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Welcome back to Joe White.. and also Gary Hand from the 1970s

Wealdstone v Hendon

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DELIGHT AND DELIRIUM, PART TWO! Ten weeks ago we sunk Barnett at the Vale with an injury-time winner... on Saturday at The Hive the goal arrived even later as Corie Andrews (pictured with Jack Cook) struck in the 99th minute PICTURE: ION TAPPEL

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By Mark Hyde

Written in Stone



1966 and all that....

Hello, good afternoon and welcome to Grosvenor Vale for todays FA Trophy Fifth round tie with our old friends Hendon.

Cup games between our two sides will invariably bring up talk around the biggest game to be played at Wembley in 1966 and lets hope for another victory this afternoon and the resultant place in the Quarter finals.

Hendon like Wealdstone suffered a nomadic fate and mixed footballing fortunes since the loss of their iconic Claremont Road stadium in Cricklewood but their fortunes are on the up since moving to Silver Jubilee Park and under the management of Lee Allinson have had some impressive results of late, not least the 2-1 away win at Oldham in the last round of this trophy. Keep an eye out for a few familiar ex Stones faces in the Hendon squad today.

Looking back over an eventful few weeks (admittedly in the pub) the subject of late goals was a hot topic.

So when is a point not a point? Well the answer is obviously a point is always a point but the feeling around it can be so much more. Take the Barnet game as an example, there is no doubt that a goal with just 8 seconds left of nine added minutes sent

the Wealdstone fans home feeling like we had won and to add to that pleasure the knowledge that Barnets fans who had almost certainly already accepted victory were experiencing the worse feeling in football.

It is however not quite as clear cut as the above though, and I refer you to the Aldershot game eleven days ago. Two nil down near the half hour mark and many were optimistically thinking 'I would take a point now' to themselves. Remarkably with the game heading into the Ninety Second minute Wealdstone were ahead only to concede a late equaliser. The feeling for most I spoke to after the game was that of a point gained. My conclusion?... make sure we are at least four goals up in every game going into time added on and we should have a much easier emotional experience.

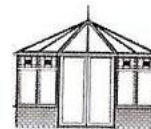
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Mark

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THE STONES INTERVIEW by tim parks

David Noble on his 'flattering' appointment, 'taking a punt in the dark' on asking his mate Neil... and the drama of Barnet

DAVID NOBLE admits that his appointment as Wealdstone manager was all a bit of a surprise.

"I'd seen the news about Stuart Maynard going to Notts County but to be honest I was just focused on what's on hand for myself, which was managing St Albans" he said when I caught up with the former Arsenal midfielder before the Maidenhead game this week.

"But then Rory (Fitzgerald) got in touch. I had no inkling really, and I was flattered to be approached because Wealdstone are a National League club and heading towards going full-time. The only previous contact I'd had with the Stones was earlier in the season, sorting out the loan deal for Dom Hutchinson across from Slough to St Albans". David had clearly



David Noble celebrates the late leveller at Barnet with his players and the ecstatic fans
PICTURES: MIKE RENNY

impressed the Wealdstone hierarchy with his clear-sighted management in what was his only previous job in the hot seat. He had steered the Saints all the way to the National League South play-off final last season, only to flounder against Oxford City.

And this season, after a patchy start, St Albans have racked up six wins in eight games to plant themselves firmly in the play-off zone again. But now he had to assemble a management team in double-quick time.

"It was great to get Neil (Banfield) to come and join me" said David.

"To be honest Neil was a bit of a punt in the dark! I've known him years and he was my first coach when I was a kid at Arsenal, a mentor you might say. Really knows his stuff. But I knew he was out of work since leaving Rangers and I need his experience."

Neil, 62, worked under Arsene Wenger for a decade or more as the Gunners' first team coach before leaving to join Michael Beale at QPR. Then the pair were off to the other Rangers - in Glasgow - for a short-lived spell. We'll catch up with the East Londoner for a full interview in a forthcoming programme!

"Neil had a massive impact on my career" says David. "The coaches all do really, both the positive and the negative because of the way they shape careers. Neil knows all the ins and outs, the details of the game, the tactics and the technical side. He's seen it all!"

So next on David Noble's wish list was another old friend, Sam Cox. "I'd tried to get Sam over to St Albans last season, both as a coach and as

a player because he's great to have around the place. He's got great knowledge of the game and a strong personality... you can't not like Sam!"

Coxy will be balancing his time between the Stones and Tottenham, where he has worked as a coach for the last half-dozen years, and David hopes that the UEFA A-licence coach will switch to a full-time basis with the Stones in the summer.

It's been quite a dramatic start to the embryonic management team's career... with that rollercoaster 3-3 draw against Aldershot followed by the heart-stopping injury time scenes at Barnet.

"This group of players has got unbelievable heart and spirit" said David. "You'll have seen this all before this season I'm sure, but they never give up. To rescue games of football like that, with all the injury-time goals we've seen, is a good trait to have".

But a lot of the credit must go to the MT for re-shaping the team after playing second-fiddle to the Bees in the first half.

"We changed to a back four to try and stop Barnet having so much of the ball, and moved Tarryn up top with

Sean, making it more a diamond and flat three in midfield. It changed the flow of the game and it was a brilliant point to get. Barnet are up there for a reason."

He also paid tribute to the fans: "That massive Stones away following kept us going right to the end. How many was it? Over 900! That was superb and tells you all you need to know about the Wealdstone support"

David, now 44, lives in Stevenage with his young family and played in the Arsenal youth system from the age of nine.

"There was a lot of competition though" he deadpans. "It was the time of Henry, Petit, Vieira, Bergkamp, Edu and Gilberto".

That team were soon to become the Invincibles and David, despite being touted as a Premier League 'one to watch', moved off to Watford and West Ham in the Championship, then Bristol City, Boston United and Exeter for a long career spanning 336 appearances in the Football League. Plus 123 appearances for St Albans in the National League South before he hung up his player/coach boots and was appointed manager.

Now he is in charge of a squad with "some very good players, but needing one or two new faces".

"Neil used his QPR contacts to get Deon Woodman in and he'll be real addition, especially after losing Mason Barrett for four games. We're always looking to improve the squad".

Do you have a little black book, like Stuart and Matty, with players you're targeting, I asked him. "Well we still have Steve Boon, who was doing that job with the previous managers and it's a BIG black book!" he laughed.

"With all the games coming up it would be nice to have a bit more cover, a bigger squad especially after losing Charley and Tahvon".

So is the FA Trophy a bit of a distraction from the league, or something you're really focussing on this season? I asked.

"Well we're in the last 16 so why not think about winning it?" he said. "In my time at St Albans we were knocked out by Kidderminster and Bishops Cleeve and that hurt. Our squad is not really big enough to have too much rotation so we'll be going for it".



Mmmm, we might be needing all of that

The extra-time board goes up at The Hive...



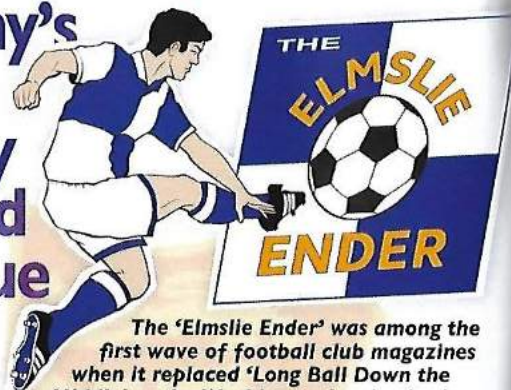
I'm pushing you up top, and Corrie's gonna score the equaliser

Blimey, he's good!

As a manager, it helps if you're psychic

Britain's longest-running fanzine column (and it shows it) has

Why the FA Trophy's been so cynically devalued...and why we should be proud of being non-League



The 'Elmslie Ender' was among the first wave of football club magazines when it replaced 'Long Ball Down the Middle' as the Wealdstone fanzine in the mid-1980s. LBDTM's forerunner 'Wealdstone Whispers' was famously the THE very first football fanzine in Britain when it was published in 1971.



BY MARTIN LACEY

WELL, for another two weeks at least we can all dream of a glorious return to Wembley and ecstatic crowds thronging the streets of Ruislip Manor to welcome the all conquering

Stones before a civic reception at Hillingdon Town Hall, wherever that may be.

For fans of a certain age (i.e. old, but not old enough to have been at the Amateur Cup Final in 1966) our 1985 Wembley triumph was a defining moment in our supporting journey. All the calamities and heartache in the subsequent years can't diminish that achievement, and the fact that we have clawed and crawled our way back up the tree, nearly to our former pinnacle makes it all the sweeter. There's no 'AFC' in front of 'Wealdstone'.

