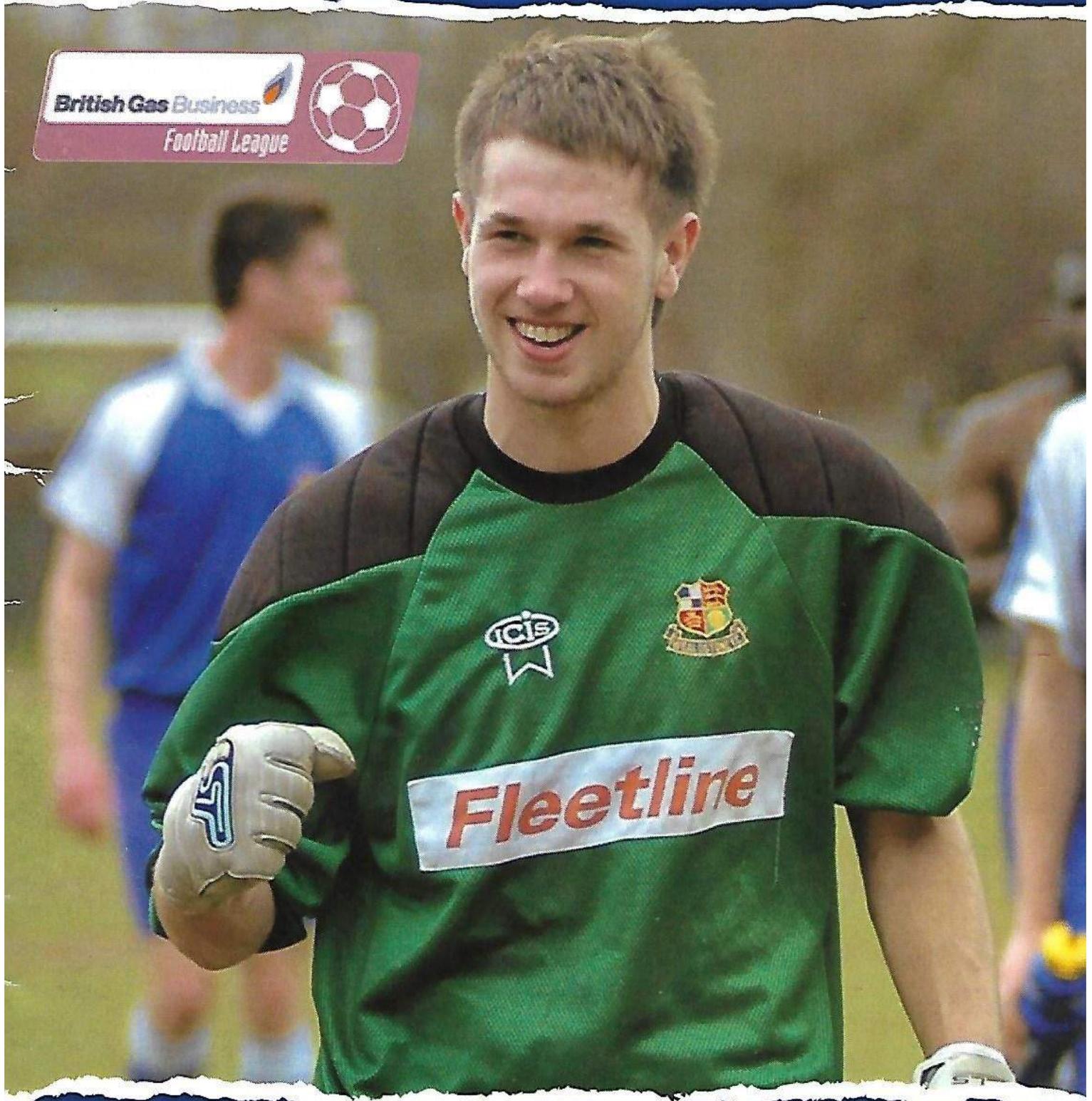


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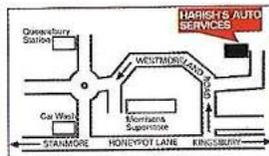
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Wealdstone FC
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Day of Destiny: one final push

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen, and welcome to this afternoon's Southern League Premier game against Corby Town. May I extend this welcome to both sets of matchday officials and wish them a safe and pleasant journey home.

Lets get straight to the bone, this afternoon is massive. Absolutely massive. I really shouldn't have to elaborate much more, but just one glance at the league table will explain why I have started off this editorial in this rather drastic manner. With two games to go after this afternoon, a win for Wealdstone could put us within a point or two of maintaining our Premier League status. A defeat, depending on how other results go in the other leagues, could mean our fight for survival is out of our hands.

And there's also the fortunes of our opponents to consider. At the time of writing, they lie on 36 points and are within a whisker of relegation, but I can guarantee they will be fighting tooth and nail to preserve their status. They can still reach 42 points, of which depending on how the other leagues pan out, could be enough points to survive. A victory for Wealdstone today would condemn Corby to a relegation position.

Our previous game this season against Corby saw the Stones come away with a 4-2 victory. Corby scored an extremely early goal within 60 seconds and although Stones equalised within a few minutes, Corby pretty much had the upper hand for the first half. The second half was one way traffic though as Stones roared into a 4-1 lead and



Annual awards

This year's end of season presentation night will be on Friday 4 May when we hold a BBQ evening at Broadfields. As well as the usual awards this will be an opportunity to enjoy all aspects of the Club together, including players, management, officials and supporters.

This year we will present a new shield, the Bill Keen Memorial Award, which will be given to the most improved player as chosen by the management alongside the usual awards. We are very grateful to the Keen family for donating the award and delighted that several members of the family will be present that evening. Tickets for the evening are priced at £15 each. Anybody purchasing a season ticket for next season will get in free, as well as the usual early bird discount. Please could you let Howard Kraiss, Miriam or Pete Worby know for catering considerations.



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Champions
- 1958-59, 1962-63,
1964-65**
Middlesex Senior Cup
Winners
- 1965-66**
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Winners
- 1967-68**
Middlesex Senior Cup
Winners
- 1973-74**
Southern League
Division One South
Winners
- 1981-82**
Southern League
Champions and
Southern League Cup
Winners
- 1984-85**
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Champions, FA
Trophy Winners &
Middlesex Senior Cup
Winners
- 1996-97**
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- 1997-98**
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Isthmian League
Division 2 (3rd)
- 2003-04**
Middlesex Charity
Cup Winners
and promoted to
Isthmian League
Premier Division
(via play-off)

Corby's late goal was nothing more than a consolation.

One thing that you cannot accuse the team of is turning the last few games into a meaningless series of friendlies! After a couple of draws against Clevedon and Kings Lynn, Stones travelled the short journey up the A41 to Hemel Hempstead. Despite taking an early lead and dominating large parts of the game, Stones came away nursing a 5-2 defeat. This meant our Easter Monday game against Banbury took on that much used cliché 'must win'. And win we did, by 4 goals to 0! Last weekend's away trip to Gloucester was a truly fantastic occasion. Glorious mid 70s temperatures, some fine pubs, a large away following and a professional performance from the players saw the Stones grab a crucial 2-0 victory.

The one thing we have in our favour, is that we seem to have built up some momentum in the past few weeks, and are generally playing with a settled side, a reasonable amount of confidence and with plenty of passion. This is in complete contrast to the previous two seasons where we

seemed to be hanging on to the ropes for dear life come the final few games.

I am hoping today that I will see lots of faces who have not attended for a while. Its no secret that attendances for home games have been disappointing to say the least. But lets hope a number of lapsed supporters turn out and encourage our players onto a much needed win!

Thoughts for the summer? Work restarting on the ground at PEPF, and a deal that will allow Wealdstone a bright future. This has to happen sooner rather than later, as there's clearly a feeling that the club will sink beneath the waves if we have to continue to groundshare for much longer. Fingers crossed that come next season, work will be underway and the weeks will be counting down to our arrival there.

Adam Williams

Barring any training mishaps, Stones have a full squad to pick from, Carl Martin should shake off a groin strain but Chris O'Leary is suspended

Minute silence at game

Just a short message of support for an ex player and very good friend of mine **Paul Lamb**. Paul's partner Lisa died last week in unfortunate circumstances. I and all who know Paul would like to express our sadness to Paul and his young son Harry on their huge loss. We would like you to know that I and all here at the 'Wealdstone Family' players, management, board and supporters will always be thinking of you both. **Fergie**

Speaking to Wealdstone fans, it is clear he remains in high esteem. I have no doubt the supporters and players will silently reflect with Paul during these very sad times. Paul made 210 appearances for us between 1997 and December 2001, and his commitment was never questioned. This season he has made few appearances due to injury, but with his situation we can but pray things work out for his family.

Men of Steel

Since 1935 the former rural village of Corby had been represented in the United Counties League by steelworks side Stewarts & Lloyds - hence the club's nickname of the Steelmen. But by the end of the 1947/48 season it was decided that the new town of Corby had grown sufficiently enough to support an independent football club and Corby Town was born.

Local MP William Montgomery was elected chairman - a position he had previously held with S&L - and former Millwall, Dundee and England player Reg Smith was appointed player/manager.

Corby Town played its first game against Wellingborough Town at Occupation Road - home until 1985 - on Saturday, August 21, 1948 and began with an impressive 5-1 victory in front of a crowd of 2,300.

Reg Smith departed just a month into that first season for family reasons, however and results were generally disappointing until Wally Akers was given the manager's job in the summer of 1950.

The United Counties League championship was then won in style in both 1951 and 1952 by a side skippered by the imposing Scot Jimmy Strathie and with ace goalscorer Ernie Middlemiss setting a club goalscoring record of 135 in 136 games which was to last for more than forty years until being broken by David Hofbauer.

This success prompted a step up to the Midland League and in their first season Corby were pipped to the championship by Nottingham Forest Reserves. The Steelmen spent the next five seasons in the Midland League and

although they were never able to match that initial success they did have their moments.

In 1954/1955 they reached the First Round Proper of the FA Cup for the first time losing 0-2 at home to Watford before a crowd of 6,763. The following season two products of the club's youth system - Andy McCabe and Len Chalmers - were transferred to Chesterfield and Leicester City respectively for fees totalling almost £2000. And in 1956/57 Corby won their home league encounter with Gainsborough Trinity by a club record 14-0!

The year of 1958 was a momentous one for the club. Floodlit football came to Corby when an All Star XI took on the Steelmen in the inaugural game under lights and in March it was announced that the club was joining the Southern League. In May it was revealed that former Manchester United, Derby County, Leicester City and England inside forward Johnny Morris was taking over as player/manager.

During his three years in charge Morris brought a number of well known ex-league players - including his former Manchester

WEALDSTONE'S RECORD v CORBY TOWN

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Southern League

1971/72 (First Div. Nth.)	Home D1-1	Away L0-1
1988/89 (Premier Div.)	Home W2-1	Away L0-2
1989/90 (Premier Div.)	Home W2-1	Away D0-0
1991/92 (Premier Div.)	Home W3-0	Away W6-2
2006/07 (Premier Div.)	Home Today	Away W4-2

United and England colleague Henry Cockburn - to Occupation Road. But this policy almost bankrupted the club and at the end of 1960/61 he was informed that he was not having his contract renewed for financial reasons.

Morris was succeeded by ex-Corby player Tommy Hadden and under his clever management and astute chairmanship of Fred Deely things improved both on and off the pitch. Promotion to the Premier Division was narrowly missed in 1963/1964 - when the capture of the Merit Cup as the Southern League's highest scoring team was some consolation - but the following year they achieved promotion to the top flight. During this period the club made several applications for Football League membership and in 1966 actually picked up one vote!

In 1963/64 Corby were knocked out of the FA Cup in the First Round by Bristol City and the following season they were defeated at the same stage by Hartlepool United. In 1965/66 the Steelmen overcame that hurdle at home to fellow non-leaguers Burton Albion and in the Second Round faced Luton Town at Occupation Road. Hopes of an upset appeared to have been dashed when Luton earned a 2-2 draw with a late disputed penalty but on the most glorious night in the club's history a goal by local boy Maurice



Goodall gave Corby victory over the Hatters at Kenilworth Road in the replay. In the Third Round a trip to Plymouth Argyle resulted in a 0-6 thrashing and in general the club's fortunes have been on a downward ever since.

Corby were relegated from the Premier Division in 1968 and remained in various forms of Division One until earning a place in the new-look Premier Division in 1982. The Steelmen were relegated again in 1990 - by which time they had moved to a new home at the multi-purpose Rockingham Triangle sports complex - but bounced back after just one season as Midland Division runners up and Merit Cup winners.

In 1992/1993 under the management of Elwyn Roberts and with an experienced side which included Steve Collins, Gerry McElhinney, Bryn Gunn and skipper Dougie Keast they finished third in the Premier Division but just two seasons later following a cash crisis which had threatened their very existence they

were relegated and ever since have struggled to stay in the Southern League.

It appeared that the battle had been lost at the end of 1997/98 but Corby were handed a late reprieve and switched to the Southern Division for the first time.

The 2000/01 season saw Corby finish in a respectable mid-table position but they struggled in their next season, and only managed to hold onto their Dr Martens league status by the skin of their teeth. Following the departure of Eddie McGoldrick senior player Wayne Spencer took over as manager and on a very dramatic last day of the season, bottom of the table Corby, gained an unexpected home win over Eastbourne Borough to leapfrog Wisbeach Town and condemn the 'Fenmen'.

This season, a poor start to life in The Premier Division resulted in Rob Dunion losing his job in December 2006, being replaced by former Steelmen captain Dougie Keast in the position..

The Opposition

Ian Pledger

An experienced and well travelled goalkeeper who signed for Corby from Southern League Premier Division rivals Stamford AFC in January 2007. He has also played for Blackstones and Wisbeach Town.

Mark Burrows

A 6'4" tall centre half who was born in Kettering on August 14th 1980. 'Buzz' started his career as a trainee with Coventry City and captained the 'Sky Blues' youth team to victory in the FA Youth Cup in 1999. He wasn't given the opportunity to show what he could do at senior level, however, as Gordon Strachan released him on a free transfer to Exeter City in July 2000.

