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Runners-up: 1987, 1988, 1990  
Play-off Semi-Finalists: 2004, 2020

#### FA Trophy

Runners-up: 1972

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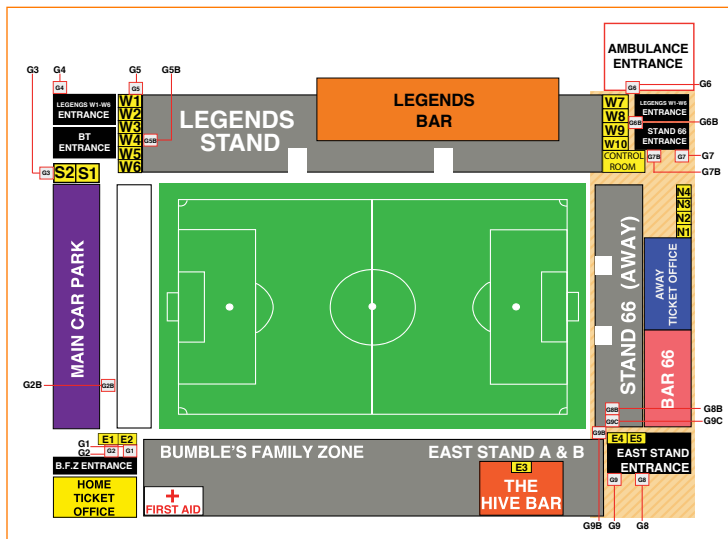
Winners: 1946  
Runners-up: 1948, 1959

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**Marvin Armstrong**  
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**Jerome Okimo**  
Defender

6



**Courtney Senior**  
Midfielder

7



**Idris Kanu**  
Forward

11



**Jordan Gillmore**  
Goalkeeper

13



**Harry Pritchard**  
Midfielder

14



**Jordan Maguire-Drew**  
Midfielder

15



**Ben Wynter**  
Defender

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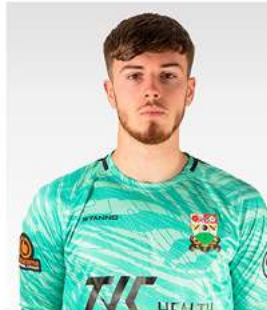
**Adebola Oluwo**  
Defender

22



**Adam Thompson**  
Defender

23



**Josh Keeley**  
Goalkeeper

25



**Zak Brunt**  
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11 years old





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A corner found the head of Ade Oluwo who forced the Gateshead keeper into making another crucial save to keep the score level. Gateshead would go down the other end and force Josh Keeley into his first save of the afternoon.

Idris Kanu was the next player to go for goal for The Bees but his effort came off Nicke Kabamba. Oluwo would then be denied again by goalkeeping heroics.

The breakthrough finally came on the half hour mark when Ben Coker's cross found Nicke Kabamba who guided a perfectly placed header into the top corner of the Gateshead goal.

Hall-Johnson had the final attempt of the half for Barnet but his headed effort could only be guided over the bar.

#### **HT: Gateshead 0-1 Barnet FC**

The home side came out stronger in the second half and brought the score level after a superb volley from Hannant.

Dean Brennan made two changes with Zak Brunt and Jordan Maguire-Drew coming on for Marvin Armstrong and Idris Kanu.

Harry Pritchard found Nicke Kabamba with a good ball over the home sides defence. Kabamba could not find the target as his strike went over the bar.

That would be Kabamba's final act of the game as Brennan brought Callum Stead on to replace the forward.

Hall-Johnson was involved again as he saw his strike deflected over the goal for a corner which Ade Oluwo headed wide.

The home side would make The Bees pay for their missed chances as Adom gave Gateshead the lead with nine minute left of play.

With two minutes left of the ninety, Reece Hall-Johnson hit the post yards with a headed effort inside the six-yard box. The right-back would be involved again with the final chance of the game as another headed effort was tipped over the bar and



# Match Report

## Gateshead 2-1 Barnet

The Bees fell to a second defeat on the bounce away at play-off chasing Gateshead. Dean Brennan's side attacked from the first whistle with The Bees having a series of chances in the opening seven minutes. The first came from Reece Hall-Johnson who narrowly hit the ball beyond the post. Moments after that Nicke Kabamba was denied by an excellent save from the Gateshead keeper. Anthony Hartigan then almost gave The Bees an early opener on his birthday but his strike came crashing off the post.

was enough for the home side to take all three points.