Yes, we glow with pride when we hear kids whose parents were probably toddlers on the 11th of May 1985 singing eulogies to the team of Bowgett, Byatt, Graham and Iles. Indeed, my own favourites away match song is the one that goes, 'Have you ever won the double have you flip?' - I may have misheard that last word - though this seems to have gone out of vogue of late, possibly because 'Have you ever won the National League?' doesn't scan as well as 'Have you ever won the Conference?' and if you sang 'Have you ever won the Conference?' at Oldham or Rochdale the response would probably be, 'The what?'

Still, I will not tire of reminding fans of those Billy Big-Bollix teams that currently infest the National League that Wealdstone have won it more times than Oldham, Rochdale, Chesterfield, Southend, Torquay, Notts. County and York City put together... and have made more appearances at Wembley than some of those too. Sadly, it's the

small number of BBB clubs who seem to call all the shots these days at every level. Finishing fourth in the Premier League doesn't get you any silverware or an open top bus tour, nevertheless, every Premier League team would rather finish fourth than win The FA Cup, or - spit - the League Cup, because it opens the lid of the bottomless trough of cash that is qualification for the Champions League.

Similarly half the teams in the National League are interested in nothing other than promotion to the EFL and regard the FA Trophy as a mere encumbrance, or an unpleasant reminder of their fallen status. By my quick count, there are currently including 'phoenix' clubs - twenty-one former Football League teams in the three divisions of the National League, so some of you will be waiting quite a while for that return. Believe me, another ten years of non-league football and you'll be begging for a run in the FA Trophy.

Which makes it all the more galling how the competition has been so cynically devalued. No replays, no extra time, one-off semi-finals. No doubt the Wembley showpiece will be next on the chopping block. Apart from anything else, this affects the way teams approach matches. When there were replays an away team might indeed park the bus in the hope of taking the opponents back to their own ground; there would nevertheless be a full 210 minutes of football for one team or another to establish their superiority before the 'lottery' of penalties. Now any underdog knows they just have to bolt the door for ninety before they toss the coin.

Another popular away song is 'Non-league, and you know you are...' How about 'Non-league and we're proud of it'? Because we are. It's about time the game was run by and for the real majority of clubs like ours.

not just one ex-editor but two this week!



BY SUDHIR RAWAL

While Corie Andrews will get all the plaudits from last Saturday's derby day heroics in the 99th minute, Marcus Dewhurst was the real hero of the day with his best performance in a Wealdstone shirt.

Goalkeepers nowadays have to be multi-skilled. Good with their feet, sweeper keepers, but the real test is if they can keep the ball out of the net and win their team a match or save a point with a vital save, Dewhurst certainly did that. Let's be honest, our rivals from HAB were dominant in the opening half and had they gone in two, three or even more goals ahead, no one would have been surprised.

We missed the now departed Ashley Charles in my opinion, shielding the defence and it is an area that we will need to enhance quickly. That Barnet didn't lead handsomely by the break was down to Dewhurst making a number of saves and a Cook header off the line. But Marcus' crowning moment was yet to come.

The second half saw Wealdstone improve, with a tactical tweak, but we never really came into the game until around the 70th minute. It appeared that Barnet faded a little, yet we were still not creating anything of note and when Barnet were awarded a very soft penalty in the final ten minutes, most of the 921 away fans thought that was that. Dewhurst had other ideas.

In his post-match interview, Marcus mentioned that knew that Brunt would go down the middle and the disco dancing antics on the line were to distract him and upset his clarity of mind. It worked as Brunt's kick went centre and Dewhurst parried away.

The penalty save brought more life into the Stones and as we entered injury time, Wealdstone had their best two chances with first Bowen's shot blocked

close to the line and then Kretchmer's volley fizzing millimetres passed the post. That was that, we thought... but it wasn't. Mundie-Smith played a long ball up the line and Corie Andrews, who has barely played this season, latched onto the ball, with a defender on his shoulder. The Spurs loanee in goal came rushing out and inexplicitly performed a star jump anticipating the ball going over his head, for

Andrews to roll the ball underneath him into an empty net sparking joyous celebrations from the nine hundred and more Wealdstone fans in the 66 Stand.

Corie Andrews has had a tough time this season, not played the games he would have wanted to, but maybe a change of management will see him see gain more game time and more importantly goals.

Just reflecting on the 921 away fans.

In my close to fifty years of watching

Wealdstone, we have never taken so many away fans to a league match.

A few cup games would have topped that amount in the 70s but none in the league. I thought the allure of Barnet at PEPF would fade after the first trip there, but 848, 836 and now 921 suggests it hasn't. The train back home was full of youngsters singing Wealdstone songs. It was brilliant!

Today we face an old rival in Hendon.

In the 50s and 60s, this was THE derby, with matches played on Christmas Day and then again on Boxing Day, attended by crowds in their thousands. Our paths diverged from the 60s as Hendon went to the Isthmian and we to the Southern and matches were limited to the county cup. It is fair to say that the derby versus us is a much bigger thing for the Dons than the Stones. It has always been the same since the 70s. For a ten-year period between 2004 and 2014 we played each other in the league but Hendon were mostly nomadic in that period, playing league matches at Vale Farm and Earlsmead, having left Claremont Road.

The last time we played Hendon in a meaningful game was ten years ago at Harrow, with 400 Stones in a crowd of 575. Hendon have had a brilliant run in the Trophy and will no doubt fancy their chances. But one thing is certain: unlike many other NL sides, the Trophy is in our DNA and we do take it seriously, so you would expect a full-strength side despite the many league games we have still to play.



Corie got the glory but our goalie Marcus was the real Stones hero of the Hive

The Stones hordes celebrate and (above) Marcus Dewhurst pulls off his penalty save. Pix: JON TAFFEL



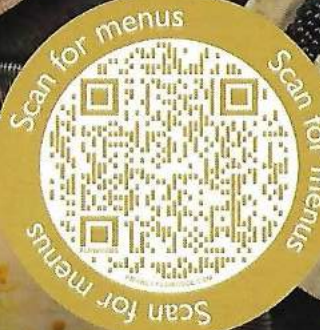
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Our striker/midfielder Max Kretzschmar reflects on the amazing comeback at Barnet and the 'spin-tingling' Wealdstone away support...

It's derby day! I want to welcome both sets of fans and hope you enjoy the rare day these two local rivals play against each other in a competitive match.

We are fully aware this will be a tough game today - as we've all seen from this year's FA Cup 'the magic of the cup still exists!' Ian Allison's Hendon team sit 10th in the Isthmian Southern Prem South Division at the time of writing but as I've alluded to, league positions are almost irrelevant today.

This will be our second derby match in successive weekends fresh from our visit to The Hive last Saturday. It was a strange game. I thought we were well below par in the first half and could count us lucky to only be one down at half time.

I felt we were too passive without the ball and allowed Barnet to dominate the ball and gain territory in our own half too easily. I re-watch all our games back on the Veo (recording device which automatically films our matches from the side) and it only hit me what a sensational game Marcus Dewhurst had in goal the next day. He demonstrated a whole range of saves with his hands and feet, covering yards from front post to back to make saves from back post headers and of course the save from the spotkick.

I understand Harry Pritchard's thinking in slamming his penalty down the middle. I've done it in the past, especially in the most pressurised situations. You anticipate that the keeper is feeling that pressure too and therefore in his mind he must dive one way making the shot down the middle a relatively safe one. So for Dewy to stay resolute in his mind after his 'mind games' prior to the referee's whistle, and stay down the middle was an incredible decision. It was a decision which altered the game and allowed Corie Andrews to score his equaliser.

Now there's two things in football which really puts a player's mood down. Injuries and not being selected. We all want to play, in most cases it's all we have done as a job for our whole professional

lives. This is why I always say to young players resilience is the most important attribute a player can have. Corie is a really popular player among the squad. I can't even begin to tell you what planet he has come from though - he's hilarious!

He has had months and months of sitting on the bench and sometimes not even in the squad and when we only train twice a week, your individual fitness and sharpness can fall off a cliff very quickly. With the early signing of Tahv and the form of Sean Adarkwa in recent months, it has been tough for Corey to get minutes. But he has stayed professional and earned his reward with the goal that will live with Wealdstone fans for a very long time!



So close! Max lets fly against Barnet

Painfully, I've had two 'nearly derby moments' evade me this season. The free kick at home which hit the crossbar and Saturday's strike (left) which went inches past the post. Either would've lived long in the memory of Stone's supporters. Thankfully, Barks and Corey ensured positive results on both occasions. I've been in positions to score more frequently so I'm confident goals are around the corner. As Alan Shearer always says: "Be more concerned when you're not getting chances as opposed to when you're missing them!"