Mark did gain Football League experience with Exeter, but he returned back to his Northamptonshire roots when he signed for Rothwell Town in September 2002. Just a month later he was on the move again, however when he joined Kings Lynn, 'Buzz' remained with The Linnets until early in the 2004/05 season when he had brief spells with both Arlesey Town and Histon, before signing at The Rockingham Triangle for the first time in December 2004.

After seven appearances he moved onto Hemel Hemstead Town, the following month however in early February Rob Dunion brought Burrows back to

The Steelmen, where he helped the side to promotion.

Next came a step back into full-time football with Nationwide Conference North side Kettering, where he struggled to break into the first team, once again leaving and opting for a return here in September 2006.

Dom Hallows

A versatile left-sided player who was signed by Rob Dunion from Stamford last season. He was previously on the books of Nottingham Forest and Leicester City, before making over 100 appearances for Grantham Town.

Scott Goodwin

A vastly experienced midfielder player who signed a contract with The Steelmen in June 2006. He has previously played for Coventry City, Shepshed Dynamo, Grantham Town, Hednesford Town, Hereford, Kettering Town, Gravesend & Northfleet, Tamworth, Canvey Island, Bishops Cleeve, Nuneaton Borough, and Rugby Town. He was appointed club captain when Dougie Keast took over as manager at The Rockingham Triangle.

Chris Goodman

A popular midfield player who signed from Sutton Coldfield Town two seasons ago. Coventry born Goodman has previously played for Bedworth United, Rugby United and Racing Club Warwick. He made his

100th Corby Town appearance in December 2006.

Steve Towers

A highly talented midfielder formerly of Oadby Town and Rothwell Town. He joined The Steelmen in the summer following an impressive season at Cecil Street where he was The Bones top goalscorer in last years Southern League Eastern Division campaign.

Scott Musgrove

Stamford born player who signed for his home town club in July 2006 after a year as a professional with Cheltenham Town. Previously an academy player with Norwich City and Stoke City. Plays on the left of defence or midfield. Signed for The Steelmen in March 2007.

Chris Gray

30 year old central midfielder who signed from Coalville Town in January 2007. He has also played for Hednesford Town and Sutton Coldfield Town during his career.

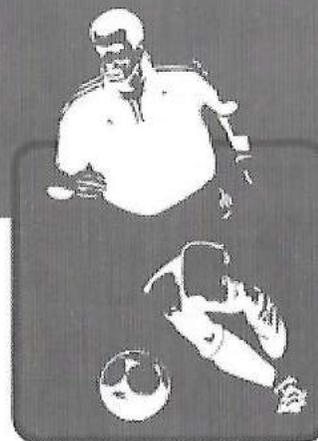
Chris Difante

20 year old striker who signed from Rothwell Town in February 2007. He was previously wit Kettering Town, where he scored a quick hat-trick on his Rockingham Road debut. He also scored on his Rockingham Triangle debut in our defeat to TeamBath.

Joe Jonas

A pacey young forward signed from Quorn in February 2007. A raw, but promising, young talent.

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Wealdstone middle east peace mission

Over land and sea, to Israel

Peter John-Baptiste reflects on his experiences with following England around the globe, and the pride with seeing Wealdstone linked with the national team.

HAVING GROWN UP AS AN ENGLAND FAN in the 70s and 80s there weren't always too many opportunities for me to be 100% proud of our support. The press reports always seemed unfavourable and as a football and England mad youngster it was always hurtful and disappointing to read and see the press reports. Once I was old enough and could afford to go away with England I soon realised that there were many friends to be made and great places to see. The football however... well..

Over the past few years I've been fortunate enough to be involved in a few of the activities that have been put on around some of the England away games and have been more than happy to take part and in some cases help out (as long as it doesn't impinge on any time I can spend at a nearby bar).

A couple of the highlights for me have been a school visit in Lisbon in 2004 and a brilliant kids football tournament in Manhattan during England's USA tour in the summer of 2005.

Unfortunately I couldn't get over to Israel for England's Euro 2008 qualifier on March 24th but luckily Wealdstone FC were well represented at the children's tournament the day before the game.

Football4Peace is a sports based co-existence project for Jewish and Arab children that has been running in towns and villages of the Galilee region of Northern Israel since 2001. They organised the tournament the day before the game in Tel-Aviv for 16 teams of mixed Arab and Jewish boys and girls and required shirts for the children to play in.

I heard about this through an England

supporting friend of mine and approached the Wealdstone board who were keen to get involved. Wealdstone were the only club to provide 2 kits, home and away, and bearing in mind the list of clubs involved included Premiership clubs Manchester United, Aston Villa and Reading as well as a set of England shirts donated by the FA that was quite something. This was something that made me very proud when I had the pleasure of going to FA headquarters and presenting the shirts, shorts and socks to England manager Steve McClaren. Great credit must be given to our sponsors CAMS Associates who provided the kits free of charge.

By all accounts the tournament was a great success and even though Wealdstone didn't win either the boys tournament, Norwich took that title, or the girls tournament, England 66 won that one, our girls did scoop the Fair Play award. A Jewish and a Muslim girl in full Wealdstone kits were presented with their award by former West Brom legend Brendan Batson.

A couple of quotes from the kids involved :

"Wearing this shirt is a big honour." Ila Zur, 11, Mishmar Ha'am.

"Playing for peace is the best thing you can do with football!" Shanti Rossik, 12, Ramat Menashe.

"It's a tournament, it's fun to play together...these Wealdstone shirts are really comfortable and look great" Eden Itach, 10, Maagan.

<http://www.football4peace.org.uk/>

England's fans coming to see more than just their team

A group of England fans will be the first organized group of soccer supporters to visit Yad Vashem after they arrive this week for the Euro 2008 qualification match against Israel on Saturday. On Friday, the London England Fans supporters group will visit the Jerusalem Holocaust memorial as part of their "fan-friendly" campaign, which will also see them supporting a 16-team children's soccer tournament on Friday afternoon in Tel Aviv with teams made up of Arab and Jewish children.



The two Wealdstone teams pictured before the Tournament.

Organized by Football4Peace, an organization that uses sport to bring children from different communities together, each team will be outfitted in English club shirts ranging from Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur to Wycombe Wanderers and Wealdstone.

On Friday morning, the fans will travel to Yad Vashem where they will lay a St. George Cross wreath with two cards from the supporters reading: "Never Forget" and "Never Again."

When England played Poland in 2004, England fans laid a wreath at Auschwitz, as they also did during last year's World Cup in Germany, when they visited Dachau.

Mark Perryman, convener of London England Fans, said: "Israel is in the news every day for all the wrong reasons, terrorism and war. Yet it's a country immersed in history. We wanted to use the trip not just to see England win but to spread some fun friendship, and when we lay a St. George Cross wreath at Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Memorial, honour the memory of the human horror of the concentration camps."

UEFA ORGANISATION

Playing for peace in Israel

Friday, 23 March 2007

by Peter-John Baptiste & Paul Saffer

When England visit Israel on Saturday, all thoughts will be on three crucial UEFA EURO 2008™ qualifying points. But the day before a group of England fans are aiding an event with resonance well beyond the field of play.

Fans' gift

Football for Peace (F4P) is a sport-based co-existence project for Jewish and Arab children that has been running in towns and villages of the Galilee region of Northern Israel since 2001. To coincide with England's game with Israel it is organising a tournament in Tel-Aviv involving 16 mixed teams containing more than 200 Arab and Jewish boys and girls. Fans of 13 sides, from Premiership sides Manchester United FC, Aston Villa FC and Reading FC to non-league Wealdstone FC - the first club of England Under-21 coach Stuart Pearce - donated football shirts to national team manager Steve McClaren at Football Association (FA) headquarters last Thursday to be used in the tournament.



England manager Steve McClaren receives a Wealdstone shirt to be used in the Football4Peace game
(©Peter-John Baptiste)

McClaren's backing

"I'd like to congratulate the fans on a fantastic initiative," McClaren said. "It's great to see the power football has to bring people together. England fans have done some really positive things in recent years to build close links with other countries." Supporters' group englandfans are also involved in a number of other activities in Israel

over the weekend, including a visit to the Holocaust Memorial Yad Vashem and a match against fans of Hapoel Bnei Sakhnin FC, who in 2004/05 became the first Arab side to play in the UEFA Cup.

Initiative

F4P is an initiative inspired by experiences in South Africa and Northern Ireland where grassroots sport helped cut across cultural boundaries. Originally called the World Sport Peace Project, it was based on an idea of Baptist minister Geoffrey Whitefield and former athlete David Bedford, and was developed by the University of Brighton's sports department, which has a global reputation in researching sport and society. It began with a week-long coaching camp in the Arab town of Ibillin in 2001, though a bus bombing caused the cancellation of Jewish participation.

Annual camps

Since then annual camps have been held with children from both communities and British coaches, and now more than 1,000 participants each year take part in F4P events. There are four principle aims: to provide opportunities for social contact across community boundaries, to promote mutual understanding, to engender in participants a desire for and commitment to peaceful coexistence and to enhance soccer skills and technical knowledge. In aid of the latter goal, 35 coaches from the Arab and Jewish communities in the northern Galilee region visited England earlier this month for a training week ahead of the F4P tournament.



“They were so doubtful and worried about the moment that their child would face Arab children and how they would react. And when they got the opportunity, they were so happy.”

Gazi Nujidat, Israel Sports Authority

Communities come together

Gazi Nujidat from the Israel Sports Authority, who help co-ordinate the project, is in no doubt as to the benefits of these events. "At first you see some distance between the children, but with time they get close to each other," he told uefa.com. "There is more understanding. And through the year we keep the activities going. One of the co-ordinators in the Jordan valley told me that one [Jewish] parent phoned to say they were so thankful for the opportunity of taking part in the project.

Barnes role

As well as helping with the tournament, the FA have been dealing with Israeli community projects since

November 2004, when it was involved in a conference in Tel-Aviv tackling racism in Israeli football. It has taken part in events each year since, and in 2006 former English international John Barnes officially launched the Kick Racism Out Of Football campaign there, and he will be present at the tournament today. Nujidat said: "We are so thankful to Brighton University staff, the British Council and the FA for their support of this special event. And the children are so excited to see who will get which club shirt and to showcase their activities."

Opportunity

The university's Professor John Sugden, one of the founders of the project, added: "This is a fantastic opportunity for us to raise the profile of what has grown to be one of the biggest cross-community programmes in Israel. There will be huge media interest in England's vital qualifier. Having the F4P festival the Friday before the game, supported by England's fans with their flags and mascots, will give us the chance to show a really positive side to English football and its fans, as well as send a strong message that there is a genuine willingness in Israel for different communities to work toward reconciliation and peaceful coexistence through sport."



Today's Other Southern League Games

Chippenham Town	v	Cheshunt
Clevedon Town	v	Hitchin Town
Cirencester Tn	v	Banbury United
Tiverton Town	v	Gloucester City
Maidenhead Utd	v	Mangotsfield Utd
Halesowen Town	v	Stamford
Rugby Town	v	Northwood
Merthyr Tydfil	v	King's Lynn
Team Bath	v	Hemel Hempst'd
Yate Town	v	Bath City

**Wealdstone
Football Club
AGM**

The Wealdstone Football Club AGM will be held on Wednesday 13 June at Conways in Stanmore, the meeting starting at 8.00pm. Invites and agendas will be sent to members and shareholders in early May confirming the meeting although all are welcome to attend.

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28 OCT	Cirencester T	'Get Orf my Land'	-	Dean Papali
07 NOV	Leighton T (FAT)	Mick 'Pooltable' Ferguson	-	Gavin Bamford
18 NOV	Merthyr Tydfil	Tim Parks	Proride Distribution	Josias Carbon
21 NOV	Cheshunt (Lge Cup)	Nick Symmons	-	John Christian
26 DEC	Northwood	John Comfort	Connect Vending Ltd	Carl Martin
13 Jan	Chippenham	Jez & Dave Albert	Available	Lee Chappell
20 Jan	Maidenhead	Megaphone	Global Forensic	Lee Chappell
30 JAN	Hitchin Town	Tony Short	Science today	Dean Papali
03 FEB	Rugby Town	Graham Clark	Available	Carl Martin
17 FEB	Stamford	Andy Burrows	Peter John Baptiste	Chris O'Leary
20 FEB	Cheshunt	John Harvey	Available	Theo Robinson
10 MAR	Tiverton Town	Tony Waller	Quentin Fox	Theo Robinson
17 MAR	Bath City	Nick Woolford	Available	Andre Delisser
20 MAR	Gloucester City	Nick Dugard	William Hill	Ricky Perks
31 MAR	Mangotsfield	Tony, Steve, Pete Drew, Ron Moore, Dave Edwards.	Nick Brown	
		Ken Wiggins	Tony Platt & Gordon Mckay	John-Joe O'Neill
03 APR	Clevedon Town	Jon Taffel	Kevin Bright	John-Joe O'Neill
05 APR	King's Lynn	Mike Pullin	Mark Snell	Mitch Swain
09 APR	Banbury United	Roger Slater	Adam Williams	Mitch Swain
21 APR	Corby Town		Grant McCann & Danny McManus	



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A draw wasn't what was needed, unfortunately

Steve Paull watches as Stones fail to press their advantage

WITH WEALDSTONE ONLY managing a draw in this game, their premier division status next season is balanced on a knife edge. Drawn games at this stage will simply not be good enough.

Stones were playing against a strong wind in the first half, and largely because of this, Mangotsfield enjoyed a huge territorial advantage. Apart from one shot from Horgan which hit a post early on, this advantage was completely wasted as numerous long distance efforts at goal were hopelessly off target. Wealdstone, with their isolated breakaways, looked much the more potent.

Debutant wingback Marcello Fernandes with a deflected low 25 yard strike had keeper Book scrambling across his goal and Theo Robinson almost broke the deadlock when he made

himself a little space, but the advancing Book was alert enough to block the shot. On another day a penalty shout when Robinson was downed by a challenge from Ball would have been answered in the affirmative, but I suggest all square at half time and now playing with the wind at their backs would have pleased Wealdstone.

