours Ipswich Town in May 2011. The 2013/14 season saw him win the Player of the Year title following the previous seasons young player of the year award and he completed the hat trick when he won the Player of the Year title for the second season running after an ever present campaign in 2014/15.

George Elokobi - Defender

George returned to Colchester in the summer of 2015, nearly eight years after leaving the club. The 29-year-old arrived having played just short of 50 games in the Premier League for Wolverhampton Wanderers. George has also played for Nottingham Forest and Bristol City, before joining Oldham Athletic last season

Alex Gilbey - Midfield

Alex has looked a natural at first team level since making his debut at Northampton in the Johnstone's Paints Trophy in October 2012. Scored his first goal for the club against Wolves at Molineux in March 2014 and he is now a key part of the U's midfield.

Owen Garvan - Midfield

Owen signed for the U's at the end of the August transfer window. The twenty-seven year old has put pen to paper on a contract through to January, after being released by Crystal Palace in the summer. He made over eighty appearances for the Premier League side, and has spent his entire career in the top two flights of English football.

George Moncur - Midfield

West Ham midfielder who joined the U's on loan until January just ahead of the 2014/15 season opener against Oldham Athletic, before converting his move to a permanent one in November of 2014. His run of goals towards the end of the season secured a dramatic race for safety. Having got that season under his belt, he'll be looking for more goals in 2015/16.

Marvin Sordell - Forward

Ex Wealdstone Loanee Marvin joined the U's in early September to complete boss Tony Humes' hunt for a new striker. Despite still being only twenty-four, the former Watford trainee has made over 170 career appearances, the majority of which have been in the top two tiers of English football.

Callum Harriott - Forward

21-year-old Callum joined the U's on loan until January. The tricky wide man has spent

Meet
the
Manager**TONY HUMES**

Tony played as a defender for Ipswich Town between 1985 and 1992, and Wrexham between 1992 and 1999. He remained with Wrexham following his retirement from playing in 1999, remaining with the club until 2001. Tony joined Colchester United's Centre of Excellence in the summer of 2009, and remained in the same position for five years, helping guide the U's under-18 team to a league and cup double during the 2013-14 season. Following Joe Dunne's departure as Colchester United manager in September 2014, Humes was promoted to first-team manager.

his entire career so far with the Addicks, having come through the ranks with the South London club. He made his first team debut aged just 17.

Joe Edwards - Midfield

Joe joined the U's after four years with Yeovil Town, a period in which he helped them up to the Championship for the first time in their history.

Gavin Massey - Forward

Former Wealdstone Loanee Gavin has gone on to be a key member of the U's side as he has developed his game during his time at the club, and his contribution to the team has been acknowledged by his fellow pros, picking up the Players' Player of the Year in two of the last three seasons.

Sammie Szmodics - Midfield

Another who has been with the club all the way through the youth system. The energetic forward broke into the squad during pre-season ahead of the 2013/14 season. Sammie went on to be a regular in the first team last season.

Macauley Bonne - Forward

Scored on his home debut, coming off the bench to head home the winner against Peterborough United on his eighteenth birthday. Got his second goal for the club on his first ever start.

Tom Lapslie - Midfield

Tom made his first team debut in January 2015, coming on as a substitute in the FA Cup game away to Cardiff City, before making a string of important first

team appearances as the U's secured League One safety.

Elliott Parish - Goalkeeper

Goalkeeper Elliott Parish joined the U's on a free transfer in the summer of 2015, after impressing on trial. He had spent the 2014/15 campaign with Blackpool and will push fellow goalie Sam Walker for a first team place this season.

Elliott began his career at Aston Villa, and has been with Lincoln City, Cardiff City, Wycombe Wanderers and Newport County before signing for Blackpool.

Dion Sembie-Ferris - Forward

Part of the double winning youth side in 2013/14. Made his first team debut away to Cardiff City in the FA Cup in January 2015.

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Elite Magic took the early lead before Bradley got his sixth goal in four games to make it 1-1.
A great corner from Luke saw Bader header home to make it 2-1 to Wealdstone at HT.
Elite leveled early in the second half but Wealdstone responded within minutes as George made it 3-2.
Wealdstone kept looking for more and Tom made it 4-2.
Ben fire a superb free kick home for 5-2 before Bradley get his second goal for 6-2.
Archie completed the scoring to make it 7-2 at FT.