Corie is hilarious, a really popular squad member and that goal will live in the memory a long time

A constant theme of this season has been our ability to attack and keep attacking right until the final whistle. We don't know when we are beaten. I can recall the Fylde game with Tahv's spectacular overhead kick, Cookie against Rochdale and Barks' infamous header v Barnet... and of course last

weekend. It seems counter intuitive. A part time team in a full time league, how can this team be fitter? Well, I don't think it is as simple as that. It's more of a mentality and consistent practice of playing against deep defences. It's human psychology to get behind the ball and protect what you have when you are winning or away from home in the second half. It's strange how it happens all over the country, up and down the leagues, every weekend.

The noise and numbers from Wealdstone fans last weekend was actually mental! Spine tingling in fact. You drowned out the home supporters with ease despite their 'supposedly' superior numbers judging by Barnet's self declared attendance after the game. *We'd love to have more of the same today please!*

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Terry Hissey WFCSC Update

Good Afternoon everybody and I would particularly like to say hello and a warm welcome to the Hendon fans who are visiting the Vale today.

Like ourselves Hendon have a tremendous history and have moved about a bit over the last few years. Older fans will recall the Christmas Day fixtures that were a regular occurrence from 1942 to 1970. One wonders would these be just as popular today? Mention of Hendon will also bring back memoirs of the 1966 FA Amateur Cup Final where the two teams met on the 16th April and the Stones ran out 3-1 winners in front of an incredible declared crowd of 45,000. A reunion was held on the Golden Jubilee of the final at the Vale and Geoff Riddy, who opened the scoring for Hendon that day, was a guest as an ex-Stone. Stones last participated in the contest in 1971 before the last Amateur Cup final was held in 1974. This brings us to the FA Trophy which was first competed for in 1969 and replaced, with the FA Vase, the Amateur Cup. Of course, its well known that Wealdstone had its day of glory on the 11th May 1985, but Hendon are yet to achieve same.

The Supporters Club Executive Committee continue to be busy whether via zoom or in-person meetings. Organising away travel is one responsibility we have, however we would like someone to come forward to run these on a regular basis. If you think this could be you, please

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All you need to know about... Hendon FC

The opposition in focus



Hendon FC are now into their 14th season (including the two curtailed ones) under the ownership of their supporters, following their takeover of the club in the summer of 2010, but with a new Chairman, Cyrus Cooper taking over Simon Lawrence. .

Hendon has an illustrious and proud history. The club was formed in 1908, beginning its existence as Christ Church Hampstead. In their inaugural season, the club finished as champions of the Finchley & District League Third Division. There was regular success in the early years, but not before the first of four name changes.

Ahead of the 1909–10 season, the club became Hampstead Town, and immediately won the Finchley & District League Second Division title, and the First Division title followed a year later. Further successes followed as the club gained senior status in 1912 (entering the FA and county cups for the first time) and competing in both the London and Middlesex Leagues. On the back of this, the club was elected into the Athenian League in 1914, one of the best competitions in amateur football, this just six years into the club's existence.

Hampstead Town had played only two matches in 1914–15 (both away draws)

when season was abandoned because of the outbreak of war. In their eventual debut season, 1919–20, the club finished a highly creditable fourth. The club finished runners-up in 1929, 1933, 1948, 1949 and 1952, before eventually winning the title in 1953. Further titles followed in 1956 and 1961.

The second renaming of the club came in 1926, when the suffix Town was dropped, and the club was simply called Hampstead. Seven years later the club became Golders Green and the final change came in 1946 when the club took the name Hendon.

There had been another Hendon club – it reached the quarter-finals of the FA Cup in 1883 – and, in 1932, Hendon and Hampstead met in two friendlies, the second of which was to raise funds for the former club. Sadly, Hendon – which appeared to add and drop the Town suffix in their dying years – ceased to exist a couple of

years later, but their continued existence meant Hampstead had been unable to take the name in 1933. It was as Golders Green that the club made its first appearance in the FA Cup competition proper, losing in the first round to Southend United in 1933–34.

In 1963, after more than half a dozen rejections in the previous 50 years, the club was accepted into the Isthmian League and the Greens were members for 55 seasons, always competing in the top division. Success continued as they finished runners-up in their first season, followed by the first of two league titles a year later. Hendon were again champions in 1973, adding to their runners-up achievements in 1966, 1974 and 2015. Indeed, in their first 11 seasons in the Isthmian League, Hendon never finished lower than sixth. Since then, the club has had both good and bad seasons in the League, the low point coming in 2006 when the Greens were relieved from relegation due to another club's financial misfortune.

During the amateur era, the club reached the final of the FA Amateur Cup on five occasions, winning in 1960 (against Kingstonian), 1965 (against Whitley Bay) and 1972 (against Enfield) but losing in 1955 (against Bishop Auckland) and 1966 (against Wealdstone).

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The club throughout its history has enjoyed FA Cup success. As well as 21 appearances in the first round (most recently at Aldershot Town in 2012), there have been six appearances in the second round (latterly in 1999–2000 at Blackpool) and one in the third round in January 1974 which saw the Greens draw 1–1 at Newcastle United before losing the replay 4–0 at Watford FC's Vicarage Road.

The club has also enjoyed much glory in county cups, winning the Middlesex Senior Cup no less than 16 times out of 28 final appearances, as well as winning the Middlesex Charity Cup 14 times (two of which, in 1945 and 1988, were at Wembley Stadium). The London Senior Cup has been won on six occasions, with a further 10 appearances in the final. The 16 London finals is the competition record.

Hampstead moved into its Claremont Road ground in 1926, the first game being an FA Cup



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tie against Berkhamsted Town 18 September, which Hendon won 4–3. The final match was played 82 years later, almost to the day, on 20 September 2008, when local rivals Wealdstone won 4–1 (Hendon's last goal at Claremont Road came from defender/midfielder Dave Diedhiou, who is back with the club as a player-coach and has racked up 57 goals in 433 appearances).

After leaving Claremont Road, Hendon spent four years ground-sharing with Wembley FC and, from 2013, a three-season arrangement with Harrow Borough FC at Earlsmead. In February 2014, plans moved to return close to the London Borough of Barnet at the old Kingsbury Town FC ground, Silver Jubilee Park (the borough boundary is around 20 metres behind the clubhouse). It boasted an all-weather surface, with a second, much improved one, laid in summer 2022 and this allowed the ground owners to redevelop the stadium, with Hendon sharing with Edgware & Kingsbury.

In 2014, Hendon relaunched their youth section, with 15 sides taking the field. This youth policy paid dividends after as a number of players have moved up from the youth team to the senior side and one, Keagan Cole, aged 18, became the youngest ever Hendon player to complete 100 first-team appearances (17 goals). In 2016–17, Hendon added girls' teams to boys' youth teams.

Hendon's were able to move into Silver Jubilee Park in 2016 but it took until January 2017 for a first home League win to be achieved. A last-day draw, completing a run of 22 points from 10 games, saw the club avoid relegation. The 2017–18 season was nearly glorious. Led by the prolific 92-goal attack of Niko Muir (40 goals – he too returned to the club in 2022–23), Zak Joseph (18), Ashley Nathaniel-George (17)

and Josh Walker (17), Hendon roared to third place in the Isthmian League – a second top-three finish in four seasons – and reached the playoff final. Sadly, it was not to be as Dulwich Hamlet won a penalty shoot-out.

A new era dawned in summer 2018 as The Football Association announced that Hendon would be playing in the Southern League Premier Division South, the Greens' first League change since 1963. An even bigger change came as manager Gary McCann, his coaching staff and every senior player moved on to pastures new. Hendon made a great start to their new competition and were second in December, but a long losing run saw them narrowly avoid relegation in spring 2019. The Greens made a slow start to the new season and, in November, manager Jimmy Gray departed, being replaced by Biggleswade Town boss Lee Allinson.

Lee, whose father Ian played for Arsenal and is commercial and general at SJP, was a talented midfielder who started his playing career at Watford and went on to play for Harlow Town, Barton Rovers, Enfield, Stoffold, Borehamwood, Arlesey Town and Biggleswade Town before becoming assistant manager, then manager there. An experienced coach, he – with his wife Faye – runs his own coaching academy, based at Silver Jubilee Park. The pandemic means that 2023–24 will be Lee's third full season as Hendon boss. The highlight of his time as Hendon manager was London Senior Cup triumph over Brentford B in September 2020. Last season was one of struggle, but the Greens did avoid relegation. Hendon also nearly reached the FA Cup first round proper, losing a fourth round qualifying replay and lost to eventual winners Charlton Athletic in the London Senior Cup semi-final.



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OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

Hendon FC

SAMUEL ADENOLA - DEFENCE

Signed in July 2023 from neighbours Harrow Borough, where he was a highly-rated full-back. Previously played for Holmesdale FC and Erith & Belvedere

LUCA ALLINSON - MIDFIELD

Made the move from Biggleswade Town in November 2019. Previously seen service at St Albans City and Potton United.