And as expected Wealdstone were much more of an attacking force in the second half. Fernandes, with another low shot from distance tested Book once more, as did an effort from Graeme Montgomery. Robinson's shot with 63 minutes played was heading for the corner of the net until a full length fingertip save kept it out at the expense of a corner. However from that corner, taken by Scott Donnelly, Simon Martin, rising at the

near post, headed his first goal in Wealdstone colours.

I don't know what happened now but Wealdstone were unable to press home their advantage and it was less than ten minutes later that Mangotsfield equalised. Paul Smith could only parry a low shot from the edge of the box and not deflect it sufficient distance away from goal. Claridge was first to the ball to score from close in.

At the moment confidence in the Stones camp is very brittle and following this equaliser heads seemed to drop a little. In the closing 15 minutes, despite top scorer Dean Papali being brought on for Montgomery, it was the visitors who were most likely to score next and Smith, with excellent saves from French and Cornwall, who retained Wealdstone's point for the draw.

Wealdstone 1
Mangotsfield United 1
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*Wealdstone: Smith,
Fernandes, Moore,
B Martin, Hall, Donnelly,
O'Toole, O'Leary,
Robinson, S Martin,
Montgomery (Papali 75).*

From the dugout



Good afternoon and welcome to our final home league game of the season. May

I extend this welcome to the players, officials and supporters of Corby Town who I trust will enjoy their short stay with us and have a safe journey home later this evening. A final courtesy extends to today's match officials.

As we embark on our final 3 games of the season we do so on the back of good momentum. Two wins on the trot with clean sheets in both and only a single defeat in the last 6 matches have boosted our chances of avoiding the drop. Our recent form has improved considerably to the point where the 3 draws within those 6 games against Mangotsfield, Clevedon and Kings Lynn were disappointing in as much as they felt like 6 points lost rather than 3 gained. That said, the 9 points achieved during this run have left us in a position where our destiny is in our own hands. Hopefully a similar performance today will result in a league double over today's opponents after an excellent performance and result in the away fixture earlier in the season culminating in the slowest ever time recorded in Northamptonshire for the 400m by a certain Gordon Bartlett ! Our recent revival is all the more impressive when you consider the amount of games we've played in such a short space of time. It's certainly a testament to the players' fitness levels and desire. A big well done from the coach. Let's do it 3 more times eh ?!

Reflecting on the season

overall it's certainly been something of a rollercoaster experience. Good times, bad ones and a few indifferent ones certainly. Honestly though, I wouldn't change it for the world (other than a better league position and lower blood pressure obviously!). I have been welcomed to the club with open arms and have made a lot of friends along the way. A special mention to Nick, Roger, Pete, Dominic, Howard, Fingers, Graham, Pauline, James, Pam, Jim, Rick and of course Gordon and Leo for all your help, support and advice over the last year or so. Apologies to anyone I've left out ! However my biggest thanks of all, other than to my family for their continued support, is to the players who, whilst being many things at times, are as honest as the day is long and always give of their best. Of course we always want more and aspire to be better than the last time but for sheer hard work and honesty I can say, hand on heart, the players are a joy to work with. Training is always enjoyable - no-one hides in the treatment room - which is normally a good sign for a coach - and I haven't heard one word of complaint about anything they've been asked to do since the first pre-season session way back in early July. In their company is where I enjoy being and continue to get a huge "kick" out of still being "one of the lads" whilst having one foot in the management camp.

Coming to Wealdstone was an easy decision to make made easier by a few familiar faces being here already. Fergie was a team-mate many moons ago and it's been good to hook up with him again after all this time.

A proper "old school" footballer he wears his heart on his sleeve and his performances recently have been outstanding. The Bamford brothers, Kevin Swift and Chris O'Leary all made the journey with me from Uxbridge. Unfortunately things didn't work out for Gavin and, subsequently, Stuart but both good lads deep down with excellent ability. Just a shame they couldn't quite realise it in their time here. Kevin has had a difficult season for various reasons but he has done enough to convince us and himself to know he can play comfortably at this level. Hopefully he can have his Hernia op asap and come back fit and ready for next season. Chris was my one recommendation to Gordon and I'm delighted as to his progress in his first season at this level. He has been made captain and become a firm favourite on the terraces for obvious reasons. Similar to Fergus in his outlook on the game he is a pleasure to work with. I mentioned in previous notes about one of the best parts of my job is nurturing and developing young players along to enable them to go as far as they can in the game. I've worked with Chris since his early teens and, at his own request, would often meet before or after training, and sometimes both, to work on the limitations he had in his game. That hard work is now reaping good dividends. A few other mentions on the playing front are the welcome return of Carl Martin from injury. A massive talent who, if he can stay injury free, can go as far as he wants in the game. Graham Hall has been a huge addition to the squad since his return from injury. Extremely versatile, a good player with two good feet

From the dugout

and an outstanding footballing brain. The enigmatic talents of Dean Clark and Scott Donnelly have added good technical ability to the side with the additional threat they possess from set-pieces. Mitch is a credit to himself. A hugely likeable young man who has always been ready to step into the breach when required never letting anyone down. Andre has been the talk of the dressing room since his arrival but I won't embarrass him by telling you why !! An experienced campaigner - another good lad to have around. Aside from his dress sense and woeful taste in music Chaps is another with more ability than he realises. If he can combine that with his "sensible head" he's another with a good future in the game. Jay wins the award for the keenest trainer. Always first on the scene he puts the others to shame as he treks all the way from Oxford. Often in and out of the side but always very professional in his

approach and outlook. The same could be said of Matty Gooderick who, whilst with us, had his ups and downs but worked as hard as any player I've been associated with. I sincerely hope he recaptures former glories back at his old stomping ground in Banbury. Deano has been one of the success stories of the season. Goals galore in his first season at this level and one who can only improve as times go by. Monty is another with a special talent. Often in and out of games, not uncommon for someone of his age, but with a special ability to turn a game in a moment. A wand of a left foot - another with a huge future in the game if he wants it badly enough. Last but not least to the lads from Watford and St Albans. Theo and J.J have been a breath of fresh air. No airs and graces and have contributed greatly to recent results. A credit to the academy at Watford and our thanks to them for allowing

us to be a part of their footballing education. To Ben, Simon and Scotty, again, all great lads who fitted in straight away and always gave their all. Uncertainty reigns at their parent club but if they ever wanted a permanent home here I know we'd be happy to have them. A final thanks to all the other players, too numerous to mention, who have contributed to the season. Thanks fellas.

Anyway enough of me and onto the game. Here's hoping for a good performance and 3 points. Your support in recent weeks, I know, has been hugely important to the players culminating in the fantastic scenes at the final whistle at Gloucester last week. Let's replicate that and have more of the same.

Cheers for everything, have a good summer, Up the Stones, til the next time

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GOALSCORERS (All matches including friendlies, penalties scored in brackets)

	SL	EC	FAC	FAT	LSC	MSC	MCC	FR	TOTAL CAREER	
Dean Papali	20(6)	-	1	4(1)	2	-	-	1	28(7)	28(7)
Graeme Montgomery	6	-	-	1	-	-	1	2	10	12
Theo Robinson	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10
Josias Carbon	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
Dean Clark	3	-	-	-	-	-	1(1)	-	4(1)	4(1)
Chris O'Leary	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
J-J O'Toole	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Graham Hall	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	3
Lee Chappell	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2
Scott Donnelly	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Carl Martin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Simon Martin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Own goals	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Totals:	63(6)	-	1	8(1)	5	-	2(1)	18(1)	97(9)	-

Also scored *: Gavin Bamford 5, Julian Edwards 5(1), Matt Gooderick 5, Dave Lawrence 3, Stanislav Rozboud 3, John Christian 2, Matt Miller 1, Junior Thompson 1, Chris Zoricich 1, Jon Henry-Haden 1 Anton Innocent, 1.

Match Report

Ref was heart of trouble

Again Wealdstone gave away points to a team they could and should have beaten and had to be thankful for a stoppage time equaliser for a point. I haven't had a reason to criticize a referee for many weeks, which is good, but after this game I have now.

For me Mr Russell was the worst official since the days of that great incompetent Warren Atkin. It is fine booking people for kicking the ball away, (although after only nine minutes and with the game scoreless I cannot see how it can be time wasting) but again it is all to do with consistency and Russell failed to spot Clevedon players doing exactly the same thing on more than one occasion.

His sending off of Chris O'Leary was even worse. If a player choses to take a quick free kick how can an opposing player FACING THE WRONG WAY retreat quickly enough? I am not even sure that Russell saw the incident, (and for that matter one of his kicking the ball away bookings) he only saw the aftermath.

But on a more composed note Wealdstone gave away three goals and keeper Paul Smith must hold up his hand and say that he maybe, perhaps should, have kept out all three.



A bright start against poor opposition saw Wealdstone take the lead after 19 minutes. A series of 1-2s between Theo Robinson and John-Joe O'Toole opened up the Clevedon defence and saw the latter hook the ball in from 15 yards from the former's cross. Very neat, but Robinson missed an easier chance soon after when firing over the bar from just six yards out. It was to prove costly as Symons with a turn and shot equalised and Smith seemingly slow to get down to it.

For once Wealdstone heads didn't drop and a long range effort from Scott Donnelly skimmed the bar before a lovely piece of skill from Robinson, lifting the ball over his man and shooting past Greaves in the Clevedon goal, put the Stones back in front. Again Wealdstone failed to go two goals ahead when, just before the break, Donnelly's curling free kick was inches wide of a post.

This was to prove costly as the Wealdstone that

came out for the second half appeared to have left all of their good first half approach work in the dressing room. Panic and lots of defending was the norm now and it was no surprise that Clevedon soon equalised, although Scott's cross-shot did not appear to have sufficient power to beat a goalkeeper.

Russell added to Wealdstone's woes when he sent off O'Leary and from the retaken free kick Shepperd's shot smacked against the crossbar. Two minutes later Symons with a header that was only just above Smith's head gave the visitors the lead and with Stones now badly misfiring going forward, that was how it looked like it would stay.

Donnelly was off target with a couple of long range efforts, but it was four minutes into added time when his left wing corner was met by a powerful header from O'Toole and 10-man Stones had rescued a point - but is it good enough in the long run?

*Wealdstone:
Smith, Fernandes
(Montgomery 71), Moore,
B Martin, Cousins, Donnelly,
O'Toole, O'Leary, Robinson,
S Martin(Papali 69),
Carbon.*

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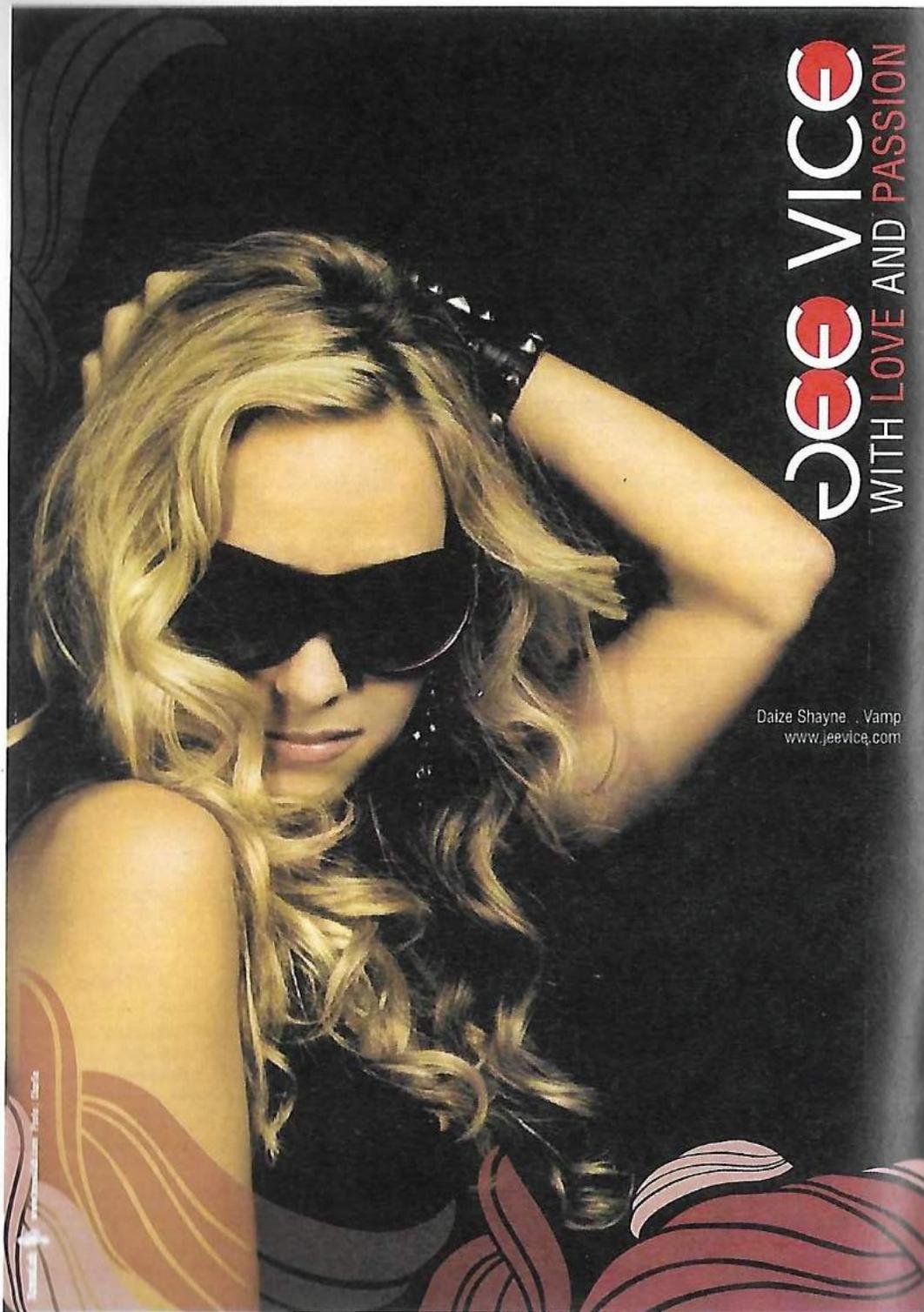
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Appearances for Stones