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- U7C 0-10 TFA
- U7D 1-8 Headstone
- U8A 10-5 FC Real
- U8B 4-2 APB Pinner
- U9A 2-6 Princes Pk A
- U9B 0-6 Elite Magic
- U10A 5-1 Pinner Utd.
- U11A 7-2 Elite Magic
- U12A 2-3 Hanwell
- U12C 10-4 Pinstars
- U12D 6-0 London Ath.
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Two previous FA Cup clashes with Colchester and the score is balanced at one win each..

BY TIM PARKS



WHO'D have thought it? In the Stones 115-year history we've played 14 FA Cup matches against pro clubs from Football League ranks, including today. When you think that there are 48-odd to choose from the lower divisions, we've now been drawn to play Reading three times and today's opponents Colchester United another three times... although admittedly when we first faced United they were a Southern League side.

In our last programme we briefly covered the 1949 meeting with the Essex giant-killers. Lots of extra material has cropped up so here, firstly, is the full story of that famous clash, followed by the not-so-memorable 0-4 defeat at Layer Road in the Second Round in 1983...

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Right: The London Evening News published this cartoon by 'Gittins' to record our notable win over Southern League Colchester



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HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

Royal Blue Review

The Wealdstone FC Handbook for the club's silver jubilee season, 1950-51, was full of the drama of the club's FA Cup run that season. We met Colchester in the final qualifying round, and this is what the book had to say...

The draw was eagerly awaited, and what a draw it was!—Wealdstone v. Colchester United, Wealdstone having been drawn at home for the first time in the competition. Of the teams in the draw for that round, Wealdstone had been paired with a side renowned for its cup-fighting qualities and one always likely to account for the very biggest of the professional clubs.

This is what Stanley Mortensen, the Blackpool and England forward, thinks of Colchester United. Writing in his book, *Football is My Game*, Mortensen, referring to his club's F.A. Cup campaign in the 1947-48 season, says: "We were lucky at the start of the competition. First we drew Leeds United at Blackpool... Then we drew Chester, a Northern section side, and another four-goal win put us into the last 16. We began to think of Wembley, and on the Monday we sat with our ears glued to the wireless to hear our fate in the draw. And it was—Colchester United at home: the team everyone was talking about. This non-league club had given the knock-out blow to First Division Huddersfield Town and Second Division Bradford. In each case they had played at home on a small ground.

"Yet as time went on towards February 7th, an astonishing war of nerves was opened on us." Stanley Mortensen continues: "Ted Fenton, the Colchester player-manager, watched us play, and was said to have evolved an 'M Plan'—the plan to stop Matthews, Mortensen, and McIntosh. Nobody can estimate the effect of such fore-match chatter, or how many cup-ties have been won by a well-organised campaign to shake the nerves of the other fellows. It's part of the game—one of the things the complete player has to master.

"The nerve-war was so intense," Mortensen writes, "that even our supporters began to wonder whether this team of part-timers could pull off another surprise win. Colchester United made elaborate arrangements to bring their supporters by road, rail, and air, and, of course, we were never allowed to forget that they trained on oysters! If ever a team had a cold war waged against them, it was Blackpool. And things were not improved on the day of the match by the noisy enthusiasm of the trippers from Colchester, who, after seeing the sights of Blackpool, arrived early on the ground and let us all know what they thought about the coming duel.

"We survived it all, our manager reminding us, as we went on to the field, that our opponents were probably much more anxious and nervous than we had any cause to be. This boost-stuff can be a two-edged sword."

And so in the 1949-50 season, Wealdstone had drawn Colchester United and the war of nerves in the F.A. Cup. But the effect of the nerve-war on the Wealdstone players was, apparently, very different from that on the Blackpool players two years earlier. Ted Fenton certainly spoke freely and confidently to the Press of his team's chances of success, but, in the dressing room at Lower Mead on training nights, Charlie Barker and his colleagues were also evolving plans.

The day—November 12th—dawned dull over Lower Mead and district. Heavy rain fell just before the kick-off, and, although it had been expected that a record attendance would be registered, fewer than 10,000 spectators were present to witness the match. But the game was seen by others, for the B.B.C. television cameras were in action for the entire match; in fact, viewers joined the crowd at Lower Mead half-an-hour before the kick-off.



Heroes: Stones' goalscorer Bill Saunders (top) and keeper Danny Wiltshire (above)

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HAVEN'T WE MET BEFORE?

upfield! But Danny Wiltshire, Fred Haydon, Charlie Barker, and the others held out until the referee's whistle became the signal for perhaps the most enthusiastic demonstration ever seen at Lower Mead.