MERT APAT - DEFENCE

Young central defender who started with Leyton Orient Academy, signing for Great Wakering Rovers in February 2023. Signed for the club in time to be included in the squad photo for 2023/24. Played in the September friendly against Dulwich Hamlet.

KAI BROSNAN - FORWARD

Skilful and tricky forward who signed in the summer of 2023 from Harrow Borough. Has also played for Hadley and North Greenford United.

KURTIS CUMBERBATCH - MIDFIELD

Experienced midfielder who joined the club in December 2023 following a spell at league rivals Gosport Borough. Moved to the south coast club from Carshalton Athletic in the summer of 2023, before which he played for Billericay Town, Slough Town, Dover Athletic, Farnborough, Harrow Borough, Welling United and Hadley having come through the ranks at Charlton Athletic.

DAVE DIEDHIOU - DEFENCE

Cult terrace hero Dave re-signed for the club in June 2022 after four years away from Silver Jubilee Park at St Albans City. A defender/midfielder who originally joined in the summer of 2008 from Middlesex County League side, Willesden Constantine. He made his debut from the subs bench in the away league fixture at Sutton United in August 2008 and scored the final Hendon goal at Claremont Road against Wealdstone in Sept 2008. Dave went on to make 382 appearances, scoring 43 goals, in his first spell with the club before joining St Albans in the summer of 2018.

FLORIAN ENDOUVO ADA FORWARD

Young striker who signed in the summer of 2023 from Isthmian League side Westfield. Has also seen service with Hayes & Yeading United.

BRADLEY HOUSE - GOALKEEPER

Goalkeeper signed from Sutton United on loan in December 2023 in time to make his debut in the home FA Trophy third round match v Weymouth. Signed as cover while Matt Kerbey recovers from injury.s.

MATT KERBEY - GOALKEEPER

Highly rated young goalkeeper signed on a season-long loan from Sutton United. Previous experience with Chipstead, where he spent a couple of years on loan from the Ambers.

ADAM LAAREF - FORWARD

Pacy wide forward who signed for the club in the summer of 2023 from Hartley Wintney. Previously been with Hanwell Town and North Greenford United..

BILLY LEONARD - MIDFIELD

Midfielder who signed from Harrow Borough in the summer of 2023 after impressing with his goal return at Earlsmead the previous season. Also seen action with North Greenford United.

ETHAN LIGHT - DEFENCE

Young defender signed on a youth loan in August 2023 from Leyton Orient. Ethan joined the Os from Burnham FC in January 2023 and is highly rated by the Brisbane Road staff.

SHAUN LUCIEN - MIDFIELD



Shaun returned to the club in November 2019 after a spell with Biggleswade Town and scored the winner in the London Senior Cup final in September 2020 against Brentford 'B'. Originally joined the club in October 2018 from Kingstonian. Began his career at Brentford, before going on to play for Hampton & Richmond Borough, Harrow Borough, Uxbridge,

Wealdstone and St Albans City.

FINLAY MACNAB - MIDFIELD

Young Scottish-born midfielder who signed in September 2023 after spending some of pre-season with the club. Joined from Hanworth Villa.

LORIS MARCIMAIN - GOALKEEPER

Born in Guadeloupe, Loris, a goalkeeper, appears to have had a chequered history. Played for several clubs at tier 3 in French football before coming to the UK in summer 2021 and playing for FC Romania and Crawley Green before joining St Albans City in summer 2022. Went on loan to both Hartley Wintney and AFC Rushden & Diamonds during the 2022-23 season. Apperars to have joined Uxbridge on a free transfer in summer 2023, and has played a few games in August 2023 for Leverstock Green. Made his Hendon debut at Winchester City in November 2023.

DAN MATSUZAKA - DEFENCE

Defender signed on-loan from Weymouth in February 2023. A former Japanese under-19 international, Dan began at Southend United before going on to enjoy spells at Braintree Town, Sutton United and Oxford City.

NIKO MUIR- FORWARD

Powerful striker who returned to the club for his fourth spell in February 2023. After scoring 40 goals in 2017-18, Niko signed for Hartlepool United for an undisclosed fee, going on to play for Woking, Hampton & Richmond Borough, Billericay Town and Hungerford Town from whom he signed. Other previous clubs include Leiston, Northwood, Grays Athletic, Wingate & Finchley and VCD Athletic..

SIMEON OLARERIN - DEFENCE

Full back who rejoined the club in February 2023 following a spell with Broadfields United. Originally signed from Staines Town in January 2020. Has also spent time with Hayes & Yeading United.

LUCAS PERRY - DEFENCE

Left-back who joined the club from Biggleswade Town in November 2019. Had a season at Barton Rovers following his release from Luton Town.

BLAISE RILEY-SNOW - MIDFIELD

Midfielder who impressed in pre-season, signing for the club following the PSF with Kings Langley. Joined from Ramsgate, having previously spent time with Aveley, Enfield Town, Alloa Athletic, Raith Rovers, and in Spain.

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HAMZA SEMAKULA - MIDFIELD

Young midfielder who signed for the club in the summer of 2021. A former England Colleges international who began at Boreham Wood before having spells at Chalfont St Peter, Enfield Borough and St Panteleimon. Overcame a serious injury that kept him out for most of the 2022-23 season to come back in the summer of 2023.

34. CIARAN BRENNAN - MIDFIELD

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

JOE WHITE - FORWARD



Centre forward signed in January 2020 from League 2 Stevenage where he spent a couple of years. Originally had a spell in January 2018 on a months loan from Dagenham & Redbridge. Left after 3 weeks to sign for Stevenage on deadline day having become the 9th player to score a record 5 goals in a game for the Greens. Joe has also enjoyed loan spells with Wealdstone and Biggleswade Town.

LEE ALLINSON - MANAGER

Lee was appointed first-team manager in November 2019 following a successful spell at Biggleswade Town who he left having guided them into the play-off picture in the Southern League Premier Central. Lee had previously enjoyed playing spells with the Waders and notably Boreham Wood before a spell as assistant manager at St Albans City under his father, former Arsenal player Ian.



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Hendon FC Greatest Seasons CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

1952/53

Hendon won the Athenian League title for the first time in 1952/53. They had been runners-up three times in the previous five seasons. Ted Gaskell replaced Ted Drake as coach and Hendon lost only two of their 26 games. Gaining 42 points, finishing five ahead of runners-up Wealdstone, they gained a record 11-1 win over Redhill and also hammered Finchley 7-1 and both Barnet and Sutton United 6-0. Hendon also reached the FA Cup first round proper for the first since changing their name from Golders Green in 1946. They drew 0-0 at home to Northampton Town in front of a record 9,000 crowd before losing 2-0 in the replay at the County Ground.

1954/55

Hendon reached the Amateur Cup final for the first time in 1954/55. They beat Dartmouth United 2-1, after a 3-3 draw, Cambridge City 4-3, Walthamstow Avenue 1-0, Wimbledon 4-1, after a 1-1 draw and Hounslow Town 2-1 to reach the Amateur Cup final. The following team lost 2-0 to Bishop Auckland at Wembley Stadium: Reg Ivey, Bill Fisher, Eric Beardsley, Laurie Topp, Dexter Adams, Pat Austin, Gerry Saffrey, Rajnar Hvidsten, Erwin Bahler, Graeme Cunningham, Eric Parker. Hendon also reached the London Senior Cup final but lost 3-2 to Walthamstow Avenue at Highbury. They finished fifth in the Athenian League after fixture congestion.

1959/60

Hendon won the Amateur Cup for the first time in 1959/60. They beat Vauxhall Motors 3-0, Wimbledon 2-1, Redhill 6-0, West Auckland Town 2-0, after a 1-1 draw and Enfield 2-0 to reach the Amateur Cup final. Goals by Laurie Topp and Terry Howard

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects ten post-war Hendon FC 'Classic Campaigns'.

gave the following team a 2-1 win over Kingstonian at Wembley Stadium: Peter Shearing, Ron Widdowfield, Jeff Harris, Laurie Topp, Bill Fisher, Charlie Murphy, Mike Candey, Brian Figg, Miles Spector, Jimmy Quail, Terry Howard. Coached by Dexter Adams, Hendon also won the Middlesex Senior Cup, beating Enfield 2-1 in the final, but finished a disappointing eighth in the Athenian League.

1964/65

Hendon achieved the Isthmian League, Amateur Cup and Middlesex Senior Cup 'treble' in 1964/65. They beat Sutton United 2-1, Leytonstone 5-1, Carshalton 5-1, Whitley Bay 3-1 and Finchley 4-1 to reach the Amateur Cup final. Two goals by David Hyde plus another from Jimmy Quail gave them a 3-1 win over Whitby Town at Wembley Stadium: John Swannell, David Hogwood, Roy Sleaf, John Evans, Geoff Riddy, Bobby Cantwell, Roy Drake, Peter Slade, David Hyde, Jimmy Quail, Danny Lakey. Hendon finished level top with Enfield in the

Isthmian League and won the title play-off 4-1, also beating Finchley 1-0 in the Middlesex Senior Cup final.