APPEARANCES (all matches excluding friendlies). up to 14th April 2007

(Substitutes who played are shown in brackets)

* Player no longer with club

	SL	EC	FAC	FAT	LSC	MSC	MCC	TOTAL CAREER	
Max Possible	39	1	1	4	3	1	1	50	
Chris O'Leary	35	1	1	4	3	1	-	45	45
Fergus Moore	33	1	1	1(1)	2	1	-	39(1)	265
Dean Papali	30(5)	-	(1)	4	3	1	-	38(6)	44
Graeme Montgomery	28(7)	(1)	1	4	1(1)	1	1	36(9)	73
Josias Carbon	22(4)	(1)	-	4	2(1)	-	1	29(6)	35
Lee Chappell	21(4)	-	-	3(1)	2	-	-	26(5)	69
Kevin Swift	17(1)	1	-	4	2	1	1	26(1)	27
Lee Carroll*	19	1	1	2	2	1	-	26	38
Matt Gooderick*	15(8)	1	1	3(1)	(2)	1	1	22(11)	33
Stuart Bamford *	14	1	1	4	1	1	-	22	22
Gavin Bamford *	14	-	1	3(1)	1(1)	1	-	20(2)	22
Carl Martin	18(2)	-	1	-	1	-	-	20(2)	27
Graham Hall	18(1)	-	-	-	1	-	-	19(1)	36
Dean Clark	14(5)	-	-	-	1	-	1	16(5)	21
Ben Martin*	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	15
Theo Robinson	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	15
John Christian *	7(10)	1	(1)	3(1)	2	1	-	14(12)	36
Scott Donnelly	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	14
Mitch Swain	8(1)	-	-	1	1	-	1	11(1)	13
John-Joe O'Toole	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	8
Dave Lawrence *	4(4)	-	1	1(1)	1	-	-	7(5)	12
John Armand *	6	-	(1)	1	-	-	-	7(1)	8
Wayne Cort *	4(5)	(1)	-	1(1)	1(1)	-	-	6(8)	17
Andre Delisser	5(3)	-	-	-	-	-	1	6(3)	9
Scott Cousins	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	6
Josh Cooper	1(11)	1	-	-	2	-	1	5(11)	52
Simon Martin	5(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	5(4)	9
Lee Holland *	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	40
Stuart Goodall	1(10)	1	1	(2)	-	1	-	4(12)	16
Stanislav Rozboud *	1(4)	1	-	1(1)	1(1)	-	-	4(6)	10
Michael Currie	3(1)	1	-	(1)	-	-	-	4(2)	6
Neil McDonald	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	8
Paul Smith	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	4
John Henry-Hayden *	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	4
Ernest Simon	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	3
Chris Zoricich *	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	21
Hector Mackie *	2(4)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2(4)	6
Marcello Fernandes	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Ben Walshe *	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
Billy Sentance *	(2)	-	-	-	1	-	-	1(2)	3
Leigh Wooldridge	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	1	1(1)	2
Ashley Francis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Anton Innocent *	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Matt O'Connell *	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Richard Perks	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Julian Edwards *	(3)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3)	3
Sam Sharples	-	-	-	(1)	-	(1)	-	(2)	2
Ndiwa-lord Kangana	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	1
Olhseye Adegoke	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	1
Rodrick Maveso-Mputu	(1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	1
Darren Palmer	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	1
John Sonuga	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1)	(1)	1

Match Report

Stones overcome usual jitters in decisive victory against Banbury

Steve Paull watches as Wealdstone push to a clinical finish.

This most welcome and deserved victory at least preserved Wealdstone's premier division status into the last four games of the season. Anything less than maximum points here would have left Wealdstone with almost no hope of avoiding relegation. Now there is at least a chance, and a welcome boost in goal difference for the side that has conceded the most goals in their division this season.

A quiet and even start gave the impression that one goal would probably

Wealdstone 4
Banbury United 0
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decide this fixture. Theo Robinson tested the Banbury goalkeeper, ex-league veteran Alan Judge, early on, and soon after the keeper allowed the momentum of making a catch to take him out of his area with the ball. The referee only saw fit to issue a yellow card when

numerous examples of red cards for this are issued every season.

Whatever, Andre Delisser took a curling free kick just after the half hour mark and the faintest touch from Theo Robinson was enough to give Wealdstone the lead. Banbury continued to pass the ball nicely in midfield but for all their pretty approach play seemed to be little threat in attack.

Four minutes into the second half Scott Donnelly flicked a ball John-Joe O'Toole's pass and Dean Papali raced clear of a square defence. The shot wasn't the best but it had sufficient force and direction to give Stones the luxury of a two goal cushion.

This season's script says that at this point Wealdstone get the jitters. Concentration lapsed in the defence and Mitch Swain somehow kept out an effort from Blossom, then Gardner headed over. True, Donnelly volleyed a part-cleared corner just wide, but then

Delisser made a goal-line clearance after Gardner had rounded Swain and looked odds-on to score. There were similarities between that second and the third Stones goal in the 70th minute when Donnelly hoofed the ball forward and Papali raced clear again.

This time the finish was clinical and the relief immense. Banbury were a beaten side, although both Baird and Pond got in shots that just cleared the bar. The last Wealdstone goal was scored in added time when, following a melee in the box, Robinson's determination and toe-poke forced the ball in.

Wealdstone:

Swain, Delisser, Moore, C Martin, Hall, Donnelly (Clark 82), O'Toole, O'Leary (Woodridge 71), Robinson, Papali (S Martin 78), Montgomery.

Steve Paull



Papali with only one thing on his mind.

Top: 1-0
Middle: 2-0
Below: 3-0
Right: 4-0

Think you probably know who they are by now.
23.

Youth Fixtures & Results

30 AUG	Chalfont St P	L 1-4	Paraskivas
6 SEPT	N Greenford	L 0-3	
13	HULLBRIDGE (FAYC)	W 4-0	Smith 3 Walker
13	Hayes	L 1-7	
20	GRAVESEND	L 0-4	
27	HAYES	L 0-5	
4 OCT	NORTHWOOD	L 0-3	
11	Rushden & Diamonds (FAYC)	L 2-5	Hailou 2
18	Hartley Witney	W 3-0	Smith 2 Hailou
1 NOV	RUISLIP MANOR	L2-3	M Lawrence, Paraskivas
1	N GREENFORD	D1-1	Bayele
8	Queens Sports	L0-1	
8	CHALFONT ST P	W2-1	Hailou, Bayele
13	HAYES	L 1-3	Smith
15	THURROCK	L 1-3	Nichols
15	Wembley	L 0-2	
22	Barking Abbey	L 1-4	Duffy (pen)
13 DEC	Whitton United	W5-3	Adegoke 3, Kisuule, Nicols
3 JAN	CHESHAM	L0-3	
29	Farnborough Town	L1-6	Expo
2 FEB	AFC Wimbledon	L0-1	(Football Conference League Cup)
7	HAREFIELD UNITED	L0-2	
7	Ruislip Manor	L1-6	P.Lawrence
19	Chesham United	L1-5	F.Williams
21	Gravesend & Northfleet	L2-3	Adegoke 2
26	Thurrock	L2-4	Naizghi, Paraskevas
7 MAR	Barking Abbey	L1-5	Dadson
12	QUEENS SPORTS	L2-4	
14	Harlow Town	W3-2	M.Lawrence, Sikelero, Tangerino
14	Oxford City	W2-0	Fagbayi, Okunola
19	Farnborough Town	W2-1	Paraskevas, O.G
21	Northwood (League Cup)	L1-3	Hayford
23	GRAYS ATHLETIC	L3-4	Bent 2, Adams
26	Northwood	L0-2	
28	Grays Athletic	D2-2	Hailou, O.G
4 APR	Thatcham Town	L1-4	Senanayake (pen)
11	Harlow Town	D3-3	Paraskevas, Sage, Sikelero
11	Harefield United	L1-2	Hayford
18	WHITTON UNITED	(Football Conference)	
18	Oxford City	(Allied Counties)	
25	THATCHAM TOWN	(Allied Counties)	

ALLIED COUNTIES LEAGUE

	P	W	D	L	+	-	G/D	Points
Hayes	15	12	2	1	38	12	26	38
Farnborough	15	11	2	2	43	18	25	35
Oxford C	13	8	3	2	31	15	16	27
Harefield U	14	6	1	7	18	24	-6	19
Northwood	10	5	1	4	20	14	6	16
Chesham U	14	5	1	8	18	18	0	16
N Greenford	11	4	3	4	20	15	5	15
Thatcham T	13	4	1	8	22	28	-6	13
Chalfont	17	3	1	13	21	54	-33	10
Wealdstone	16	3	1	12	13	46	-33	10

FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP

AUGUST

14 All Star Academy	W 2-1
16 Harrow Borough	W 4-0
21 Pinnacle	W 3-0
23 Hanwell Town	D 0-0

SEPTEMBER

4 St Clements	D 1-1
13 Barton Rovers Col	W 12-1

BGB Southern League Table 2006/7

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Up to and including Tuesday 17th April 2007

	Home						Away						PTS	GD	H	A
	PL	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A					
Bath City	40	12	5	3	37	15	13	5	2	39	13	85	48	L0-4	L1-2	
Team Bath	38	14	3	3	38	16	8	5	5	22	20	74	24	W2-1	L1-2	
King's Lynn	39	13	3	3	35	12	7	6	7	32	28	69	27	D1-1		
Hemel H'std T	40	12	5	3	44	22	6	6	8	32	37	65	17	D2-2	L2-5	
Halesowen T	40	10	6	4	39	30	7	7	6	23	22	64	10	L1-3	L3-5	
Chippenham T	40	10	6	4	34	20	8	2	10	26	36	62	4	W3-1	L0-2	
Maidenhead U	39	9	6	4	26	17	8	4	8	25	19	61	15	L0-3	L0-3	
Stamford	39	10	4	6	30	21	6	6	7	33	34	58	8	L2-5	D2-2	
Mangotsfield U	39	4	10	5	19	21	8	8	4	23	20	54	1	D1-1	L1-3	
Yate Town	39	7	7	5	38	30	7	5	8	18	31	54	-5	L0-1		
Merthyr Tydfil	39	10	6	4	28	15	3	7	9	17	29	52	1	L1-2	L0-3	
Banbury United	39	6	6	8	33	31	8	4	7	25	29	52	-2	W4-0	L1-3	
Gloucester City	40	5	6	9	25	39	8	7	5	36	29	52	-7	L0-3	W2-0	
Hitchin Town	39	9	3	7	29	28	5	5	10	22	38	50	-15	W4-0	L2-4	
Clevedon Town	39	6	6	8	30	28	6	5	8	27	27	47	2	D3-3	D2-2	
Tiverton Town	38	9	3	6	28	20	4	5	11	26	40	47	-6	W2-1	L1-2	
Cheshunt	39	9	3	8	32	28	4	4	11	22	40	46	-14	W5-2	D0-0	
Rugby Town	40	9	2	9	29	32	5	2	13	26	41	46	-18	W2-1	L0-2	
Wealdstone	39	7	6	7	36	35	4	3	12	27	43	42	-15			
Corby Town	40	4	6	10	23	33	5	3	12	24	34	36	-20		W4-2	
Cirencester T	40	6	6	8	29	34	2	6	12	15	39	36	-29	D2-2	W3-0	
Northwood	39	4	3	12	21	34	4	6	10	21	34	33	-26	D1-1	W2-1	

Wealdstone FC Team Draw Results - March 2007

1 N Harvey - £100

2 B Morahan	£50	3 D Lloyd	£30
4 A Couch	£20	5 M Loxton	£10
6 J Jeffreson	£10	7 P Goldsmith	£10
8 J Hitchenor	£10	9 S Yearly	£10

Well done to all of our Team Draw winners.

If you haven't yet received a prize from a previous draw, please call Nick DuGard on 01727 872675 - it could be that we don't have a current address for you. Don't forget to always update us with any address changes or please advise us if you withdraw your standing order (or if you change it).

Remember that Team Draw continues right through the summer so look out for results on www.come-to-wealdstonefc.co.uk