**FT: Gateshead 2-1 Barnet FC**

**Barnet Starting XI:** Keeley, Hall-Johnson, Coker, Armstrong (Brunt 64), Okimo, Kabamba (Stead 77), Kanu (Maguire-Drew 70), Pritchard, Hartigan, Oluwo, Cropper

**Unused Substitute:** Stevens, Potter

**Yellow Cards:** Armstrong, Pritchard, Hartigan

**Goal:** Kabamba 29

**Attendance:** 1,098 (224 away)



**Jonathan  
50 years old**



**Happy Birthday!**







## LEAGUE STANDING

No.	Team	P	W	D	L	GD	PTS
1.	Chesterfield	29	24	2	3	38	74
2.	Bromley	31	16	10	5	19	58
3.	<b>Barnet</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>55</b>
4.	Solihull Moors	29	13	8	8	5	47
5.	Altrincham	28	12	10	6	15	46
6.	Oldham Athletic	29	12	9	8	6	45
7.	Aldershot TownFC	30	13	6	11	-2	45
8.	Gateshead	28	12	7	9	12	43
9.	Rochdale	29	11	8	10	5	41
10.	Halifax Town	29	10	11	8	1	41
11.	Eastleigh	29	10	8	11	-8	38
12.	Wealdstone	27	10	7	10	0	37
13.	Hartlepool United	31	11	4	16	-10	37
14.	Maidenhead United	29	8	11	10	-7	35
15.	Southend United	28	13	5	10	13	34
16.	Dagenham & Redbridge	30	9	7	14	-5	34
17.	Boreham Wood	30	7	13	10	-12	34
18.	Dorking Wanderers	29	10	4	15	-12	34
19.	York City	29	7	12	10	-8	33
20.	Woking	29	8	6	15	-9	30
21.	Ebbsfleet United	31	8	6	17	-18	30
22.	AFC Fylde	29	7	8	14	-10	29
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# Southend Away

Despite having a lovely Christmas, the whole Southend ticketing crisis had made the evening drive from Leeds to London on Christmas Day a rather stressful one. After arriving down south around 1:30am, I had a terrible night's sleep constantly waiting for news. Thankfully on Boxing Day morning, Southend confirmed we could buy tickets at the ground and our trip to the game was on! My parents and I set off around 11:30am, with one pick up on the way due to the lack of public transport. It wasn't too long of a journey and we arrived in Essex just after 1pm. This gave us plenty of time to secure our tickets (...and breathe!), get some chips and gravy and a drink before heading into the away end for kick-off.

The game got off to an absolutely ideal start, as just four minutes in Reece Hall-Johnson took a shot that deflected off a Southend player and into the net to give us the lead! The away end were absolutely buzzing! End to end stuff followed with a series of corners for both sides but by the 20th minute the game had settled down a bit. The hosts had a couple of chances but between good saves from Laurie Walker and them missing the target, we stayed on top. Southend had a big chance in injury time but Connor Stevens made a great block on the line and we went into half-time in the lead. After an unfortunately disappointing hot chocolate and a catch up with other fans who had made the trip, the teams were soon back out for the second half. As Southend had had some good chances, we definitely wanted another goal to calm the nerves and this half we were shooting towards our end. Southend started strongly again but Walker did brilliantly to keep any danger out of the goal. At the other end, we did have chances ourselves but despite some great play from Nicke Kabamba, there was no one in the box to get on the end of his ball. In the 69th minute the home side did have the ball in the back of the net but thankfully the flag had been raised for offside. After clearing another Southend shot off the line, our luck seemed to change in the 76th minute when we were awarded a penalty after a foul on Kabamba. Harry Pritchard stepped up in front of the away end and smashed his shot into the back of the net to give us a two goal lead, which definitely made us all feel very relieved! Despite eight minutes of injury time at the end of the game, our extended lead had given us a buzz whilst Southend struggled to create any big chances to get back into it and the referee eventually blew the whistle to give us a 2-0 win.

The boys came over to celebrate with the fans who had been in good voice all afternoon and a special mention for Darren Currie who also came over to show his appreciation too. We headed out of the ground to the nearby street we had parked on to make our way back to London. A few Bees fans who hadn't made the game were still in a pub in Barnet so this was our chosen destination for the evening. With all the stress surrounding the game, coming away with three points felt good and was a perfect way to top off Christmas!

by Carla Devine



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The Reckless Guide to

# NICKY EVANS



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**At the game today and in Legends Bar, will be Nicky Evans who to this day is still revered as an icon at our club due not only to his abilities as a footballer but also his overall impact of image and personality.**

Such was this persona he was dubbed "God" by Bees supporters in the 1980's. I also hereby declare that after 50 odd years of supporting the club Nicky is my all time favourite player from Barnet's history – Reckless.