Although Wealdstone supporters ran on to the field from all directions without a moment's delay, it was good to see that the Colchester players were still able to be the first of so many to offer congratulations to the home side.

A jubilant supporter of the Club, who prefers to remain anonymous, sent us the verse printed below.

WEALDSTONE v. "GOALESSTER"

Years may come and pass us by,
But in our hearts will ever lie
A memory of that certain day
When Wealdstone on the field of play,
While adding honours to their name,
Enrolled upon the scroll of fame.

The chances of a Wealdstone win,
To say the least, seemed very thin,
The writers in the daily news
Quite freely stated all their views—
"United" for the first round proper.
But, sad to say, they came a "cropper."

For playing in the English Cup
The 'Stones were very soon one up,
And though they then were much despised
Colchester never equalised,
A pass by Rogers, Saunders touch
Just got the goal that meant so much.

No credit goes to just one man,
All working to a certain plan;
Though the play was often keen,
Both sides kept it very clean,
Each team special praise deserves
Considering those cup-tie nerves.

Ten, twenty, fifty years from now
Men will relate with wrinkled brow,
Of Wealdstone's great and gallant stand
By Charlie Barker and his band,
As greybeards shake their heads they'll say,
"You don't see things like that to-day."

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Right: the rather wonderful poem penned by an anonymous Stones fan. We particularly like the reference to people looking back '50 years from now'... try 66 years!

Left, and above: match tickets for today's game and the 1949 clash. Price then: 2s/6d 'including tax' (12.5p in today's money). Yes, it's gone up a bit!

FOOTBALL

WEALDSTONE'S GREAT CUP VICTORY

Spirited Display Against Professional Side

SAUNDERS SCORES DECIDING GOAL

WEALDSTONE ... 1 COLCHESTER UNITED 0

SCENES of great enthusiasm marked Wealdstone's surprise but thoroughly merited single goal win over Colchester United, the Southern League leaders, in the final qualifying round of the F.A. Cup at Lower Mead on Saturday. The spectators, who had been kept in a continuous state of audible excitement throughout the game, surged on to the pitch immediately the final whistle blew. The victorious players, after being heartily congratulated by their professional opponents, were besieged by the crowd and had some difficulty in making their way to the dressing-rooms. It was a tribute worthy of a win which must stand high in the club's history.

Indomitable Defence
balance the visitors

Foxall beat three men, only to see Curry shoot wide, whilst a fine shot by Hillman went very close.

Colchester Determined

Colchester were more determined in the second half, and adopted Wealdstone's more direct tactics. Both goals



ILL LUCK OF THE DRAW

'Stones Away For Fifth Time

FOLLOWING their great win over Colchester United in the F.A. Cup on Saturday, Wealdstone are set a severe task by the luck of the draw for the first round proper: they are to play away against Port Vale (League Third Division, Southern). Wealdstone's only home draw in six rounds has thus been that against Colchester. First drawn away against Hendon, they won 4-0. In the next round they forced a goalless draw against Enfield and beat them 2-0 at Lower Mead, and then they won at St. Albans and Edgware, each time by the only goal, before accomplishing a similar feat against Colchester at Lower Mead on Saturday.

Powerful Team

Port Vale are one of the most powerful teams in either section of the Third Division. Although their actual position in the Southern section is eighth, they are only two points behind the second team, Northampton Town, and have played one match less.

Port Vale have yet to lose in nine home matches this season, though three of them have been drawn. They have scored 15 goals and conceded only three. Away they have been less successful; two games have been won, one drawn, and the remaining four have been lost. Defence is their strong point and only ten goals have been scored against them this season - a record excelled only by Watford in the Third Division.

A "Potteries" team, Port Vale have always been rather under the shadow of their neighbours, Stoke City, but they have done well in both sections of the Third Division.

The Port Vale ground is at Hanley, Staffs. They play white shirts and black shorts.

Left: Colchester goalkeeper Wright grabs the ball during a rare Wealdstone attack during the game at Lower Mead. He was soon picking the ball out of the net, though, as Bill Saunders netted the only goal of the game in the first half

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32 years ago, Bowen's hat-trick sunk sad Stones without trace...

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HAT-TRICK HERO ... Colchester's Keith Bowen scores the second of his three goals against Wealdstone, despite the attentions of Dennis Byatt and Bob Iles.

David's Cup blues

WEALDSTONE'S trip to Colchester on Saturday must have revived some old FA Cup memories for David Price.

When the former Arsenal midfielder replaced Chris Dibble after 65 minutes, he came face to face with his old adversary Roger Osborne.