Fixtures & Results 2006/7

OPPONENTS	RES	ATT	POS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17
AUGUST																			
19 Mangotsfield United	L 1-3	316	17	Carroll	Zoricich	Moore	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	Christian	O'Leary	Papali	Gooderick	Montgomery	1 C. Martin*	Goodall*	Edwards*	Sentence	Holland
22 HEMEL HEMPSTEAD T	D 2-2	240	18	Carroll	Holland	Moore	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	C. Martin	O'Leary	Papali 1	Gooderick	Montgomery	Christian*	Zoricich	Edwards* 1	Sentence	Goodall*
26 TEAM BATH	W 2-1	215	13	Carroll	Holland	Moore	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	C. Martin	O'Leary	Papali 1p	Gooderick	1 Montgomery	Christian*	Zoricich	Edwards*	Sentence*	Goodall*
29 Northwood	W 2-1	355	10	Carroll	Holland	Moore	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	C. Martin	O'Leary	Papali	Gooderick	1 Montgomery	1 Christian*	Lawrence*	Goodall*	Sentence	Zoricich
SEPTEMBER																			
2 YATE TOWN	L 0-1	216	14	Swain	Holland	Moore	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	Christian	O'Leary	Papali	Gooderick	Montgomery	Edwards*	Lawrence*	Goodall*	Sentence	Zoricich
5 Hitchin Town (OG)	L 2-4	374	14	Armand	Holland	Moore	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	C. Martin	O'Leary	Lawrence 1	Gooderick	Montgomery	Christian*	Zoricich	Sentence	Goodall*	Papli*
9 Tiverton Town	L 1-2	374	14	Armand	Zoricich	Moore	Goodall	S Bamford	G Bamford	C. Martin	O'Leary	Lawrence	Gooderick 1	Montgomery	Christian*	Holland	Papali*	Sentence	—
16 Potters Bar (FAC)	L 1-2	234	—	Carroll	Zoricich	Moore	Goodall	S Bamford	G Bamford	C. Martin	O'Leary	Lawrence	Gooderick	Montgomery	Christian*	Holland	Papali* 1	Sentence	Armand*
23 HALESOWEN TOWN	L 1-3	251	21	Armand	Carbon	Moore	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	Christian	O'Leary	Lawrence	Papali 1p	Montgomery	Christian*	Holland	Gooderick*	Sentence*	Goodall
OCTOBER																			
7 Clevedon Town	D 2-2	168	20	Armand	Carbon	Moore	Swift	S Bamford	Christian	Gooderick 1	O'Leary	Lawrence	Papali	Montgomery	1 Rozboud*	Chappell	Goodall	Sentence	—
10 HENDON (LSC)	W 2-0	79	—	Carroll	Carbon	Sentence	Swift	S Bamford	Chappell	Christian 1	O'Leary	Papali 1	Lawrence	Rozboud	G Bamford*	Cort*	Goodall	Montgomery*	Sharples
14 Corby Town	W 4-2	225	17	Armand	Carbon	Chappell	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	Christian	O'Leary 1	Gooderick 1	Papali	Montgomery	2 Moore	Lawrence*	Cort*	Sentence	Goodall
21 WITHAM TOWN (FAT)	W 2-0	179	—	Armand	Carbon	Chappell	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	Christian	O'Leary	Gooderick	Papali 1	Montgomery	1 Moore	Lawrence*	Rozboud	Sharples*	Goodall*
28 CIRENCESTER TOWN	D 2-2	229	16	Armand	Carbon	Chappell	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	Christian	O'Leary	Gooderick	Papali 2,1p	Montgomery	Moore	Lawrence*	Rozboud*	Cort*	Goodall
NOVEMBER																			
4 Leighton Tn (FAT2Q)	D 2-2	223	—	Carroll	Carbon	Chappell	Swift	S Bamford	Lawrence	Christian	O'Leary	Cort	Papali 2,1p	Montgomery	Moore	G Bamford*	Rozboud*	Gooderick*	—
7 LEIGHTON TN (FATR)	W 3-0	159	—	Carroll	Carbon	Chappell	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	1 Rozboud 1	O'Leary	Gooderick	Papali 1	Montgomery	Moore*	Lawrence	Christian*	Goodall*	—
11 Bath City	L 1-2	669	19	Carroll	Carbon	Chappell	Swift	S Bamford	Currie	Christian	O'Leary	Gooderick	Papali 1	Montgomery	Moore	Goodall*	Rozboud*	Cooper*	—
14 Staines (MSC)	L 0-2	159	—	Carroll	Goodall	Moore	Swift	G Bamford	S Bamford	Christian	O'Leary	Gooderick	Papali	Montgomery	Sharples*	Carbon	—	—	—
18 MERTHYR TYDFIL	L 1-2	262	19	Carroll	Carbon	Chappell	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	Clark	O'Leary	Cort	Papali 1	Montgomery	Moore	Gooderick*	Rozboud*	Christian	Currie*
21 CHESHUNT (EC)	L 0-2	71	—	Carroll	Goodall	Moore	Swift	S Bamford	Cooper	Rozboud	O'Leary	Gooderick	Currie	Christian	Cort*	Chappell	Carbon*	Papali	Montgomery*
25 Merthyr Tydfil (FAT3Q)	L 1-2	353	—	Swain	Carbon	Moore	Swift	S Bamford	G Bamford	1 Christian	O'Leary	Gooderick	Papali	Montgomery	Currie*	Cort*	Rozboud	Chappell*	Goodall
28 Wingate & Fin (LSC)	W 2-1	74	—	Swain	Carbon	Moore	Chappell	Cooper	G Bamford	1 Clark	O'Leary	Cort	Papali 1	Montgomery	Gooderick*	Christian	Goodall	Hall	Rozboud*
DECEMBER																			
2 Stamford	D 2-2	283	19	Carroll	Carbon	Moore	C. Martin	S Bamford	G Bamford	Clark 2	Currie	Cort	Papali	Montgomery	Chappell	Christian*	Gooderick*	Swift	Rozboud*
9 Chippenham Town	L 0-2	447	21	Carroll	Carbon	Moore	Currie	Chappell	G Bamford	Clark	O'Leary	Gooderick	Papali	Montgomery	Swift	Christian	Cooper*	Goodall*	—
23 Banbury United	L 1-3	436	21	Swain	Carbon	Moore	C. Martin	Simon	G Bamford	Clark	Cooper	Mackie	Papali	Montgomery	Christian	Gooderick*	Goodall	Hall* 1	De Moraes
26 NORTHWOOD	D 1-1	305	21	Carroll	Carbon	Moore	C. Martin	Chappell	Hall	Clark	O'Leary	Simon	Papali	Montgomery	1 Christian*	Mackie*	Goodall	Cooper*	De Moraes
JANUARY																			
1 Cheshunt	D 0-0	302	21	Swain	Carbon	Moore	C. Martin	McDonald	Chappell	Clark	O'Leary	Gooderick	Papali	Montgomery	Christian*	Mackie*	Simon	Goodall	Cooper
13 CHIPPENHAM TOWN	W 3-1	225	20	Carroll	Carbon	Chappell 1	C. Martin	B. Martin	McDonald	Clark 1	O'Leary	Gooderick	Henry Haden 1	Walshe	Christian*	Mackie*	Cooper*	Goodall	Simon
16 Rugby Town	L 0-2	214	20	Carroll	Carbon	Moore	C. Martin	B. Martin	Chappell	Clark	O'Leary	Gooderick	Henry Haden	Christian	Mackie*	Cooper*	Goodall*	Simon	McDonald
20 MAIDENHEAD UNITED	L 0-3	231	21	Carroll	Carbon	Moore	C. Martin	B. Martin	Hall	Mackie	O'Leary	O'Connell	Henry Haden	Walshe	Christian	Simon	Cooper*	Gooderick*	Chappell*
23 Barking (LSC)	L 1-3	68	—	Carroll	Christian	Moore	C. Martin	Swift	Simon	Hall 1	O'Leary	Henry-Haden	Papali	Cooper	Carbon*	Gooderick*	Gill	—	—
27 Cirencester Town	W 3-0	204	20	Carroll	Carbon 2	Moore	C. Martin	B. Martin	Donnelly	Hall	O'Leary	Cort	Papali 1p	Montgomery	Swift	Cooper*	Henry Haden	Chappell*	Gooderick*
30 HITCHIN TOWN	W 4-0	232	19	Carroll	Chappell	Moore	C. Martin	B. Martin	Donnelly 1	Hall	O'Leary	Cort	Papali 3(1p)	Montgomery	Swift	Cooper*	Clark*	Gooderick*	Swain
FEBRUARY																			
3 RUGBY TOWN	W 2-1	248	19	Carroll	Carbon 1	Moore	C. Martin	B. Martin	Donnelly	Hall	O'Leary	Innocent 1	Papali	Chappell	Swift	Cooper*	Clark*	Henry-Haden	Gooderick*
17 STAMFORD	L 2-5	245	20	Carroll	Carbon	Moore	C. Martin	B. Martin	Donnelly	Hall	O'Leary	Robinson 1	Papali 1	Chappell	Montgomery*	Cooper	Clark*	Cort*	Gooderick*
20 CHESHUNT	W 5-2	225	18	Carroll	Carbon 1	Moore	Chappell	B. Martin	Donnelly	Hall	O'Leary 2	Robinson 1	Papali 2(1p)	Cousins	Montgomery*	Cooper	Clark	Cort*	Swift*
24 Team Bath	L 1-2	163	19	Swain	Carbon	Cousins	Chappell	Swift	McDonald	Hall	O'Leary	Robinson 1	Papali	Clark	Montgomery*	Cooper*	Cort*	Gooderick	—
MARCH																			
1 Yeading (away) (MCC)	L 2-5	63	—	Swain	Carbon	Montgomery 1	Francis	McDonald	Swift	Cooper	Wooldridge	Gooderick	Clark 1p	Delisser	Adegoke*	Sonuga*	Sharples	Palmer*	—
3 Merthyr Tydfil	L 0-3	409	19	Carroll	Carbon	Moore	Chappell	Swift	Donnelly	Hall	O'Leary	Robinson	Papali	Cousins	Montgomery*	Cooper	Clark*	Delisser*	Gooderick
10 TIVERTON TOWN	W 2-1	250	19	Carroll	Cousins	Moore	Chappell	Swift	Donnelly	Hall	Delisser	Robinson 2	Clark	Montgomery	Papali*	Cooper*	Carbon	Gooderick	—
17 BATH CITY	L 0-4	308	19	B. Martin	Chappell	Moore	Clark	Swift	Donnelly	Hall	Delisser	Robinson	S. Martin	Montgomery	Carbon*	Cooper	Swain*	Papali	Kangana*
20 GLOUCESTER CITY	L 0-1	192	19	Perks	Delisser	Moore	B. Martin	Swift	Donnelly	Hall	O'Leary	Robinson	Papali	Montgomery	Chappell*	Cooper	S. Martin*	Clark	Carbon*
24 Halesowen Town	L 3-5	424	20	Smith	Carbon	Moore	Chappell	S. Martin	O'Toole 1	Hall	O'Leary	Robinson 1	Papali 1	Montgomery	Clark	Delisser*	Maveso-Mputu*	Gill	—
27 Maidenhead United	L 0-3	261	20	Smith	Chappell	Moore	B. Martin	S. Martin	O'Toole	Hall	O'Leary	Robinson	Papali	Cousins	Montgomery*	Carbon*	Delisser	Maveso-Mputu	Clark
31 MANGOTSFIELD UTD	D 1-1	223	20	Smith	Fernandes	Moore	B. Martin	Hall	Donnelly	O'Toole	O'Leary	Robinson	S. Martin	1 Montgomery	Chappell	Papali*	Delisser	Clark	Carbon
APRIL																			
3 CLEVEDON TOWN	D 3-3	204	19	Smith	Fernandes	Moore	B. Martin	Cousins	Donnelly	O'Toole 2	O'Leary	Robinson 1	S. Martin	Carbon	Papali*	Hall	Montgomery*	Chappell	Clark
5 KINGS LYNN	D 1-1	266	19	Swain	Chappell	Moore	B. Martin	Hall	Clark	O'Toole	O'Leary	Robinson	Papali 1	Montgomery	S. Martin	Donnelly	Delisser*	Maveso-Mputu	Carbon
7 Hemel Hempstead Town	L 2-5	331	19	Swain	Chappell	Moore	B. Martin	Hall	Swain	O'Toole	O'Leary	Robinson 1	Papali 1	Donnelly	Montgomery	S. Martin*	Delisser	C. Martin*	Carbon
9 BANBURY UNITED	W 4-0	247	19	Swain	Delisser	Moore	C. Martin	Hall	Donnelly	O'Toole	O'Leary	Robinson 2	Papali 2	Montgomery	Carbon	S. Martin*	Clark*	Chappell	Wooldridge*
14 Gloucester City	W 2-0	392	19	Swain	Delisser	Moore	C. Martin	Hall	Clark	O'Toole	O'Leary	Robinson 1	Papali 1	Montgomery	S. Martin*	Chappell*	Carbon*	Wooldridge	Gill
21 CORBY TOWN																			
24 Yate Town																			
28 Kings Lynn																			

* substitute who came on

Recently departed Wealdstone faithful

The ball for the game recently, against Mangotsfield, was donated by Tony, Peter & Steve Drew, Dave Edwards and Ron Moore. This gesture has been forthcoming for the last ten to twelve years or so, and it's motive has been not simply to boost the coffers of the club, but more to remember those that stood loyally on the terraces season after season. The following words are from Ron himself.

"The Match Ball sponsorship throws up another unique opportunity to keep alive the memory of those dear friends and supporters who have passed away over the past decade or so. All were dedicated loyal supporters of Wealdstone FC for many years and shared the highs and lows with us, and were all familiar faces on the terraces.

The sadness of their passing diminishes with time, but their memory lives on in all of us. We shall especially remember them today."

Gordon Howland
John Willard
Val Shearer

John Burrows
Jim Minehane
Eric Fletcher

Jack Wilkinson
Dan Helen

I'm sure that all here at Wealdstone would echo those feelings towards these good men, and hope that all the guys who have sponsored in their memory enjoy the game today.

Team Draw and Club Call Line
....a thank you

As many Stones supporters are aware, yours truly has looked after the administration and promotion of Team Draw and the Club Call line for more years now than I really want to recall. The continued success of both of these fundraisers is of course down to YOU our loyal supporters, so a big thank you as another season draws to a close.

I would particularly like to take this opportunity to thank Gordon Bartlett for his unerring updates on the Club Call line after each and every match, on many occasions this means updating in the early hours of the morning following long away trips. We still receive around 250 calls each month so it really is worth it!

Both Team Draw and the Club Call will, of course, continue to operate throughout the close season. Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated - call 01727 872675. Here's to a great escape...