Nicholas John Evans, born in Bedford 6th July 1958, (he is 65 now can you believe?) had been rejected by Peterborough Utd and Q.P.R as a youngster and was plying his trade at Kettering Town. However sometimes just sometimes the bargain of a lifetime is acquired, Barry Fry we are forever in your debt.

Nicky made his Barnet debut on Tuesday 13th September 1983 at Underhill in fine style scoring two goals in a 10-0 trashing of Trowbridge Town in the Alliance Premier League Cup. It was a shame that only 432 witnessed it!

Two weeks later he scored a hatrick in a 4-0 win at Trowbridge in an Alliance Premier League fixture.

Hampered by frequent injuries (which littered his whole career) he scored 17 goals in his first season and although signed first and foremost as a striker Evans often played in the hole behind the front two.

The following season, normally decked in the number 10 shirt (which I have as a souvenir) in the final game of the season Alliance League Champions Wealdstone visited Underhill but found "God" in unstoppable form. In the 7-0 rout, Evans scored four.

Nicky was voted Barnet FC Player of the Year in 1985-86 by The Supporters Association and allegedly Nuneaton Borough offered a sizeable transfer fee for him early in the season and with Barnet under financial pressures like many clubs in the renamed Gola League Barry Fry had no choice but to accept. However Nicky refused to leave Barnet so the deal was called off adding further fuel to his hero worship on the Underhill terraces.





He was very approachable for an after match chat in the social club and always immaculately turned out on and off the pitch, bronzed skin, fair hair to go with the film star good looks. Jocular rumours from the dressing room were circulating that while most players carried a spare pair of shin guards in their kit bags, Nicky carried a spare hair dryer! On the pitch he was quick, good in the air and took his fair share of tackles from behind yet was very rarely disciplined by officials. "He was a Rolls Royce" said Gary Phillips.

His characteristic military salute to the crowd after scoring a goal was accompanied by a beaming smile. He was cool!

In 1986-87 Nicky's 27 goals helped Barnet finish second in the GM conference behind Scarborough. He went four better for the 1987-88 season scoring 31. Shortly after the 7-0 win at Loakes Park Wycombe (where Nicky scored 4) it was revealed that he had won second place in Wycombe Wanderer's Player of the Month due to numerous Bees fans sabotaging the voting slips issued that evening.

Nicky was sold to Wycombe in March 1989 for a transfer fee of £32,000. Barry Fry and Barnet Chairman Stan Flashman were bombarded with complaints and heavily criticised at the time by supporters who felt that Nicky should not have been sold but the club were in fairness in the process of trying to rebuild the squad.

In January 1991 Barry Fry jumped at the opportunity to return Nicky to his beloved Underhill and a team challenging once again for the GM Vauxhall Conference, forking out around £25,000. He was welcomed with open arms by the fans and soon reopened his goal account with a brace in a 3-1 win at Boston United. Playing in a deeper role behind strikers Gary Bull and Mark Carter. He played in the side that beat Fisher Athletic 4-2 to secure Barnet a place in the Football League.

Evans was one of the few players that stayed to help new manager Gary Phillips piece together a team for the season 1993-94 - after the players contractual disputes with the FA - which was to be his last as a player. It was very obvious to all and indeed Nicky himself that it would be impossible and damaging to continue playing at this level with his ankle problems. His final game in a Bees shirt was at Hartlepool United 2nd November 1993. Barnet lost the game 2-1 but Nicky Evans scored the goal of course!

Barnet rewarded Nicky for his outstanding contributions for over 10 years with a Testimonial versus Birmingham City on the 13th May 1994. In 1997 in a Barnet Football Club Supporters Association poll he was voted Barnet Player of the Decade 1980's, one of a distinguished list of Barnet legends - Les Eason 1960's, Colin Powell 1970's and Paul Wilson 1990's.

Over 300 appearances with a goal every two games - I'll take that. He is currently, as always, residing with his family in Bedfordshire, in between holidays that is, and like many ex players keeping a low profile. Yet I will confess to always being just a little excited when I get to chat with him even after all these years - well he is Nicky Evans isn't he?