1965/66

Hendon reached the Amateur Cup again in 1965/66. The holders beat Harwich & Parkeston 3-1, Carshalton Athletic 4-0, Leytonstone 2-1, Wycombe Wanderers 2-1 and Whitley Bay 2-1 to reach the Amateur Cup final for the second consecutive season. They lost 3-1 to Wealdstone at Wembley Stadium: John Swannell, David Hogwood, Micky Cooper, David Shacklock, Geoff Riddy, Bobby Cantwell, Laurie Churchill, John Evans, Dave Swain, Roy Sleaf, David Hyde. Hendon finished Isthmian League runners-up with 59 points from 38 games, two points behind champions



Hendon's 1st Amateur Cup win came in 1960



Hendon's squad from 1965/66, who ultimately missed out to Wealdstone in the FA Amateur Cup final at Wembley 3-1

Leytonstone. Laurie Churchill was top scorer and David Hogwood ever-present.

1971/72

Hendon won the Amateur Cup for the third time in 1971/72. They beat Horsham 1-0, Highgate United 2-1, after a 1-1 draw, Maidenhead United 1-0, after a 0-0 draw, Hitchin Town 2-0 and Wycombe Wanderers 2-1 to reach the Amateur Cup final. Mick Smith's own goal plus Tony Bass' header gave the following team a 2-0 victory over Enfield at Wembley Stadium: John Swannell, Tony Jennings, Gary Hand, Peter Deadman, Alan Phillips, Rod Haider, Bobby Childs, John Connell, Tony Bass, Johnny Baker, Keith Jameson. Hendon also won the Middlesex Senior Cup, beating Hampton 5-1 in the final, but lost 2-0 to Enfield in the London Senior Cup final.

1972/73

Hendon won the Isthmian League title for the second time in 1972/73. They began with a 2-2 draw at Clapton but nine consecutive wins followed before two draws, then a further run of ten wins left Hendon a remarkable 12 points clear at the top of the Isthmian League by the end of October. Another ten straight wins meant that they clinched the title with a 1-0 victory at Leatherhead in late March. The unbeaten run continued until a 2-1 defeat by Walton & Hersham in mid-April. Hendon's only other Isthmian League defeat was at Bishop's Stortford two weeks later and they gained 74 points, finishing 13 ahead of runners-up Walton & Hersham.

1973/74

Hendon reached the FA Cup third round for the first time in 1973/74. They beat Barnet 3-0, after a 2-2 draw, Leytonstone 3-0 and John Charles' Merthyr Tydfil 3-0 in the FA Cup before Rod Haider's equaliser gave the following team a 1-1

draw against top-flight Newcastle United in front of 31,606 at St James' Park: John Swannell, Tony Jennings, Gary Hand, Peter Deadman, Alan Phillips, Rod Haider, Derek Baker, Bobby Childs, Johnny Baker, Kieron Somers, Phil Fry. Hendon lost 4-0 in the replay at Vicarage Road and Newcastle went on to reach the final that season. Jimmy Quail's side finished Isthmian League runners-up to Wycombe Wanderers.

2014/15

Hendon reached the Isthmian League Premier Division play-off final in 2014/15. Gary McCann's side lost only two of their opening 20 games and finished runners-up to Maidstone United after a 17 match unbeaten end to the season. Hendon beat Metropolitan Police 2-1 in the semi-finals but lost 1-0 at home to Margate in the final. Leon Smith and Kezie Ibe netted 37 goals overall. Hendon won the Isthmian League Cup, beating Wingate & Finchley 4-3, Enfield Town 1-0, Hampton & Richmond Borough 1-0, Maidstone United 2-0, Margate 2-1 and Grays Athletic 3-2 in the final. They also defeated Tooting & Mitcham 3-2 in the London Senior Cup final.

2017/18

Hendon were Isthmian League Premier Division play-off finalists again in 2017/18. Gary McCann's side lost two of their opening four games before Niko Muir grabbed a hat-trick in their 6-0 victory at home to Harrow Borough. Muir also scored hat-tricks at Harlow Town and Burgess Hill, finishing leading marksman with 32 goals. Hendon qualified for the play-offs in third place, winning 25 of their 46 games. They beat Folkestone Invicta 4-0 in the semi-finals but lost 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw against Dulwich Hamlet in the final. Hendon won the Middlesex Senior Cup, beating Staines Town 5-4 on penalties after a 0-0 draw in the final.



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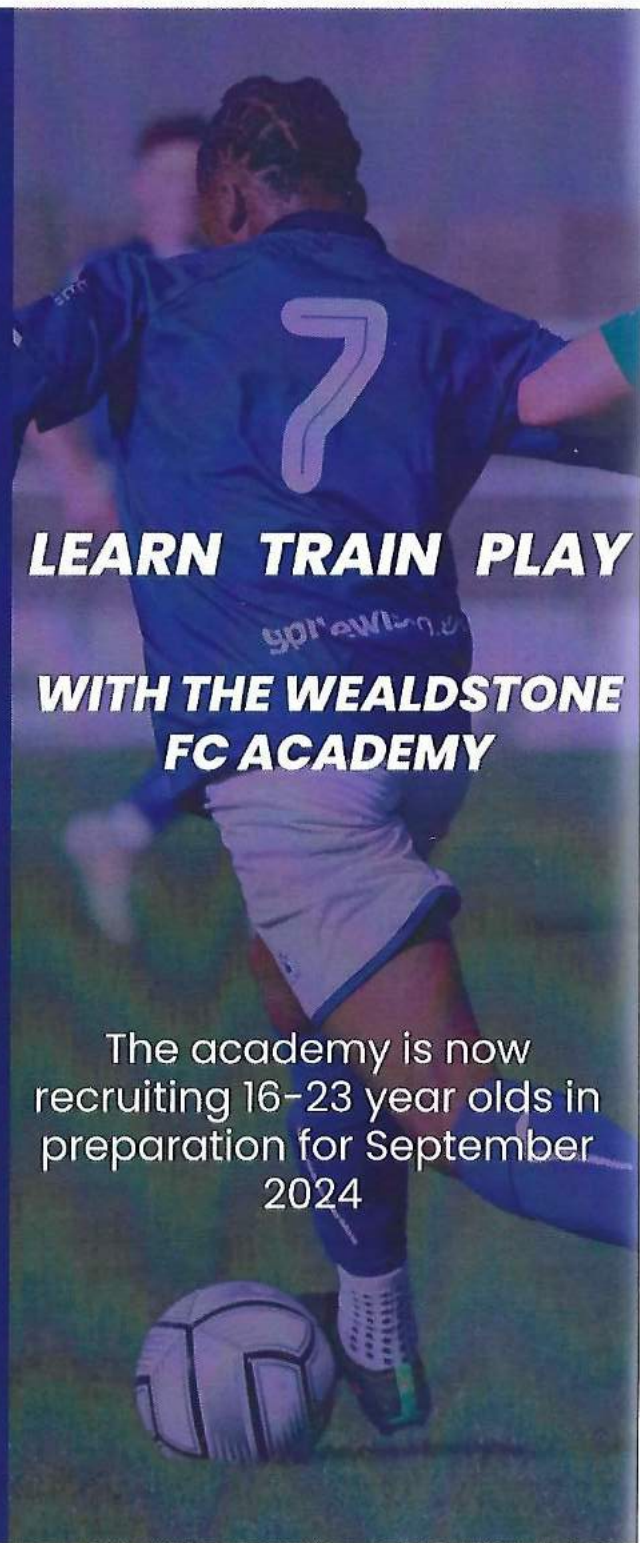
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Ex-Stone Joe: I enjoyed every moment at Wealdstone but don't underestimate us today!

HENDON skipper Joe White will be gutted if he has to miss today's big Trophy game through suspension - but he says he'll never forget his two loan spells at the Stones when he was just 18.

Joe, who is appealing his dismissal against Tiverton last Saturday, announced: "Bath City away in 2017 was actually my greatest football memory" when I caught up with the striker a fortnight ago, expecting the Greens' win at Oldham to hold pride of place in his emotions.

"I'd been on loan at Wealdstone from Dagenham for a month and things were going really well but I was just a nervous kid" he explains. "When the trip to Bath came around I asked my parents, Malcolm and Jayne, to come with me but they said a flat 'no'!

"So it forced me to mix with the other players on the coach and become more confident. And then when we were standing in the centre-circle just before kick off I looked across at the crowd and there



Joe (right) celebrates his goal that put Hendon 1-0 up at Oldham Athletic in the shock of the last round



they were!