ENGLISH COLLEGES LEAGUE

SEPTEMBER

13	Kingston	L 1-7	Naizghi
20	MID KENT	W 5-1	Adegoke 2, Kisuule 2, Fisk
27	Nescot	W 2-1	Adegoke, Kisuule

OCTOBER

4	East Berkshire	W 2-1	Adegoke, Kisuule
18	FAREHAM	W 3-0	Adegoke 2, Kisuule
25	Westminster U	L1-2	Okunola

NOVEMBER

1	Sussex Downs	W5-0	Adegoke 2, Fisk, Okunola, OG
8	Sussex Downs	D1-1	Adegoke
15	Chichester	W3-2	Adegoke, Palmer, Senanayake
22	AMERSHAM/WYCOMBE	W2-1	Kisuule, Smith

DECEMBER

18	SOUTHGATE	L0-1	(League CUP)
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JANUARY

31	EAST BERKSHIRE	W3-1	Dadson 2, Expo
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FEBRUARY

7	Fareham Town	L0-2	
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28	KINGSTON	L2-3	Adegoke, F. Williams
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MARCH

14	RICHMOND	W2-1	A. Campbell 2, Fisk, F. Williams
21	Richmond	W2-1	Adegoke, Kisuule
28	Sussex Downs	D1-1	A. Francis

APRIL

2	Mid Kent	L0-3	
25	Amersham & Wycombe		

Stones Reserves

Home Games played at Chalfont St Peter: Suburban League 2006-07

AUGUST

6	Met Police	W3-2	Miller 2, Bactor
29	Burnham	W1-0	Adegoke

SEPTEMBER

2	Walton & Hershams	L3-5	Sztefek, Fyfield 2
4	HAYES	D1-1	Thompson
9	BASINGSTOKE	L0-1	
30	Ashford Town (middx)	L0-2	

OCTOBER

7	WALTHAM FOREST	W5-0	Fyfield 3, McDonald, Williams
16	BEACONSFIELD SYCOB	W2-0	Cort, Sharples
28	Whyteleafe	L1-2	Oluwaseyi
30	UXBRIDGE		Williams, OG

NOVEMBER

4	CARSHALTON ATH	W1-0	Simon
13	EASTLEIGH	W3-2	Ameh, Curry, Simon
18	Sutton United	L1-7	

DECEMBER

9	Waltham Forest (Lge Cup)	L2-3	Adegoke, Sharples
19	Corinthian Casuals	L1-3	Gooderick

JANUARY

13.	BEDFONT (Chall. Shield)	W6-0	Fyfield (4), Adegoke (2)
16	Beaconsfield	L1-2	Adegoke
20.	Hayes	L0-2	
22.	BURNHAM	D1-1	Adegoke
27.	THREE BRIDGES	W3-1	Hathaway, McDonald, Adegoke
31.	Hemel Hempstead	L0-1	

FEBRUARY

3.	WHYTELEAFE	W3-1	Adegoke, Hathaway, McDonald
17.	Harefield United	L0-1	
24.	Carshalton Athletic	L0-3	

MARCH

5.	ASHFORD TOWN	L0-4	
10	Brook House (MPC)	W3-0	Adegoke 2, Wooldridge
14	Ashford Town (Middx) (MPC)	L0-2	
21	Eastleigh	L0-2	
24	HAREFIELD UNITED	W2-1	Higgins, Sharples (pen)
31	Uxbridge	L0-1	

APRIL

3	Waltham Forest	W3-2	Collingon, Higgins, Knox
7	SUTTON UNITED	L0-2	
14	Three Bridges		

	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Carshalton Athletic	25	14	8	3	+27	50
Basingstoke Town	24	15	5	4	+23	50
Hayes	23	14	5	4	+38	47
Sutton United	23	12	8	3	+27	44
Ashford Town	23	13	3	7	+21	42
Uxbridge	27	10	7	10	-2	37
Metropolitan Police	23	10	5	8	-10	35
Whyteleafe	24	9	6	9	+7	33
Harefield United	23	8	8	7	+8	32
Beaconsfield SYCOB	26	8	7	11	L	31
Corinthian Casuals	20	8	6	6	-1	30
Eastleigh	21	9	2	10	L	29
Burnham	25	8	5	12	-4	29
Wealdstone	23	9	2	12	-10	29
Waltham Forest	23	9	0	14	-21	27
Three Bridges	23	6	5	12	-16	23
Hemel Hempstead* points deducted	23	4	4	15	-37	15*
Walton & Hershams	25	2	2	21	-50	8

Thanks all round as we keep our heads above water into next season

IT WAS ABOUT A MONTH ago that I explained how we had arrived at an amount of £11,573 towards our target of £15,000. As you know, we took a brave decision at Christmas to increase our playing budget for the second half of the season.

I'm pleased to inform you that the total raised to date has increased to £13,228. Thanks to:-

- Bucket collection v Tiverton £290
- Directors match of bucket collection £290
- Legends Evening £200
- John Harvey £100 share purchase
- Mike Vincent £50 share purchase
- Sudhir Rawal £100 share purchase
- Mark Lloyd £50 share purchase
- Mick Ferguson £50 share purchase
- Dave Parish £100 share purchase
- Sateesh Khanna £100 share purchase
- Adam Hills £50 share purchase
- Anonymous donation £125
- Mark McManus £50 share

purchase

- Sarin Rawal £100 share purchase

I'm hoping that we can have one last bucket collection today and I would still appeal to anyone interested in buying shares or simply "chipping in" to either speak to me in person or to contact me on 07967 698270.

Our philosophy as a Board of Directors is to give our Management team a budget that they MUST work within; if at the end of the season we come in below budget by x amount then next seasons budget will be increased by x amount. We needed to raise £15,000 and if we fail to reach the target then there is a possibility that we will have to reflect this in next years budget.

I would like to place on record my thanks to Watford FC who have come to our assistance with the loans of Theo Robinson and John-Jo O'Toole (and also I believe Lee Wooldridge). Both Theo and John-Jo have done extremely well for us –

well done lads. I was a little miffed to see Theo wearing his Watford shirt and his Watford shorts in the bar at Gloucester but, quite frankly, he can wear what he wants so far as I am concerned providing he keeps on scoring!

Today's match sponsors are Danny McManus, Grant McCann and Tony McDonagh so a big thank you to them and please join us at half time and after the game. I may be wrong, but I don't think Danny has missed a match this season.

As this is the last home match of the season it is more than appropriate for me to say a huge thank you to everyone who has helped out this season. To Drew and Charlotte on the gate, to Bappo on the tannoy, to Andy Burrows for stewarding, to Pam for numerous things, to my Pauline for catering and various, to Pauline and Graham Smith for what they've done, to Nick Dugard for the Soccerline and running Teamdraw, to Terry Dolman and more recently Adam & Minnie

Gloor for the excellent programme, to Steve Paull for match reports and to all of you who have supported the club. Thanks also to all those good people who contributed towards Share in the Budget (which raised nearly £5,000) and to everyone who has donated balls, sponsored players kit or sponsored a match. It's been a pleasure relieving you of your money – please save up in the summer so that I can extract more next season!

Speaking of next season, it's going to be tough financially regardless of whether we are in the Southern League Premier, back in the Rymans Premier, or relegated into one of the feeder divisions. We need to try and re-generate the club in many areas. Your Board have been busy in recent times and no doubt announcements will soon be made. Hopefully, we will be bringing you some good news about Prince Edward Playing Fields – amongst other things.

We do need to organise ourselves off the pitch and to this end we have been working on where our Youth teams and Reserves will be based next season.

In relation to the First Team, Mick Fishman has decided to step down after a year as Secretary. As a club we cannot function without a Secretary so anyone who is interested in this position please speak to me or a

fellow Board Member. Similarly, we need a Club Treasurer. Dominic resigned a year ago and we have been unable to replace him – whilst Nick Symmons and myself have shared Treasurer/Financial duties (with assistance from Dom, good lad that he is) clearly it is unsatisfactory and a recipe for disaster long term. Again, any would be Treasurers please contact me.

Whilst on my Situations Vacant column I'll continue. Roger has decided that he will no longer have the time to devote to maintaining his website and is stepping down. We therefore need someone to take over the running of what is effectively the Club's official website. Anyone interested?

The Friends of Wealdstone has been established for some years now and this brings much needed revenue into the Club. Again Roger is unable to continue running this club and we need someone to come forward and take over. Can you help?

I shudder to think how many kit washes have been done by Nick & Pam over the past few years but it'll be different next season as they won't be doing this job. Unless one or more of you volunteer to help then we will have no option but to outsource and whatever this costs will have an effect on our playing budget.

Basically, we need help in whatever form people feel

they can offer. Whether it's one of the jobs I've listed above, or whether it's helping out as a matchday steward or ball retriever (even on a rota basis) we need assistance. It will be extremely difficult, perhaps impossible, to continue running our club next season unless more people come forward to get involved.

I'm sorry if this all sounds a bit gloomy because I'm actually really excited at the moment. We've just beaten Banbury and Gloucester and we are in with a fighting chance of avoiding relegation. Better still, it's only been one 0 defeat in the last six games and I'd prefer to be in our position rather than the teams around us. We can only fall into the bottom three if the teams beneath us win all their remaining matches and we are ahead of the 4th bottom teams in both the Ryman and Northern Premier Leagues. It's in our own hands.

Lastly, don't forget the End of Season Presentation Evening which is going to be held at Broadfields on Friday 4th May. Tickets are £15 (this includes a bar-b-q) but anyone buying a Season Ticket for next season before this date will get a free ticket.....as well as the early bird discount.....what a bargain!

See you all at Yate.

Pete Worby

Tom Park's Fast Forward

Welcome to the White Lion Ground to our visitors from Hampshire today. We will be keen to avenge our defeat at at Rocking-horse Road earlier this season by the odd goal in six. Incidentally, Corby are managed by Dougie Keats, great-great-grandson of the great Scottish poet John Keats.

I write these notes before our cup tie with Gloucester Town last weekend, I thoroughly enjoyed visiting the sights of the town and in particular the spa baths, what a shame the weather was so poor.

Footballing-wise it did turn out to be a great game for all our supporters who made the short trip. Although the home side started well, we thoroughly deserved our first half lead with a great strike from on-loan striker Theo Robson (Barbara's great nephew). Young Theo was superb all afternoon with his lightning pace, and surely it's only a matter of time before QPR give him another chance. His standing ovation when replaced late on by Dean

Papa Bouba Diop was most deserved.

Papa Diop sealed the win with a penalty after Leo Donnellan (son of our 83-84 Double winning star Scott Donnellan) was brought down just outside the box. Stand-in skipper Lee O'Leary returned from suspension and will now feature for the rest of our run-in, it would be nice if he could end his goal drought dating back to his brace on Easter Monday at Harrow Borough a few years ago. Certainly we recovered well after having a player sent off just after half-time, but it just goes to show what you can do with an organised defence - well done Fred

So our 6th consecutive league win meant that we leapfrogged both Northwood and Corby into 21st place. With 6 games and 22 points still to play for, there's every chance now that the Bartlett-Leese partnership can pull off the miracle escape to secure our Ryman status for another season.

These are exciting times for the club, with work con-

tinuing at a rapid pace over at the Prince Andrew Playing Fields, and of course this coming Thursday we have our eagerly awaited and rescheduled trip to Yate. If memory serves me correctly, this will be our first ever visit to North Wales, so a great day out is in prospect. Bring your friends along with you to make it a carnival atmosphere.

Finally it was remiss of me not to mention in my article a few months ago the superb social function in the clubhouse, the second in a series of legends' evenings. How great it was to see the Evans twins Terry, Terry, Derek and Dylan together again, could you tell which one was which? I couldn't. So, well organised Nick, I can't wait for the next one.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to the Daily Star's Tim Parks, who provided the inspiration for this article with a series of quite remarkable inaccuracies in his hugely popular Rewind feature. (*You're fired... Ed.*)



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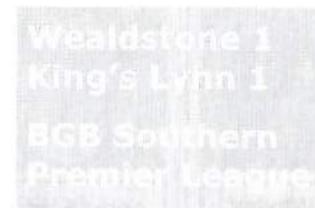
Stones step up a beat in third home draw

Steve Paull watches as Wealdstone put in a superior performance

Wealdstone's third home game in five days produced their third consecutive draw, but in terms of performance this was far superior to the two that preceded it. Stones, in the second half, dominated for long periods, and at the end of 90 minutes can count themselves very unlucky not to have won.

As early as the first minute Dean Papali could have put Stones ahead, putting his shot wide with only the King's Lynn keeper Howie to beat. Recalled Dean Clark then put a half chance over the bar. The visitors were looking nothing like a side heading for the playoffs, but they did go ahead in the 26th minute. Graham Hall clipped the feet of Melton to concede a penalty and although Mitch Swain, also returning to the side following a broken finger, saved Frew's spot kick, the ball rebounded favourably for the taker and he smashed the loose ball in.

There now came the period where Stones were at their worst and the



visitors their best. Frew put another chance wide and an excellent fingertip save from Swain to turn over a header from Melton kept Stones in the game. Wealdstone chances were very rare-only a Clark long range free kick testing Howie.

But after the break it was a completely different story. Theo Robinson tested Howie early on then Clark fired just over again, before the equaliser just after the hour. One of a string of dangerous long throws into the box from Lee Chappell was headed on by Chris O'Leary and Papali with a quick turn and shot found the net.

Graeme Montgomery smacked an effort against Howie's bar soon after, and as Wealdstone stormed forward whenever possible,

Robinson's shot from wide on the right was going in before Howie clawed it over. Still Wealdstone pressed for the winner, Blois was fortunate to see his desperate defensive header clear Howie's bar and Papali headed a corner just wide.

It was only in the latter stages that the visitors got near the Wealdstone goal and Swain with another acrobatic tip over from a Crane header kept the score level. It would have been cruel but not unusual this season if O'Halloran's 94th minute effort had found the net but it went just wide.

So Wealdstone continue to pick up points in their battle to retain their premier division status, but with one win in ten league games now, is that going to be enough? A victory or two somewhere is vital.

*Wealdstone:
Swain, Chappell, Moore,
B Martin, Hall, Clark,
O'Toole, O'Leary, Robinson,
Papali (Delisser 83),
Montgomery.*

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Fortunes sink again as Stones lose to Hemel

Steve Paull sees Wealdstone concede after scoring

Wealdstone's hopes of winning the battle against relegation took another dent as Hemel Hemstead, in the end, comfortably won this contest. But hopes in the Stones camp must still be alive as they competed well against promotion chasing Hemel and if defensive lapses can only be eliminated there might still be hope.

Against all pre-match predictions Stones took an early lead. Only two minutes had elapsed when a long throw from Chappell was fumbled by the Hemel keeper Smith and Dean Papali turned and lashed the loose ball in from close range. A good penalty shout for a foul on Robinson might have given Stones a second goal and made the game really interesting, but the referee was unimpressed.

Wealdstone led the game for half an hour. On the whole this period was trouble free for Stones. Only once did Mitch Swain make a save, although Edgeworth did shoot just over on

occasion. Hemel's Yeboah can take a throw-in that outdistances Chappell's and reaches the penalty spot. One of these missiles was to give Hemel their equaliser when defender Wild headed it in. A Dean Clark free kick headed back across goal by Fergus Moore led to Ben Martin putting a great chance over.

This miss was to prove costly as Hemel were ominously starting to get into their stride. Brennan and Herron both went close before the home side took the lead in first half stoppage time. Stones lost possession on the edge of the Hemel box, and with so many players out of position a quick break led to a Sippetts curling shot putting Hemel in front.