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# Meet the Opposition

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**Nickname:** The Stones

**Year founded:** 1899

**Manager:** David Noble

**Stadium:** Grosvenor Vale

**Capacity:** 4,085 (709 seated)

**Form:** D W L W D

**League position:** 12<sup>th</sup>

**Last result:** 3-2 (A), 25.11.2023





# Club History



**Wealdstone Football were founded at the beginning of the 1899/00 season, competing in Division 2 of the Willesden & District League, winning their first title in the 1905/06 season but were defunct a year later, reforming for the 1908/09 season becoming champions again in 1912/13.**

After the First World War, Wealdstone joined the London Senior League and then the Middlesex Senior League, moving into Lower Mead Stadium situated between Harrow and Wealdstone town centres in 1922 after previously playing at the College Farm Ground and Belmont Road, both in Wealdstone, they joined the Spartan League for their first season at Lower Mead and then joined the Athenian League in 1928/29.

The 1995/96 season saw a new era for the club as they began a groundshare with Edgware Town at their White Lion Ground and had left the Southern League to rejoin the Isthmian League for the first time since 1971, although at a cost as they had to begin two tiers lower in the Isthmian Third Division, where they finished fourth in their first season. Two successive promotions followed under the guidance of manager Gordon Bartlett who would spend 22 successful years at the club. The Stones almost made it three successive promotions but were denied promotion due to Edgware Town's stadium not meeting the necessary requirements for the top Isthmian division. The Stones eventually won promotion in the 2003/04 season beating Dulwich Hamlet in a play-off final penalty shootout.

The Stones moved to Northwood FC's Chestnut Avenue ground for the 2005/06 where they would spend three years. The club spent a solitary season back in the Southern League in 2006/07 before returning to the Isthmian League the following season. The club acquired a lease to the then defunct Ruislip Manor FC's Grosvenor Vale ground in 2008, with dedicated fans helping to bring the stadium up to the standard required by the Isthmian League and from the start of the 2008/09 season had a stadium and clubhouse of their own.

The first success story came in the 2010/11 season, where they lost in the

semi-finals of the FA Trophy to eventual winners Newport County, beating National League sides Barrow, Dartford and Cambridge United in that cup run.

The 2013/14 season saw Gordon Bartlett's final promotion as Wealdstone manager where they won the Isthmian Premier League as champions, promoting them into the National League South.

The first managerial change in 22 years came early in the 2017/18 season where Gordon Bartlett was replaced by Bobby Wilkinson despite narrowly missing the play-offs the season before. Wilkinson spent two seasons with the Stones, with the club reaching the FA Trophy semi-finals again in his first season, again losing to eventual winners Brackley Town and then reaching the National League South play-offs the season after, where final minute heartache saw them lose out to Woking in the semi-final. Wilkinson left the club after the 2018/19 season and was replaced by former Hemel Hempstead Town manager Dean Brennan.

With a reduced budget, Brennan delivered the National League South title for the Stones with a breathtaking style of attacking football that saw them dismantle title rivals Havant & Waterlooville (4-2 away) and Bath City (7-0 at home) in emphatic victories to take the Stones back to the pinnacle of the non-league pyramid for the first time in over 30 years. Brennan was replaced by his assistant Stuart Maynard in the Stones return to the National League midway through the 2020/21 season, and he's guided them to three successive improved finishes in the National League, coming 13th last season and securing the club it's highest league finish in 37 years after a campaign largely spent flirting with the play-off positions. New boss David Noble will be looking to push on from Maynard's work after he replaced Notts County-bound Maynard in January 2024.

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# Four in Focus

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## MARCUS DEWHURST

Imposing young keeper who joined the Stones on a permanent transfer from Sheffield United in November 2023. He spent last season on loan at Scunthorpe United, where he made 25 appearances last season before the Blades recalled him in January. The keeper has also made two cup appearances for League Two side Carlisle United on loan and has also had loan spells at Guiseley, Boston United and Solihull Moors. The stopper has also represented England at youth level from U17s to U20s.

2



## JACK COOK

The 6'4" defender joined the Stones from league rivals Woking in June 2021 after a successful three seasons at the Cards where he made 127 appearances, helping them win promotion from the National League South in 2018/19 and guiding them to a memorable FA Cup run. Won Wealdstone Supporters' Player of the Season two years in a row and was made captain following his first season at The Vale.