"I couldn't believe it but they did me a big favour, got me out of my shell and that was where it all began for me. And the game was memorable: I had been scoring regularly and had converted a penalty in the home game with Chelmsford the week before so when I was brought down at Bath I just grabbed the ball again. I scored; we won the game 2-1 and I was substituted just before the end in front of

this big crowd with the noisy Wealdstone lot all singing my name.

"It gives me goosebumps just thinking about it. It was a sunny day, I was playing up front with Dan Fitchett who was very experienced. And then Danny Green scored the other goal with a dipping shot from way out on the right. The whole thing had a different vibe to it. Yes, definitely my favourite game".

It may be five years ago but the memories come flooding back of the Stones in a state of flux. We had enjoyed a decent run to the 3rd round of the Trophy (including that seismic "Mighty Stones" 2-1 win at Southport) but then got walloped twice at home by

Dartford (4-0) and then Brackley Town (4-1).

Manager Gordon Bartlett wanted to freshen things up as our NL South play-off hopes were quickly receding and he brought the teenage Joe in from Conference side Dagenham & Redbridge on a month's loan.

"I made my debut against Oxford City at the Vale and it was tough, physically. The players were so fast and strong and I was brought down to reality very quickly".

Joe admit he was never blessed with great pace but he is technically very good and can protect the ball - even as an 18 year-old those qualities shone through and suddenly the Stones were off on an unbeaten 13-game run that included six straight League wins against Margate (away, 1-0), Welling (away, 1-0), St Albans (away, 3-0), Gosport (home, 2-1), Weston super-Mare (away, 2-1), Truro City (away, 2-1) and then the trip to Bath.

That loan spell had been extended to the end of the season and Joe had done his reputation no end of good. He had been a Dagenham player since the age of 15 and started the 2017-18 season in the first team squad for the home game with Gateshead... and scored off the bench in a 3-1 win.

"But then I suffered a tear in my quad muscle and was out for a spell" he says. "I was sent out to Hendon for a loan spell under Gary McCann along with my pal Liam Gordon, but just two weeks later Dagenham ran into financial trouble and I was sold to Stevenage.

"It seemed like a good progression, into League Two and I made my EFL debut off the bench at Notts County. But then the manager Darren Sarll was sacked and his replacement Dino Maamria didn't take a shine to me".

Joe was treading water at Stevenage until the summer of 2019 when the then-Stones boss Bobby Wilkinson brought him back to the Vale on loan to cover for the injured Bradley Bubb.

"I scored on the opening day when we beat Weston 4-1" said Joe. "I was very happy to be back and the fans gave me a great reception, but there was a lot of competition and when Bradley was back and fit again, Bobby didn't extend my loan. But he did me a big favour by recommending me on loan to Lee Allinson at Biggleswade, so I went over there and I've been pretty much with him ever since!"

Manager Lee left for Hendon after just ten

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Seven years ago, young Joe was a Stones hero!



WE were a bit remiss back in February 2017, only publishing this short interview with our then-loan star Joe White. It appeared alongside interviews with our other 'men of the moment' midfielder Aryan Tajbaksh and centre-back Tom Hamblin after the 3-0 win at St Albans City...

JOE WHITE

JOE white was buzzing after scoring 'the best goal of my senior career so far' at Truro to set Stones on the way to victory.

Although, as he says, he's only 18 so he hasn't got too many to choose from!

"My confidence has got so much better since my first goal for the Stones at St Albans City" said Joe when I caught up with him after afternoon training at his parent club, Dagenham & Redbridge.

The striker was originally on a one-month loan from the Conference National Club - which coincided with the start of the unbeaten run five weeks ago - but that has been extended for another month until we meet Hemel Hempstead on April 8.

"It's been a real learning curve for me as I've only really played academy football before this season. I signed my first contract with Dagenham just before Christmas, for a year and a half with an option for another year, and I've come off the bench a few times since then. I got some game time in the league at York City and North Ferriby, and Worthing and Halifax in the cups."

But, after four years at Dagenham in their academy, it must have been strange coming into an alien environment at Wealdstone?

"Not really, the players and coaching staff were all so welcoming. They couldn't have been nicer and that really

helped me settle in though I only had one training session before my first game, against Oxford City. I was a bit nervous!"

"Have you had any grief from the older players marking you?" I asked him. "Any psyching out or sledging?"

"Not yet!" he laughed. "They just used their experience to block off my runs, or to stop me receiving the ball, so I just work extra hard to try and get the better of them. I reckon that if you battle away it brings its own rewards".

So what about that goal at Truro? what went through your head as you took on those defenders?

"It actually came from their own corner and the ball was cleared upfield, over my head, so I had to run after it and got possession about 25 yards out. There were two defenders but I managed to go right and then left, and the shot was strong enough to get across the keeper to the far corner."

Joe says he is stronger on his right foot than his left, but is confident to shoot with either foot. "I got a lot of goals in academy football - 18 in 19 games last season, when I was out for 10 weeks with a groin injury - so it's great to have scored three in men's football during this loan spell."

Joe lives with his family at Kings Cross and began his youth football career with Sunday League side Whetstone Wanderers, in Barnet. He's due to return to Dagenham next month but could well find himself finishing the season at Grosvenor Vale - and after that, who knows for the youngster yet to find himself on the losing side...



THEY PLAYED FOR BOTH CLUBS CONTINUED

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games that season, but Joe had to stay on under the terms of his loan and scored 22 goals in 34 games for the Waders.

"But I came over to Hendon to join up with him again as soon as I could" says Joe.

"Lee put the smile back on my face. I'd fallen out of love with the game at Stevenage but Lee is great at gelling a squad together and he's done an amazing job here".

Joe has since played 142 games (over the two spells) for Hendon and scored 62 goals... not a bad total considering "I don't even play up front anymore!"

Says Joe: "I've been playing more a No10 role, just off the striker (Nico Muir when he's fit) and enjoy doing the nitty gritty stuff now. I think I've got a good engine to play in midfield... I'm still only 25 but my body feels a lot older!"

So talk us through the win at Oldham, Joe?

"Well I think they underestimated us from the very first minute - we might have won by more to be honest, with a goal ruled out after just four minutes, one cleared off the line and some blatant misses. My goal came as a result of a late run into the box; the ball sat up nicely and I first-timed it into the corner. And we deserved it when Nico got the winner right at the end".

And what was your reaction to the Trophy draw?

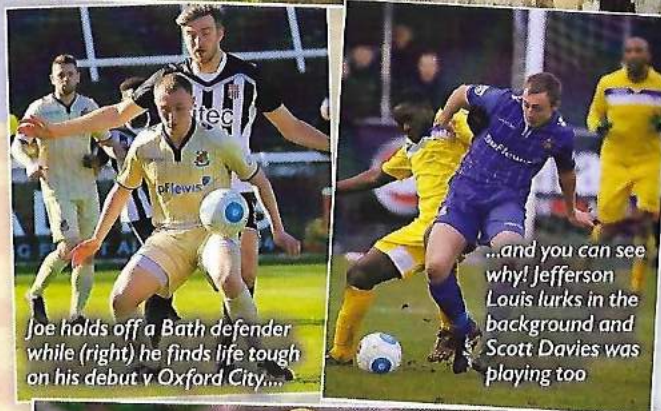
"Well I had a little feeling that we might draw Wealdstone. In footballing terms not the easiest, and I've never played at the Vale on the away side... it will be a great atmosphere I'm sure, and hopefully they'll give me a good reception because I've got nothing but happy memories about the place. My dad, who's since passed on, used to love coming down here".

And finally, do you remember scoring in a penalty shoot-out against Hendon in a Middlesex Senior Cup game in 2017?

"I do, and we won 3-1 on pens. I'm on penalties now but we've not been awarded even one this season. This would be a good game to change all that".



Joe (No.9) enjoys the plaudits from Stones fans after the win at Bath City in 2017



Joe holds off a Bath defender while (right) he finds life tough on his debut v Oxford City....

...and you can see why! Jefferson Louis lurks in the background and Scott Davies was playing too



Back at the Vale in August 2018 and a memorable win over Woking, Max Kretzschmar and all



Left: Joe and the rest of the Hendon team on the final whistle at Oldham

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Month	Comp	Score	(Total)	(Away)	Lge	Goal scorers	Dante BAPTISTE	Jack COOK	Charlie BARKER	Ashley CHARLES	Dean WOODMAN	Alex DYER	Mason BARRETT	Tarryn ALLARAKHIA	Nathan FERGUSON	Olufela OLOMOLA	Max KRETZSCHMAR	Corie ANDREWS	Charlie SEAMAN	Jed WARD	Micah OBIERO	Luke DREHER	Dom HUTCHINSON	Kyle SMITH	Charles CLAYDEN	Brooklyn ILUNGA	Abdul ABDULMALIK	Sam BOWEN	Jaydn MUNDLE-SMITH	Jaiden BARTOLO	Aaron HENRY	Sean ADARKWA	Declan PHILLIPS	Tahvon CAMPBELL	Marcus DEWHURST	Brandon MASON	Eric NEGRARU	Joseph CULLIS
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12	Eastleigh	VNL	0-0	2,030	172	8		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
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26	Aldershot Town	VNL	1-3	1,860	149	9	Adarkwa	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
28	DAGENHAM & RED.	VNL	0-2	1,513	275	12		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32
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BY TIM PARKS

The Hand of God!