One of the last times these players

met was in the 1978 Final at Wembley, with Price in the Arsenal line-up and Osborne turning out for the then unfashionable Ipswich Town.

Osborne had the last laugh on that day too, hitting the only goal of the game to sink the Gunners.

gone to a second replay after a 1-1 draw in the first game, followed by a 2-2 draw at Southbury Road.

We went to Layer Road in hope, even though Colchester had only lost 2-0 there to Manchester United in a League

Cup tie a month earlier in front of a 13,000 crowd. But Cyril Lea's side were just too good for the non-performing Stones. United went out to Championship side Charlton in the 3rd Round.

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THERE was precious little glory for Wealdstone the second time our clubs met, in a Second Round Proper tie in December 1983. The Stones were one of the leading Conference clubs by this time - and would win the famous non-League double the very next season - but we were out of the Cup almost before we started as United ran up a four-goal lead by half time.

Stones had reached this round, the second-furthest we've ever gone in the competition, by beating Enfield in a Illicit First Round replay at Lower Mead. In fact the tie had

Stones blasted in first half

A sad exit

Colchester 4, Wealdstone 0

A DISMAL first-half performance saw Wealdstone bow out of the FA Cup in this second round tie at Fourth Division Colchester.

Their misery started as early as the fourth minute as Colchester took the lead and from then it was all one-way traffic.

The normally sound Stones defence was found wanting as they failed to deal with Colchester's set-piece moves — moves that brought them three of their goals.

Their first was a personal tragedy for Stones' keeper Bob Iles. A long throw on the right by Perry Groves was flicked on by Keith Bowen and there seemed no danger as the ball came straight at Iles. But, somehow, the ball evaded the keeper's grasp and squeezed between his legs to settle in the net.

That was the beginning of the end for Stones. Just eight minutes later, Stewart Houston, the former Manchester United defender and now Colchester's player/coach, added the second. Steve Leslie's corner was back-heeled by Tony Hadley to Houston, who made no mistake from the edge of the six-yard box.

After 22 minutes, Stones found themselves three down. Bowen was left unmarked on the near post to head home a Leslie corner for his second goal of the game.

The Colchester centre-forward, overshadowing his 17-goal striking partner Tony Adcock, completed his hat-trick two minutes from the break to kill off the game as any sort of a contest. Groves went past Gary Donellan and Chris Dibble with a run that took him into the box, before pulling the ball back for Bowen to finish off the move.

Stones' only threatened once in the first-half when Mark Graves met a Dennis Byatt free-kick on the volley, only to see his effort flash just wide. The only other first-half incident was a booking for Stones' Donellan. The full-back had his name taken for showing dissent after a free-kick was awarded against him.

The second-half saw the start of a spirited Stones revival, as they began to link the game to their League opponents in an attempt to make the scoreline more respectable. And that attempt very nearly paid off as Stones won six second-half corners. From one, Alan Cordice just failed to get the finishing touch as Colchester's keeper Alec Chamberlain failed to collect the ball.

Stones' best chance came after 64 minutes. Alan Cordice outpaced the Colchester defence to poke the ball past the advancing Chamberlain. But, as the ball trickled towards an empty net, Houston managed to get back to clear.



When a dream died... dejected Brian Greenaway (left) and Robin Wainwright leave the field after Wealdstone's Cup sickener at Colchester.

Report: William Bull
Pictures: Doug Avent

The second-half also brought a booking for Stones' skipper Paul Bowgett. He was lucky to stay on the field after flattening Steve Wignall in an off-the-ball incident.

Colchester only threatened twice after the break. Both were clear cut chances, but Adcock and then Roger Osborne, scorer of Ipswich's FA Cup winner against Arsenal five years ago, shot wide. The last way went to Stones, however, with Brian Greenaway shooting just wide from a Neil Cordice cross.

Wealdstone can have no complaints about the score, they can also have few

complaints about the support they received. The hundreds of Stones' faithful who travelled down to Layer Road gave them tremendous support. They refused to be downheartened by Colchester's four-goal burst and most of the noise from a 2,693 crowd came from the Wealdstone end.

Wealdstone's Ben Perkins, Brett Bowgett, Donellan, Wainwright, Greenaway, Dibble, A Cordice, Groves, N Cordice and Steve Graves.

Colchester have been drawn at home to Charlton in the third round. Stones' cup run this year puts them straight through to the 4th qualifying round of next season's competition.

Right: The Harrow Observer's report on the debacle at Colchester. The look on Brian Greenaway and Robin Wainwright's faces as they left the field (faces as red as their shirts) told the whole story....