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## SAM BOWEN

Wales U21 international Bowen joined the Stones on a season-long loan from Newport County in August 2023. The young midfielder broke through the ranks in the Cardiff City academy system where he made five senior appearances and spent time on loan at Barry Town United before his move to Newport in 2022. Wealdstone will be the first club he's represented outside of Wales.

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## SEAN ADARKWA

Earned a move to the club this summer after scoring twice in a pre-season friendly as a trialist. Spent time in the academies of London clubs West Ham and QPR and had a spell on loan at Maidstone United last season before making the move over the border to Arbroath for the second half of the year scoring twice in ten games for the Lichties.

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# HEAD 2 HEAD

with Wealdstone

**Barnet have played Wealdstone more often than any team, other than Enfield and Hendon. There have been 121 first team, competitive games between the Bees and the Stones, including County Cup matches (when they were considered first team games) and league matches during the Second World War, but not Capital League games, which were reserve fixtures. To date Barnet have won 57 games, Wealdstone have won 44 and there have been 20 draws.**

The Athenian League match between Barnet and Wealdstone on Saturday 19 October 1946 made television history: it was the first live televised post-war game. However, other games had been shown before the war.

The first meeting in what is now the National League was in 1979, when the league was established. Of the 23 meetings in this league, the Bees have won nine, Wealdstone 10 and there have been four draws.

The highest goalscorers for Barnet against the Stones are Ron Phipps with 17, Arthur Morris with 14, Dennis Kelleher and Reg Finch both with 12 and Nicky Evans with 11. The highest attendance in games between the sides in the past 50 years (3,012) was the game at Grosvenor Vale last season. The largest crowd at home over the same period was 2,494 in December 2022. However, crowds of up to 6,000 were recorded in the 1940s.

The most recent match in this local derby was last November, with Wealdstone winning 3-2 at Grosvenor Vale. Jerome Okimo put the Bees ahead after 13 minutes, before Jack Cook equalised just three minutes later. Nicke Kabamba re-established Barnet's lead before half-time. However, the Stones scored twice in the second half, through Cook again and Charlie Barker, who grabbed the winner in the 90th minute. The teams were:

**Wealdstone:** Marcus Dewhurst, Jack Cook (Mason Barrett), Jayden Mundle-Smith, Charlie Barker, Brandon Mason (Brooklyn Ilunga), Sam Bowen, Tarryn Allarakhia, Ashley Charles, Micah Obiero, Tahvon Campbell, Corie Andrews (Max Kretzschmar)

**Barnet:** Laurie Walker, Jordan Cropper, Danny Collinge, Adebola Oluwo, Jerome Okimo, Idris Kanu, Anthony Hartigan, Dale Gorman, Harry Pritchard (Reece Hall-Johnson), Callum Stead (Marvin Armstrong), Nicke Kabamba.

Ashley Charles, who played seven games for Barnet on loan from Watford in 2019, is currently at Wealdstone, where he has made more than 100 appearances over five seasons. Of the current Barnet squad, only Jerome Okimo has previously played for the Stones. Jerome has played seven times in this derby match, representing Wealdstone four times, scoring once, and playing for Barnet three times, also scoring once. The Bees' manager Dean Brennan was previously at Wealdstone, during which time he was in charge for one game against Barnet. Today, he leads the Bees into the derby game for the sixth time. Dean's assistant Connor Smith was also previously at Wealdstone and played for them once in this fixture.

Others to have played for both clubs include (with dates playing at Barnet): Simeon Akinola (2017-20), Johnny Barr (1965-71), Steve Brinkman (1979-85), Kieron Cadogan (2013-14), Tom Champion (2004-05 and 2015-17), Elliott Charles (2008-10), Sam Cox (2010-12), Medy Elito (2018-20), David Gipp (1989-90), Shane Gore (2003-2005), Brian Goymer (1957-63 and 1967-68), Colin Hardman (1979-84), Tony Lynch (1990-94), John Margerrison (1983-88), Bobby Moss (1973-74), Jason Norville (2005-07), Scott McGleish (1997-2001 and 2012) and Martyn Sperrin (1978-81).

Paul Fairclough, who guided Barnet back to the Football League in 2005 as manager, played over a hundred games for Wealdstone in two spells between 1975 and 1984.

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The club is home to boys and girls who enjoy football development. Founded in 1998, St Lawrence has teams from U8s playing in the local Harrow Youth League, Junior Premier League, and EJA League.