Only a goal behind at half time was a cause for optimism in the Stones camp, but the third Hemel goal a minute after the restart, and it's nature, dented what confidence Stones had. Herron, on the right wing, checked back and crossed

with his weaker foot and somehow his bobbling low cross eluded everybody and went in at the far post.

Stones were deflated and Hemel content with what they had achieved until a 75th minute strike from Theo Robinson after Graeme Montgomery had chased down a 'lost cause' to cross, gave Stones renewed hope.

It seems that so often in recent weeks Wealdstone have conceded very soon after scoring - which is exactly what they did here. Two further minutes had elapsed before a Hemel free kick into the Stones penalty box broke favourably for Edgeworth to hook it in. In the minutes remaining Brennan fired wide before the fifth Hemel goal from Thomas came in added time after a quick breakaway.

*Wealdstone:
Swain, Chappell
(C Martin 58), Moore,
B Martin, Hall, Clark
(Montgomery 58), O'Toole,
O'Leary, Robinson, Papali,
Donnelly (S Martin 70).*

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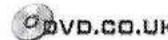
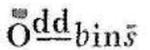
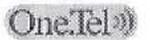
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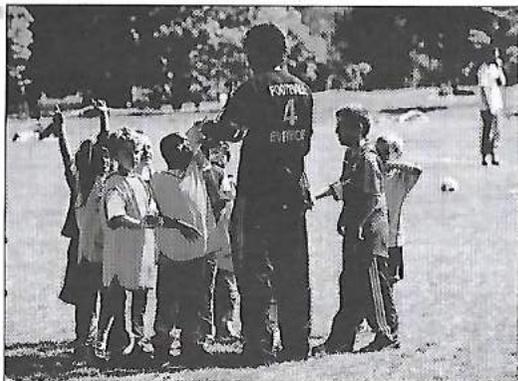
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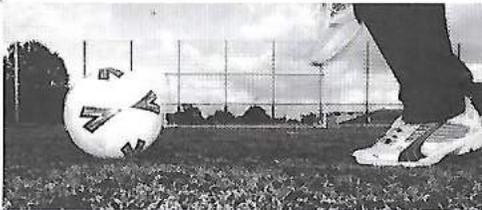
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Supporters Club

Stepping forward, Mr John Harvey

Welcome to Northwood Park for today's critical game against

Corby Town. As I write this both teams require points from today's game for the purposes of avoiding relegation. Maybe the situation is clearer by now.

I am John Harvey and these are my first program notes as a new member of the Supporters Club committee. If you don't know me you have probably seen me around stewarding or selling Golden Goal tickets.

This season I have travelled to several away games on the team coach. This means that I have seen more games than I often do. This is extremely good value for the long distances involved. It seemed a good idea when the club has

been forced into a large increase in travelling costs without a similar increase in gates. Who knows where we will be going to next season.

One thing that I am particularly interested in is the completion of the new ground at PEPF. Hopefully the Supporters Club can assist this project to a speedy conclusion and see a long-term future for the Football Club. It is amazing that we have survived for sixteen years without a ground.

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COME ON YOU STONES

In addition to what John has stated above I would like to say thank you to all the members of the committee for their great work and help over the season. I have had a fair amount on my plate over the last few months and the committee have been there with fantastic support – I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

One last thing before I go, can I re-iterate the importance of the forthcoming Football Club AGM? This meeting will be a pivotal one where the future of Wealdstone will be discussed. I urge all supporters to attend. Don't turn around in six months time that you do not like what has happened to the club – you will have missed your chance.

UP THE STONES

Savin

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One more down, three to go

The pictures for this match report were sportingly supplied by Neil Phelps from Gloucester City. www.tigerimages.co.uk

Steve Paull watches a classic season end match where Gloucester lacked intensity, but quality goals saw Stones home.

Another win, and one that claws Wealdstone another rung up the ladder towards league safety. Only one of the fourth-from-bottom sides in the three feeder leagues is scheduled to be relegated, and as things stand at the moment Wealdstone are safe by one point, but with still two weeks of the season and three games to go for most sides.

On the whole it was a deserved win too. Gloucester played with an 'end of season' air, but showed the same lack of intensity when winning at Wealdstone in March. The first half was ordinary with a distinct lack of goalscoring opportunities

Gloucester City 0
Wealdstone 2

at either end - a typical end of season game in fact, if nothing had been riding on it.

Theo Robinson blazed a chance over following good interplay between him and Dean Papali, and Wealdstone were awarded a free kick on the edge of the box that was definitely two yards inside (and I was level with the play). Nothing came from it. Apart from these incidents the was nothing to seriously test either goalkeeper or get the crowd roused, but this was

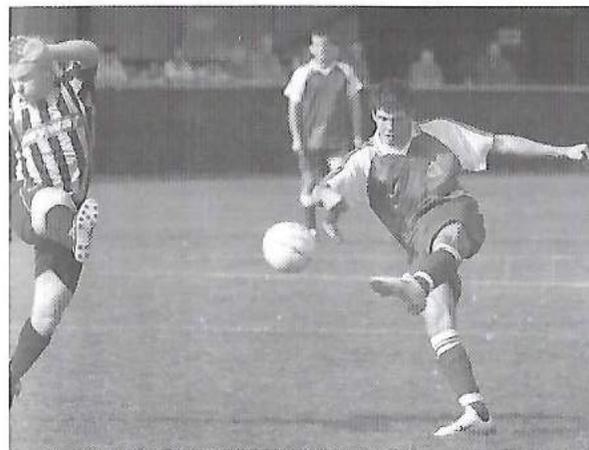
fine from the point of view of Wealdstone earning league points.

The second half began with home centre-back Hamblin heading a corner over, but Graeme Montgomery fired in a low cross from the left moments later and the merest touch from Theo Robinson was enough to give Stones the lead. This stirred the home side into action and within



Left: Carl makes it difficult.

Right: He was happier after the final whistle



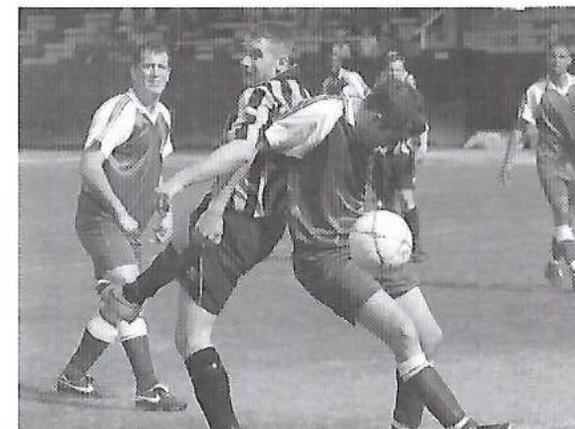
Left: Monty sweetly strikes for goal
Above: Fergus up for it once moore
Below: Good ball(s) control

minutes Cox had fired across goal and sub Wilkinson sliced wide a glorious chance, close in, at the far post.

Stones responded positively and Montgomery's effort from way out was fumbled over the bar by Johnston. It was nail biting time for Stones' travelling supporters as the prospect of a precious away victory grew more possible as the minutes ticked away. With six of those minutes remaining Montgomery, having earlier fired over, then put in a defence-splitting cross that Papali did brilliantly to control and then coolly slide past the advancing keeper Johnston. The celebrations began, but all is not safe. Three games to go.

Wealdstone:

Swain, Delisser (Chappell 58), Moore, C Martin, Hall, Clark (Carbon 88), O'Toole, O'Leary, Robinson, Papali (S Martin 89), Montgomery.



Right: Good old knees-up for the cockneys.

Wealdstone FC predict-a-score

Updated Saturday, 14th April 2007 – Latest Result: Gloucester City 0 – 2 Wealdstone

We're reaching the end of the season and the prizes for the winners of the competition will be as follows :-

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The person who finishes last (except for Graham Jones who only predicted scores for one game) will receive a free entry to next season's competition.

Position	Player	Points	Prediction vs Corby Town
1	Up the popples	35	0-1
2	P. Sheldrake	34	2-0
	A Mug Punter	34	1-0
4	Guy Edwards	33	2-1
	Barry Benveniste	33	2-2
6	E.A.Hibbs	32	1-0
	Radio & Rattle	32	0-0
8	Megaphone	30	2-1
	Adam Edwards	30	2-1
10	Nick Dugard	29	2-0
11	Mark Corner	28	3-0
	Greedy Pig	28	2-1
	Andrew Lane	28	2-1
	Phil Hawkes	28	2-2
15	Mark Lloyd	27	1-1
	Bob Hall	27	2-0
17	Steve Yearley	26	1-1
	Miss Patricia Roney	26	2-1
	Smooth Operators	26	1-1
	D. Balderstone	26	3-1
	Doctor Death	26	2-1
	Phillip Smith	26	2-2
	Michael Ivers	26	2-0
	C. Barker	26	4-2
25	Miss B. Robson	25	1-0
	Lew's Blues	25	1-0
	Duncan Towell	25	2-0
	Roy Couch (2)	25	3-1
	Christine Fletcher	25	1-2
	David Edwards	25	2-1
	G. McAllister	25	3-0
	Mick Fishman	25	2-1
33	Steve Corner	24	2-2
	Tony Platt	24	2-1
	Rob Oke	24	2-1
	Jo Luff	24	4-1
37	John Harvey	23	1-0
	Rob Hawkes	23	3-1
	Pigs In Goal	23	4-2
	Gerald Jacobs	23	2-1
	Liz Wiggins	23	3-1
	Alan Couch	23	3-1
	Seven of Nine	23	1-0
	Peter Drew	23	3-0
45	Nick Woolford	22	1-0
	Robert Henman	22	0-4
	Ken Wiggins	22	2-1
	Roy Couch (1)	22	2-0
	Chris Andrews	22	2-1
	Tim Parks	22	3-1
	John Comfort	22	2-0
52	Michael Pullin	21	3-1
	Nick Whitty	21	1-2
	Tony Waller	21	2-0
	Oscar	21	3-0
	Jon Taffel	21	2-1
	Bob Bangs	21	1-0
	Alan Hill	21	1-0
	Roge Slater(2)	21	2-1

Position	Player	Points	Prediction vs Corby Town
	Andy Burrows	21	1-0
	Howard Kraiss	21	2-0
62	Pam Pholtanapong	20	1-1
	Toby Jackson	20	0-0
	Robert Matthews	20	0-0
	Deady	20	2-0
	Miriam Goodman	20	2-0
	Tony Short	20	2-1
	Steve Paul	20	4-1
	Irene Paul	20	1-2
	Roge Slater(1)	20	1-0
	Dave Parish	20	2-1
	Don Cross	20	2-1
	Colin Pearce	20	0-0
	Danny McManus	20	0-2
75	Nick Symmons	19	1-0
	Quentin Fox	19	1-0
	Daniel Fox	19	1-0
	Derek Goss	19	2-1
	Matteo Tonna	19	3-2
	J. Jeffreson	19	2-0
	Rob Saville	19	0-0
	Daniel Gloor	19	4-0
	Matt Andrews	19	2-0
	The Flying Turds	19	1-1
	Patricia Innes	19	1-1
	Wee Jock	19	4-1
	Monica Williams	19	2-0
88	Sprouthead	18	3-0
	Jez Albert	18	1-1
	Brian Stimpson	18	3-0
	Mrs C. Kemp	18	4-3
	Mark McManus	18	2-1
93	Matthew Lane	17	1-2
	Christina Burst	17	1-1
	Adam Corner	17	3-1
	Two Burgers	17	2-1
	A.E. Rogers	17	3-1
	Ron Moore	17	3-0
	Daphne Corner	17	4-0
100	Leo Werin	16	1-2
	Dan Botten	16	1-1
	Dave Owen	16	3-1
	Karl Schmitt	16	2-1
	Trevor Davies	16	2-1
105	Sarah Hartland	15	3-1
106	Mr J. Kemp	14	2-1
	Ray Corner	14	3-0
	Christopher Lane	14	2-0
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	Matt Hill	14	2-1
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Tim Parks finishes his tour through the best 30 league matches in his lifetime. Here's the countdown to No. 1

Previously in Great All-Time League games... No.30 was the last-day-of-Lower Mead 1-1 v Cambridge City in 1991;

No. 29 3-3 v Minehead in 1973; No. 28 3-1 at Weymouth in 1994; No.27 4-1 win over Dartford 1974; No.26 5-0 v Yeovil in 1979; No. 7-1 v Gravesend in 1975; No.24 2-1 win at Wimbledon, also in 1975; No. 23 3-1 loss to Enfield in 1983; No.22: 4-0 v Hitchin Town this season; No.21 4-2 win over Stafford in '88; Nos.20 and 19 the 3-1 and 2-0 wins over Edgware in 1997-98; No.18 7-2 win over Boston in 1985; No. 17 3-2 win at Kettering in 1974; No. 16 The 5-1 win at Yeovil in '83; No.15 1-0 win at Braintree in 1998; No.14 the 6-0 Xmas spanking of Barnet in 1982; No.13 the 1-0 win at Enfield a few days later; Nos.12-8 the amazing five wins in eight days that set up the Conference title in '85 (3-2 v Weymouth, 2-1 at Altrincham, 2-1 at Gatsehead, 1-0 v Runcorn and 1-0 v Scarborough); No. 7 the 1-0 win over Wimbledon in 1975; and No.6 the Ryman Div 3 title-winner, 3-1 at Northwood in 1997. And so, finally, to my top five games. You may not agree, you may even think the battling 2-0 win at Gloucester last week might have snuck into the top

30. But here's my final offering...

No.5

Tuesday, February 18, 1997, Icis League Division Three: Wealdstone 6 Braintree Town 0

AN AMAZING night at the White Lion ground that personified exactly what you can achieve as a football team with guts, determination and desire. The Ryman Div 3 title was narrowing into a two-horse race between ourselves and Braintree, and "The Iron" had bragging rights after winning the first game in Essex 2-0 just before Christmas.. but when they swaggered into the White Lion ground they were surely unaware of the hostile reception that awaited them. Stones had waited two months for revenge and, backed by a frenzied crowd of over 400, tore into them right from the kick-off. The Essex title pretenders were outclassed in every area of the pitch, with skipper Fergus Moore here, there and everywhere in fist-pumping action.