Former Stones and Hendon left back on the 60s and 70s glory days when N London ruled the amateur football world

TO the legions of older Wealdstone and Hendon fans there is only one name synonymous with both clubs: the stylish full-back GARY HAND.

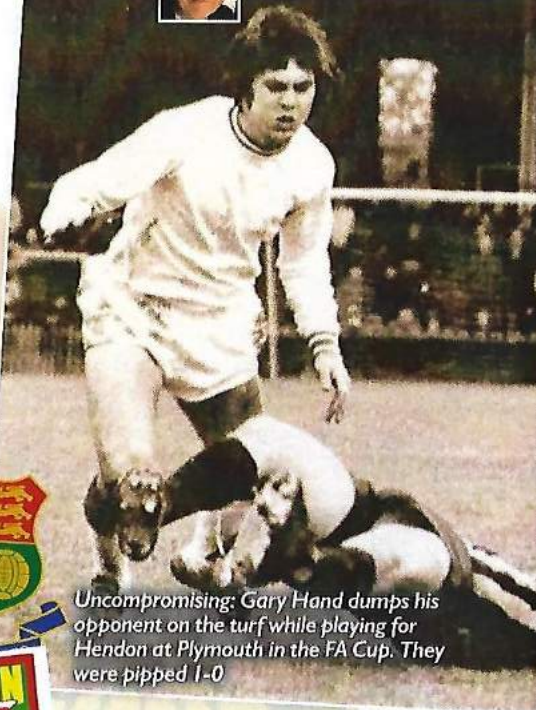
The now-72-year-old defender has witnessed the ups and downs of both clubs, and marvels at the way the Stones have risen from adversity to the top level of the non-league game... while Hendon, one of the big, big names of the amateur game in the late 1960s and early 70s, now have the chance of making their mark a half century later.

Gary won the FA Amateur Cup with the North London side in 1972, and two years later played at St James Park in the FA Cup third round as Hendon very nearly beat Newcastle (who went on to reach the final) in a rollercoaster I-1 draw. And a year down the line, after moving to Wycombe Wanderers, he played in the 0-0 draw with Division One leaders Middlesbrough (Stuart Boam, Graeme Souness and all) in another Third Round tie. A chequered past!

Yet I remember Gary as a compact, athletic No.3 in an inconsistent Wealdstone side playing out its last couple of seasons in amateur football.

"Yes, we were a young side because we couldn't attract the top players in the way that Enfield, Wycombe, Hendon and Sutton did. But I had a fantastic two years at Lower Mead" said Gary as I caught up with him just days after Stones v Greens came out of the bag in the FA Trophy.

"I came back to watch Wealdstone earlier this season and it was great meeting up with people like Hughie Lindsey, Charlie Townsend and George Duck from that era. And you know what?



Uncompromising: Gary Hand dumps his opponent on the turf while playing for Hendon at Plymouth in the FA Cup. They were pipped 1-0

Grosvenor Vale astounded me, the way it's changed since the old Ruislip Manor days. It reminded me of Lower Mead. A great atmosphere, a proper game of football.

"Lower Mead was the best ground I ever played at in terms of noise and atmosphere and watching Wealdstone now replicates that. I'm not sure what it was: the tight stands behind the goals, the crowd right on top of the players but it seemed like playing on a five a side pitch. Really enclosed. And Wealdstone used to get some big crowds there, over 2,000 very often."

Gary was just in his late teens then, a former Watford apprentice and used to playing in front of one man and his dog for the SE Counties Youth League side, or the Reserves on bleak evenings at Vicarage Road.

"As an apprentice you trained with the first team some of the time but it was mainly chores like cleaning the changing rooms, washing boots and kit, and working on the terracing and pitch. The only proper coaching session were from assistant manager George Aitken on heading techniques... and being 5ft 8ins that helped greatly throughout my career".

Gary was born in Islington and his parents were publicans, looking after The Belgrave

in the famous Abbey Road - very close to the recording studios. "Paul McCartney lived round the corner as did Eric Burdon of the Animals; you'd have Twiggy popping in; all very glamorous but we were just publicans".



Gary played for the local schoolboy sides and was offered a place at Tottenham, which he found "too intimidating". He thought he would have more opportunity at Third Division Watford and signed apprentice forms at 15. He was lining up alongside people like Tony Currie but was released three years later.

Then came the call from Wealdstone. "They trained me properly... you may not remember them but there we had a couple of really good fitness coaches called Pat Barnett and Pat Barrett - one had run in the Olympics and the other was a sprint trainer.

"They showed me the importance of using your arms to help increase speed when I ran... it seems crazy but players weren't

active in that area in those days. And it really helped"

Gary started off in the Stones' reserves under Viv Evans and Edgar Francis for a few games, alongside youngsters who would all go on to become first teamers; John Ritchie, Dave Yerby, Brendan Mitchell and Bill Johnston.

"I know it sounds corny but I loved it there! Everything about the club. There were some big characters like Harry Benjamin and Les Boyle, and the manager Dave Underwood was a terrific bloke - a former top flight goalkeeper at Fulham. He worked at London Weekend Television and would be inviting people like Johnny Haynes, Jimmy Hill, Bobby Robson and Tommy Steele to play for us in charity games."

Gary became a mainstay of the Stones' defence but in the summer of 1970 he was lured over to Enfield when ex-Wealdstone skipper Howard Moxon became manager. Central defender Mick Smith also moved from Lower Mead to

Southbury Road.

"I started really well there, and we even won the European Amateur Cup Winners Cup (played between the winners of the Amateur Cup and the Italian equivalent) but then picked up a ligament injury. And it's strange, but I never really fitted in at Enfield while I did at Wealdstone and Hendon. I was talking to (ex-Hendon and Enfield star) Johnny Connell the other day and he was the opposite: he never felt comfortable at Hendon and was keen to get back to Enfield."

So Gary returned to the Stones and played out the club's last season in the Isthmian League - for in the summer of 1971 the club announced it would be turning semi-pro and joining the Southern League.

"To be honest I didn't fancy it" said Gary. "The fixtures came out and the first away game was at Stourbridge in the West Midlands. On a Tuesday night. Then the next one was at Kings Lynn! I didn't drive, I was living in Stanmore and although I played about a dozen games at the start of that season the travelling put me off.

"Then I had an approach from Hendon to go and play there. The manager, John Evans, had a good reputation and he was bringing in some new players like Tony Jennings, Alan Phillips, Tony Bass and John Connell among others. Wealdstone lost a bunch of players - John Hutchinson, Keith Searle and Bernie Bremer - to Wycombe in the late 60s while, earlier in '69, myself, Mick Smith and the goalkeeper Andy Williams went to Enfield.. it was all about the chance to win leagues and cups."

There's no doubt, however, that the opportunity **Continued overpage>>>**



Gary (third left) celebrates with the winning Hendon Amateur Cup team

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to tie players onto professional contracts was a large part of the Stones' move to the Southern League in 1971. And, indeed, 'shamateurism' only lasted another few years until the term 'amateur' was abandoned by the Football Association in 1974.

But back to Gary, who was about to enjoy his most successful period in football in the green shirt of Hendon.

"The team was pretty much unchanged for two whole seasons" he said. "John Swannell in goal; back four of Jennings, Phillips, Peter Deadman and me; midfield of Keith Jameson, Bobby Childs, Rod Haider and John Connell; and John Baker and Tony Bass up front. Ted Moore was usually on the bench.

A lot of our wins were by 1-0 so we were very Arsenal-ish... we only conceded 18 goals in the 42 league games when we won the title in 1972-73 and a lot of that was down to the attention to detail of the manager John Evans. I remember one week, after we'd conceded a goal from a corner to draw 1-1 at Sutton, he had us out there at training until 10.30 at night, simply working on how to defend dead balls. But it paid off!"

Hendon were forced down to fourth place in Gary's first season, 1971-72, but he was rewarded with an Amateur Cup winners' medal after fierce rivals Enfield were beaten 2-0.

"Although a great occasion it was actually a poor game" admits Gary. "We stopped them playing and got a lucky deflection off Mike Smith for John Baker's goal, and then a diving header from Tony Bass sealed it. We did deserve to win though

"The semi-final against Wycombe, played at Brentford, was a much better game. We won 2-1 in front of a crowd of over 15,000 - mainly Wycombe.