Led by Chairman, intermediary, and UEFA B coach Uthman Odutayo, the club elevates grassroots football with success both domestically and internationally. Last season, St. Lawrence took two teams to the annual Gothia Cup in Sweden, with both teams reaching the last 32. This year, the club aims to take four teams.

All coaches are UEFA qualified, and while football is the passion, the mission extends beyond the pitch – to develop thriving community members on and off the field.

Find out more at [slsf.co.uk](http://slsf.co.uk)









# Affiliate Club of the week



## Bessingby Park Rangers

**Bessingby Park Rangers (BPR) is a Grassroots Football Club and registered Charity located in Eastcote, Hillingdon.**

Since its establishment in 1973, BPR has committed itself to offering a secure platform for children across Middlesex to participate in football development and play for five decades. Boasting 21 teams spanning various age groups, from U5's to our Men's team, BPR nurtures a passion for football within the Club.

Run entirely by community volunteers, everyone at the club takes pride in maintaining an open-door policy, inviting kids from the area to engage in football within a fun and inclusive environment.

For additional details, please visit  
<https://www.bprfc.com/>

Barnet Over 50's

# Walking Football



Our Dementia friendly walking football sessions in partnership with Dementia Club UK, sponsored by the Middlesex FA and part of the Forget Me Not FC group are now in full flow twice a month at Cophall Leisure Centre.

With fun and laughter the order of the day, our 1 hour cognitive session includes goal scoring celebrations, shooting practice and a few sing along songs with warm up exercises and games of mini golf and bowls followed by 1 hour of reminiscing in the cafe with puzzles, bingo, cake & tea.

Last week we were proud to be invited to the Barnet Homes awards evening. As 2 times previous winners, we were proud to be nominated in 2 categories. We made new contacts who will





# ball



hopefully be joining our club and a wonderful evening was had by everyone.

In our ethos of football for all, we are setting up a new over 75s team to play in the FA Essex league. A chance for 88 year old Sid Tobias to showcase his skills!

In addition, we now have a new session on Wednesdays between 2-3pm and places can be booked using the online booking system. Aleks, a member of the Barnet FA coaching staff takes the session where we practice shooting, passing and defending. The session ends in a small sided game. It's great fun - come and give it a go!

As an incentive, all Wednesday sessions in February will be free. For info just contact Barnet FC.

On the pitch our over 65s played at Bannisters Harrow in the Middlesex FA round robin. On a freezing cold Tuesday morning we welcomed for his debut, Jerome De Jonk.

The Black & Amber were captained by Tom Moran and beat CheshuntR 1-0, Meriden 3-1 and drew 0-0 with Hemel. Goals were by Jerome and Eddie O'Connor. Meanwhile the Barnet Blues who were captained by Richard Wober had an excellent set of results winning 1-0 v Uxbridge Amblers and 2-1 v Hemel Hempstead. Dave Law & Brian Leapman with our goals, to end another round of 65s football

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Today is a massive game for Barnet so let's cheer the lads on. **Come on you Bees!!**



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# On this day

## One year ago (2023)

Barnet beat Scunthorpe United 3-1 in a Friday evening game in the Vanarama National League at Glanford Park. Dale Gorman scored twice and David Moyo once. The attendance of 5,110 was the highest ever for a game against the Iron by more than a thousand. As Bees fans will know, Barnet made the play-offs at the end of the season. Scunthorpe finished in 23rd and were relegated.

## Six years ago (2018)

Mansfield Town won 3-1 against the Bees at Field Mill in League 2. Simeon Akinola, who later played for today's visitors Wealdstone, scored the Barnet consolation goal at the very end. It was Barnet's first defeat on this day since 1968. The crowd was 3,795. The Bees were relegated on the final day of the season.

## 17 years ago (2007)

Barnet held Torquay United to a 1-1 draw at Plainmoor in League 2. Substitute Nicky Nicolau equalised for the Bees in the 89th minute, and the attendance was 1,942. Barnet finished the season in 14th, but the Gulls were relegated.

## 23 years ago (2001)

The Bees drew 1-1 with Chesterfield at home in Football League Division 3 (the fourth tier). The Barnet goal came from central defender Mark Arber, one of 25 he scored for the club. The crowd was 2,372. The Bees lost on the final day of the season to Torquay United and so were relegated. The Spireites were third and promoted.