Braintree were hanging on after just ten minutes as two shots were cleared off their line, but Bryan Hammatt opened the scoring with a clinical finish inside the box... and centre-



back Roy Marshall bulleted in a header from Steve Bircham's cross to make it 2-0 after just 20 minutes. Having seen some indifferent displays that season against poor sides, we just stood there open-mouthed as the Stones swept forward with a display of crisp, assured passing. Our devastating attacks soon brought a third from the brilliant Terry Hibbert.

The normally-assured Braintree were all over the place. Into the second half and a long-ranger from the inspired Fergie was only half-saved and Simon Garner knocked in the rebound... we were looking like netting from every attack and Hammatt and Tony Smith wrapped up the win, Braintree just praying for the final whistle.

No.4

**Saturday May 4 1985,
Gola League:**

Kettering 0 Wealdstone 1

UNBELIEVABLE, you may be thinking, that the win that clinched the Stones greatest-ever honour, the non-League title, ranks only 4th in the list! Many people would have this as the Numero Uno in Wealdstone history and, in many ways, they would be right. But, like quite a few that season, this wasn't a great game. The Stones simply rolled up their sleeves in true Brian Hall fashion and set about collecting the three



away points that would clinch the 'Conference' title ahead of the final game, a tricky trip to Barnet two days later. Five days after that, of course, was the Trophy Final at Wembley and we didn't want to have anything hanging on the game at Underhill.

It was a nervy afternoon for the 400 or so travelling fans, stretched out in a blue and yellow swathe behind the Kettering goal, just willing the ball to go in. We had to wait until the 78th minute when Dennis Byatt (truly magnificent on the day without his suspended defensive partner Paul Bowgett) powered in a freekick to the back of the penalty box. It beat a cluster of defenders to where Andy Graham was waiting for a trademark strike.... a sharp, angled volley that beat home keeper Boyd to the far corner. The crowd erupted in relief, and 15 minutes later Kettering chairman John Murphy was handing the Gola League trophy to a jubilant, be-suited **B o w g e t t**. Our chairman Alan Clifton had travelled to the League secretary's home in Kent before the game and smuggled the trophy, ahead of time, to Kettering for just this eventuality. Not a great game then, but a moment in history for the club and rightly revered.



No.3

**Saturday April 2 1983,
Alliance Premier League:
Maidstone United 0 Wealdstone 3**

JUST ABOUT the best performance I've ever seen from a Wealdstone side. We've maybe had more passionate, tougher, more uncompromising teams but we've never had a BETTER team (though I never saw the great amateur sides) than this XI that stepped out at Maidstone's big old London Road ground this Easter Saturday for a game that would go a long way towards shaping the destiny of the Alliance Premier League title.

Or so we thought. As it turned out, we faltered after this glorious afternoon (three draws and beaten at home, crucially, by Eddie McCluskey's Enfield) and Maidstone and Enfield passed us on the final straight to set up a two-way fight for the championship. The Es finally won it by a point on the last day of the season.

But it might have been us. Oh, how it might have been us. They were both bloody good sides too, but I still maintain that the Wealdstone side so painstakingly assembled by Allen Batsford was better.

Who was in it? Well, we had the incomparable, unflappable Ray Goddard in goal. The ex-Orient and Wimbledon keeper patrolled behind an unrivalled back four of Steve Perkins, Stuart Pearce, Dennis Byatt and Paul Bowgett, with the tigerish Fred Barwick and elegant John Margerrison in midfield, flanked by Roy Davies and Neil Cordice, while up front Mark Graves and Alan Cordice were the best pairing in non-League football.

On this day, Maidstone simply couldn't live with the wit, creativity and impenetrability of the side in blue shirts. The other Stones' stadium was a big, oval affair with a greyhound track and the longest goal stanchions you've ever seen. It took an age to retrieve the ball from the back of the net and, happily, that was what home keeper Richardson was forced to do three times as the Middlesex Stones fans (and there were

again hundreds in the ground) celebrated wildly on a fabulous spring afternoon. Margerrison, the former Fulham star who had added guile to our already-good midfield a few months before, drove in the opener and the predatory Mark Graves put us well on top. But I best remember Gravesy's second-half goal, when he picked up the ball after some sharp inter-passing 30 yards out, moved it forwards five yards and then struck a beautiful shot (similar to Michael Carrick's no-backlift goal for Man Utd against Roma last week) over Richardson and deep into the net.

Maidstone were shattered, a beaten side. But they had a nasty streak and a late tackle on the outstanding Neil Cordice in the dying minutes had a profound effect on our season. It almost broke his leg, and without our influential midfielder and a thin squad we lost momentum in the title run-in, eventually finishing third. Neil was also named in the England non-League squad for a game the following week (along with his brother Alan) and had to withdraw... a sad end, then, to a truly memorable afternoon in Kent

No.2

**Thursday, April 29 1982,
Southern League Southern Section:
Wealdstone 2 Hastings United 0**

WOW! This came so, so close to finishing top of my Top 30. In many ways this Thursday evening Championship decider at Lower Mead WAS the best league game of all time, and one of my work colleagues at the Daily Mirror (a Hastings fan of rare vintage) who was present that night proclaims it, even now, as one of the most charged games he's ever seen.

Premiership and TV bosses have engineered a Chelsea v Man Utd game for the very climax of this current season, and if you didn't know better you might have thought the Southern League hierarchy had done a Sky Sports deal for this one. For the Stones went into the game on the back of a 15-match unbeaten run that would have broken the spirit of any title challengers...

apart from Hastings United, who had won something like 20 consecutive games to cling to our coat-tails, level on points, going into the final week of the season. This truly was a gargantuan clash. Only one team would be promoted to the Conference, and we were desperate to reclaim our rightful place among non-League's elite. A place very well-earned by our fabulous side of this era (much the same as that outlined in the game at Maidstone, No.3 in this list) that had proved irresistible all season.

But if any team would be able to resist us, it would be Hastings. They were formidable at the back and potent up front, and in Matt Stock they possessed possibly a better midfielder than our own Robin Wainwright.. But "Throbbin Robin" was determined to win his own personal battle as we started like men possessed.. despite having played four games that week and won them all. My recollections of the game are hazy. Bowgett and Byatt immense at the back. Stuart Pearce striking fear in Hastings hearts with his foraging forward runs. Alan Cordice, partnered that season by Ray Knowles, threatening to tear them apart. Eventually, that is precisely what happened. Cordice put away the first, and then, with a crowd close to 2,000 packed in the Cinema End, came close to finishing the contest so many times in the second half as Hastings held on. Finally, Knowles won a knock-down and Cordice slapped in the rebound to spark amazing scenes.

We officially clinched the title with a 3-0 win over Ashford two days later, but this was a heavyweight showdown in the Ali-Frazier mould and, thankfully, it was the Stones who floated like butterflies and stung like bees to end the season a crucial one point ahead of Hastings. Quite a battle.

No. 1 Monday May 3, 2004

**Ryman League Play-off:
Dulwich Hamlet 2 Wealdstone 2
(Wealdstone win 5-4 on penalties)**
YES, YES, I know what you're thinking...

how can this be considered a league match when it was a one-off, play-off game? But technically it WAS a league game and I gloriously pronounce it as such, largely because it was such an awesome night and the rightful winner of any poll! I hardly need to outline the events that led up to the Stones needing a play-off, as it is such recent history. But basically, we began the season in the Ryman League Div One North, knowing that (because of restructuring and the formation of a second tier to the Conference) a place in the top six would ensure Ryman Premier Division football in 2004-5.

Promotion would be particularly sweet as we felt we had been cheated out of automatic promotion to the Premier Division five years before.

But although we started the season well enough, and held a place in the coveted top six for most of the winter, our season fell apart in February and March with just one win in eight games and the side dropping to 12th in the league. Very strange, when you think that we fielded such luminaries as Marvin Morgan, Richard Jolly, a young Jermaine Beckford, Martin Carter and Gary McKeown.

But we got our act together when all appeared lost, a run of just one defeat in nine games in April rocketing the Stones into sixth place. Disaster, though, when we lost 2-0 at home to promotion rivals Hemel Hempstead and dropped to 8th... though we had a back-door entry to the Premier Division up our sleeves, with news that, if we finished 7th, there would be play-off with the team who finished seventh in the Ryman Division One South.

We still had to win our last game, at East Thurrock on May 1st, to steal into 7th place, and a 2-0 victory catapulted the Stones into this play-off just two days later at Dulwich's Champion Hill ground. The Hamlet had home advantage as their playing record over the season was better... but with over 300 Wealdstone fans present that Monday night, it seemed more like a home game. Dulwich had ended the season in great form

and threatened to overwhelm us with Omari Coleman and Craig Dundas a constant threat. But Andy Carter, with one amazing triple save, and Dave Ryan were outstanding and it was the Stones who went ahead after 30 minutes. McKeown's freekick was punched out by home keeper Seuke as far as Martin Carter, whose clever chip from 35 yards sailed back over the stranded keeper and into the net. With the Stones fans in raptures we should have made the game safe in a tremendous 20 minute spell, Marvin Morgan bringing a great save from Seuke before Jolly's sharp turn and shot hit the far post. Then Ryan blazed a volley from 20 yards that the home keeper somehow kept out.

Into the second half and slowly Dulwich fought back. Now it was Andy Carter's turn to deny Coleman (twice) and Dundas before a Coleman cross-shot was slid home by Charley Side for 1-1. We were rocking and it all seemed horribly predictable when, with just 10 minutes to go, Carter again saved from the livewire Dundas only for Coleman to hammer in the loose ball. 1-2. But cometh the hour, cometh Dave

Ryan. He had a huge performance this night, and delivered with an 86th minute freekick on the edge of the box after Morgan had been brought down - for a penalty, we thought at the time. Ryan's low drive beat Seuke to an ear-splitting roar of relief from the visiting fans. 2-2!

Extra time, as so often, was a battle of tired limbs. Carter again saved from Coleman, while Jolly and sub Ben Alexander had half chances, and it was trepidation that greeted the final whistle... with the prospect of a penalty shoot-out for a Stones side that had missed SEVEN out of ten penalties in the course of the season! We all packed in behind the goal, Stones fans one side and Dulwich the other and good-natured banter broke out. We were resigned to defeat. Hamlet were confident, and they had brought on regular penalty takers Lee Akers and Meshach Nugent late in extra time for just this eventuality. It was Akers who stepped up to take No.1 for Dulwich. Goal. Then Dave Ryan, so magnificent in the 120 minutes, took our first spot-kick and shot feebly at keeper Seuke. Saved. Our whole season seemed



**Jolly good
penalty sends
Stones up**

Top 30 continued

encapsulated in that moment, with penalty misses dogging our efforts since August. That made eleven penalties and just three scored. On the terraces, we just shrugged our shoulders and accepted the inevitable. It had only been a couple of seasons since we lost to Enfield Town in the Middlesex Charity Cup Final on penalties... and indeed, a year or so before that had drawn with Wembley in the Middlesex Cup and lost 3-0 on penalties, and looked ripe to repeat that unwanted record.

Sure enough, Dulwich score their next and we are 2-0 behind, and even when Danny Butler rams one in for the Stones it seems pretty irrelevant. And so it goes on, Dulwich beating Andy Carter with Teutonic efficiency and (remarkably, we start to realise) the Stones respond with a couple of beautiful spot-kicks of our own from Tommy Williams and Gary McKeown. But it still left Dulwich just needing to convert their final penalty to win promotion, and Nugent stepped up (rather cockily, I remember thinking) to settle our fate. Time seemed to freeze as he ambled forwards, attempting to dummy Andy Carter, and then struck fractionally under the ball, which climbed, and climbed and climbed, seemingly for the roof of the net. My thoughts were scrambled in that nano-second. He's really got under this one. Carter's nowhere. It's going in. Numb realisation. Hang on, the ball's still climbing. **** me! It's hit the bar! And bounced over!

Nugent hangs his head in disbelief. Carter, face full of dust, looks behind him and realises he's not heard the rustle of ball on net. He jumps to his feet and clenches his fist while, all around, men in blue are tasting salvation.

Jesus, we all think, we can actually save this now. Just keep our nerve. Martin Carter still has to put away our final penalty to force sudden death and people are afraid to look as he runs up and carefully places the ball high to Seuke's left. 4-4! We are now jumping around, total bags of nerves. How must the players be feeling,

gathered in their tight knot in the centre-circle? Suddenly the pressure is on Dulwich now... we all feel it, their fans feel it, their players are palpably feeling it and when their defender David Moore walks up to take their sixth penalty he looks like a condemned man.

Andy Carter bounces on his goalline. He's guessed wrong every time so far, but the odds must be working in his favour soon... YES! Moore hits a tame penalty to Carter's right and he falls jubilantly on the ball! All the noise is now coming from the Stones fans. We can't believe it. How can the whole mood of a game, a whole season, change in the space of a few minutes? But then we as shushing ourselves, urging quiet as Richard Jolly, one of the best strikers but worst penalty takers in Wealdstone history, comes forward for the defining moment. Richard Jolly, who had cost us a point with a soft penalty miss in our very first game of the season against Yeading. Richard Jolly, who had then taken one at Berkhamsted but cost us two points when the keeper saved.

Richard Jolly... who was now our hero as he banged the ball hard and high into the net to leave Dulwich on their knees, and everyone else in ecstasy. We did it! We did it! We bloody did it! Never have I been through an emotional wringer quite like that night, and all around grown men were weeping and hugging each other, cavorting with the players, even just lying on the pitch and thrashing their legs in some kind of epileptic celebration. We were promoted. We had won a penalty shoot-out, of all things. And we are Wealdstone, super Wealdstone, we are Wealdstone, Lower Mead.

Can I just say a thankyou for Tim's offerings this season, I have enjoyed reliving those games immensely. Also thanks to all the other writers, Pete, Howard, Roger, Attic, Roy, Mick and Spaul. Also to Gordon, Mark and Leo, and the supporters Club writers, and Martin Lacey
Sorry to anyone I have forgot.
Have a great summer
Adam

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