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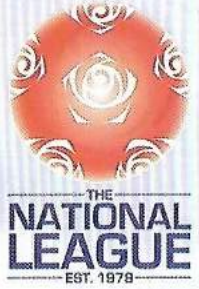
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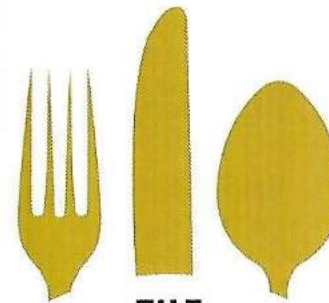


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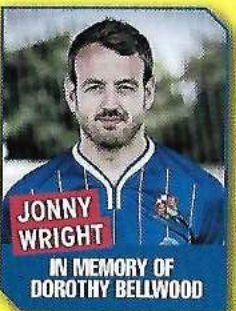
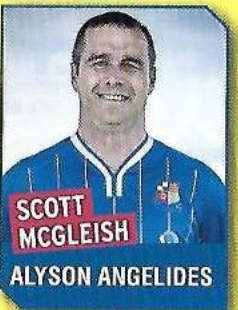
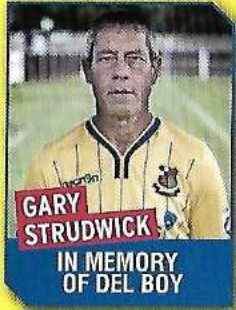
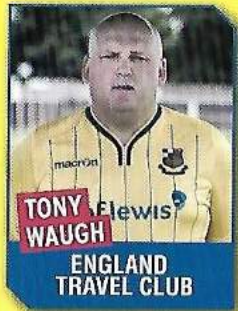
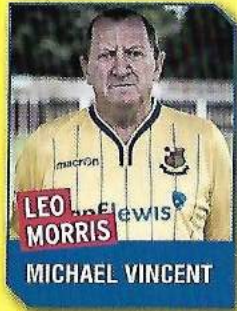
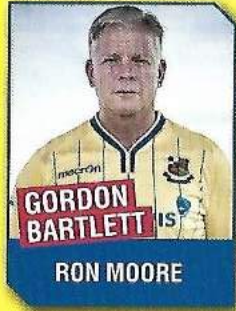
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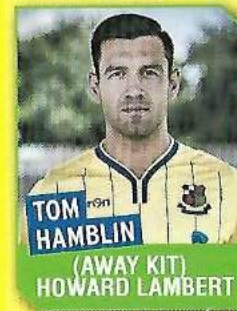
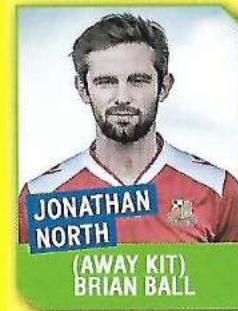
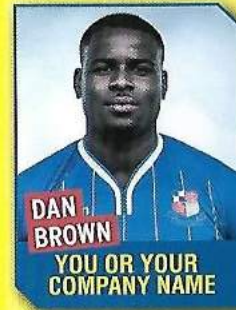
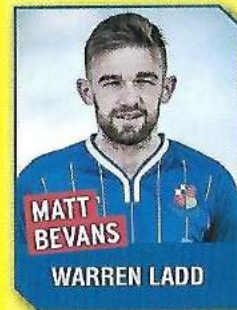
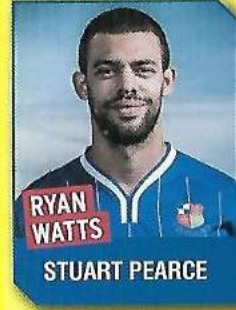
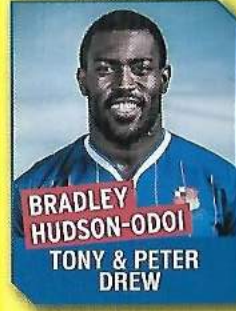
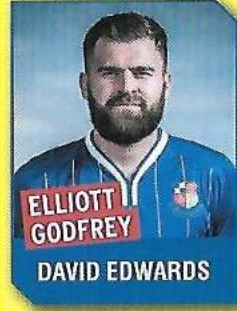
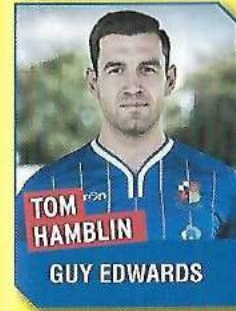


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