## 28 years ago (1996)

Barnet beat Scunthorpe United 1-0 at Underhill in the fourth tier. Lee Hodges scored the goal, and the crowd was 1,674. The Bees finished the season two points outside the play-off places.

## 45 years ago (1979)

Bridgend Town held the Bees to a goalless draw at Underhill in the Southern League, Premier Division. The attendance was 358. Barnet finished that season in mid-table, just high enough to qualify for the inaugural season of the Alliance Premier League (now the National League). Bridgend finished bottom. They merged with Bryntirion Athletic in 2013 to form Pen-y-Bont, who play in the Cymru Premier, formerly the League of Wales.

## 50 years ago (1974)

The Bees beat Chelmsford City 3-1 away in the Southern League Cup, third round. Les Eason, Dennis Francis and Dave Bibby scored the Barnet goals. The attendance was 3,181, Barnet's highest of that season, home or away. The Bees had overcome Bedford Town and King's Lynn in the previous rounds, and went out to Bromsgrove Rovers in the fourth round.

## 90 years ago (1934)

Barnet beat Wimbledon 3-1 at Underhill in the FA Amateur Cup, third round. William Charlton scored two goals for the Bees and Arthur Morris bagged the other. The crowd was recorded as 3,300. Barnet had already knocked out Ipswich Town (the club did not turn professional till two years later, but won the old First Division, the top tier of the Football League, in 1962 under Sir Alf Ramsey) and Horsham in the previous rounds, and went on to defeat London Caledonians in the quarter final, before losing to Leyton in the semi-final in front of 9,249 spectators at Ilford.

# ...and currently

**Since Barnet's last home game, Dean Brennan's men have beaten Radcliffe in the FA Trophy, fourth round, and so made the last 16 of the competition. It is the 10th time in 34 attempts that the Bees have reached this stage, and the fourth time in six seasons. The Bees have been drawn away to Welling United in the fifth round; it is the sixth occasion that Barnet have been drawn away in their last seven games in the competition.**

Marvin Armstrong's two goals at Radcliffe doubled his tally for the club. He is the 13th player to score for the Bees this season. Marvin's two goals came on his 25th birthday. He is the first Barnet player to score on his birthday since Mitch Brundle did so in December 2021.

Barnet were a goal behind in the most recent home game, against Dagenham & Redbridge, and again against Radcliffe away, but came back to win 2-1 on both occasions. The Bees have come from behind 10 times this season: in three games they have managed a draw and in seven matches they have recovered to win (against Dorking Wanderers they came back from two goals down to win). Barnet have only surrendered a lead on four occasions: drawing twice and losing twice (against Wealdstone and Gateshead).

Nicke Kabamba has scored two further goals in the past four games, taking his tally for the season to 25 in all first team competitions. It is six more than Nicke bagged in the whole of last season and the most goals by any Barnet player since John Akinde managed 26 in 2016/17. Nicke has scored 19 goals in the National League this season, putting him second in the list of top goalscorers behind ex-Bee Paul McCallum of Eastleigh, who is on 23.

Nicke is also the only Barnet player to have appeared in every first team, competitive game this season. Harry Pritchard has missed one match. Harry has now made 91 appearances for the club over two seasons, more than any other current player.

Wealdstone come into today's derby game having won only two league games away from home all season, but those two wins both came in their most recent three away matches. The Bees have won their last three games at home.

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**I was told I'm not allowed to mention the words 'travel', 'Asia' or 'comeback' so what I'm going to do is mention all three in the first few sentences. For those that don't know, I have been away in Asia travelling for the past eight months, departing just two days after the play-off defeat in May.**

After that gritty win away at Radcliffe we're back at The Hive today to host the runaway leaders Chesterfield.

Given the current standings, this game is certainly not season defining for us, but a win would breed confidence and we would regain the momentum to have an amazing close to the season.

Last season we had two opportunities to get to Wembley but stuttered on both fronts and, despite having the same opportunity this season, it's looking like we have a far better chance!

A last 16 FA Trophy tie away at relegation threatened Welling with only 6 National League teams left in the competition and

a league table that provides hope that we will finish 2nd or 3rd, are two amazing opportunities to get to Wembley.

We need to get right behind the management team and the players for the remainder of this season because we're so close to something special. Following from afar was made easier by the results we've been getting this season and now I'm home, I'm looking forward to what this season may bring.

As always, let's get behind the team whether we win, lose or draw and over the course of the next few months we should have some special times!

**James Harpin**

# SQUAD LIST

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