Gary (above) handles on the goalline v Newcastle

But the thing I best remember is us stopping for lunch on the way to Griffin Park. There we were, all eating steak two hours before kick off. I don't think the dieticians would agree with that now."

Manager Evans departed a month or so later, offered a job in South American football (rumour has it) because they thought he'd just won the FA Cup!

Jimmy Qail, an ex-player with Hendon, took over the reigns and in Gary's third season, 1973-74 (while the Stones were winning the Southern League Div One South title) Hendon pulled off the best away result in the club's history: 1-1 against Division One giants Newcastle United in the FA Cup Third Round.

"We gave them a real fright in the first game" he recalls. "They had Malcolm Macdonald and Alan Tudor up front, and the England under-23 international Stuart Barrowclough up against me at right wing. They took him off because I was playing a bit better than the report they'd had on me".

Toon took the lead in the first half when defender Pat Howard met Macdonald's long throw with a perfect header, but Rod Haider levelled for the Greens from a sharp angle after Baker had flicked on a Jennings freekick.

"Apparently Newcastle had sent their No.2 Keith Burkinshaw down to London to spy on us, and he chose a game played at Lower Mead. I think Harrow Borough were groundsharing at Wealdstone while Earlsmead was being rebuilt, and we were playing in Middlesex Cup match... anyway, I was terrible as (being a non-drinker) I'd got drunk at a company do the previous night and begged not to play, but Jimmy Quail insisted.

"Apparently I was so bad that Newcastle decided to concentrate on attacking down my side of the pitch. They got their game plan all wrong!"

Sadly, there was no glory in the replay. Hendon's Claremont Road was deemed unsafe by the police to stage such a big game and it was switched to Watford's Vicarage Road - 2pm on a January Wednesday afternoon!

It was during the power crisis and floodlights were banned, so it was all rather surreal. And Gary very nearly

Saturday's line-up 'Stones unchanged at King's Lynn

HAVING qualified for the first round proper of the Southern League Cup, Wealdstone get down to the equally serious business of establishing themselves as contenders for league honours with a visit to King's Lynn on Saturday.

A win, or even a point from this visit to The Walks, the picturesque Norfolk ground, would be a fair performance for King's Lynn are old established Southern Leaguers and for some time were prominent Premier Division members.

Although manager Alan Humphries is stepping up his search for a centre half, certainly an urgent need, he is unlikely to make changes from the side which crushed Bletchley more thoroughly than the 3-1 score-line suggested last week.

This means that amateur Gary Hand will continue at left-back and ex-Watford amateur Jackie Cooper will again play a midfield role.

With Tommy Mahon playing well at right-back, 'Stones will have three amateurs in the side.

Three coachloads of supporters had booked for the journey by Tuesday so 'Stones will not lack vocal support.

King's Lynn say they expect the visit of Cliff Jones to add to their normal gate.

Likely Wealdstone side is: Barr; T. Mahon, G. Hand, Furie, Bailey; J. Cooper, Hale, Brown; Townsend, Watson, Jones. Sub: Gibbs.



Gary Hand — stays at left-back for 'Stones visit to King's Lynn

wasn't able to play.

"I was working for a chemical company in Watford, just round the corner from the ground, but my boss wouldn't let me have the time off to play! Even though quite a lot of the other staff were going along to watch! It was ridiculous, and I quit my job because of it".

Newcastle took an early lead through Macdonald in front of a 15,385 crowd, but Hendon were in the game right until the last 15 minutes. Then Kenny Hibbitt walloped in an unstoppable 20-yarder and there was no way back for Hendon.

Left: The Harrow Observer with news of the team to face Kings Lynn in 1971. But Gary didn't fancy the travelling and was soon off to Hendon



But Gary did get a mention on Barry Davies' BBC commentary for brilliantly tipping a late Macdonald header round the post for a penalty. "Hendon fullback Gary Hand rather living up to his name" said Davies... while Gary remembers that 'SuperMac' begged referee Ron Challis not to book him for the handball.

"He did book me anyway, but the ref said 'I have to say, that was a fantastic save!'"

'At the end of this season the Hendon 'dream team' suddenly broke up.

"I don't know if the stories were true about managers of the other big amateur clubs 'ganging up' to lure players away, but Baker, Phil Fry and Jennings were off to Enfield while Alan Phillips and myself went and signed for Wycombe.

"The exodus happened so quickly and Wanderers were a good option... they had pipped Hendon to the Isthmian title by just two points in 1973-74".

Helped by the quirky side-to-side slope of their Loakes Park pitch, Wycombe were about to dominate 'amateur' football and retained the title in 74-75 with Gary installed as the regular left back. Hendon finished way down the table in 13th place.

He also had the excitement of another FA Cup run and I well remember watching the highlights of Wycombe v Middlesbrough on *The Big Match* one Sunday afternoon in early '75 - following on their defeat of Bournemouth in Round Two. A 12,000 crowd packed into the ground to see the top flight high-fliers relieved to take the game to a replay.

"Their manager Jackie Charlton said 'We'll murder you on a decent pitch' but they only beat us 1-0 in the replay at Ayresome Park in front of 30,000 with a last-minute goal. He nearly had to eat his words".

Every team had a few bruised in the 1960s and 70s and Gary laments that the game has changed so much.

"Nobody would go down injured in my day unless you were really hurt. More likely you'd want to make out that they hadn't got to you. I think that now, if you go down in agony, rolling about at the slightest touch, you should have to come off for 15

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The teams are out: Enfield v Hendon at Wembley 1972. Gary is ringed

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minutes.. that would sort it out!
"It was very physical in my time; if you went in for a 50-50 ball you'd be expected to follow through. But if you did someone really badly there would be retribution!"

But after a great season with Wycombe the fact that Gary still couldn't drive put a real strain on both himself and Linda.

"She was having to ferry me me backwards and forwards to Buckinghamshire. We were weaving down these country lanes in our old volkswagen, with headlights like weak torches, wondering if we were going to make it home - Hendon were keen to get me back so it was an easy decision".

After playing close to 700 games for Hendon (and 70 for Wycombe, 25 for Enfield and 76 for Wealdstone, plus dozens of junior games for Watford, and 30+ representative games for the FA Amateur XI) Gary finally retired at the age of 35 and took over as manager of the Greens - after twice becoming caretaker manager.

But financial restrictions forced him to resign and instead concentrate on youth football. He became manager/coach of Harrow Hawks for three years, Belmont FC for seven years and then Hendon Youth for two years, winning leagues and cups with all three clubs.

"I'm most proud of what I did for Edgware Town though" says Gary. "I brought a whole lot of youngsters into the club, average age 17 and we finished tenth in the Ryman Div Two - and then sold star striker Leon Constantine to Millwall for a big fee.

"The following year though, they had financial problems and I decided to call it a day".

So he's seen it all and done it all. But what does Gary think of Hendon's chances of causing an upset in today's big Trophy game?

"Nine times out of ten the favourites will win.... but never, ever, underestimate the underdog. Anything can happen in cup football".



Gary (centre) on stage with Ricochet

Gary can play the Tropic after today's game!

GARY HAND is now living in Hertfordshire with his wife of 52 years, Linda. Their son Stephen, used to play in non-League while grandson Henry is carrying on the footballing tradition in Cheshunt's youth team. "Stephen was a more creative player but Henry is like me, very competitive and aggressive!"

Gary (below) had a variety of jobs before finding his calling in the mid-80s in auditing. He became director of a plc, managing 100 people and even now, at 72, is consulting in the retail food and wine industry for his own company, G. Hand & Co Auditors.

Oh, and he is keeping up the grand tradition of elderly rockers by going back to his first real interest: playing guitar.

Said Gary: "When I was at Watford FC in my mid-teens I was very into my guitar - until they said it was a choice between music or football... and get your hair cut in the meantime!

"So when I packed up managing I went to a music school where you match up with other musicians and make music! We now have a band called "Ricochet Blues Band"; I sing vocals and I love it!"



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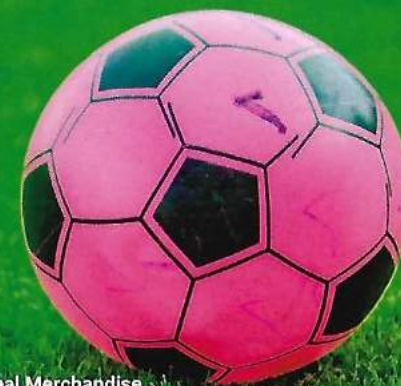
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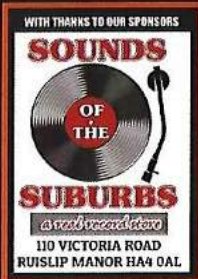
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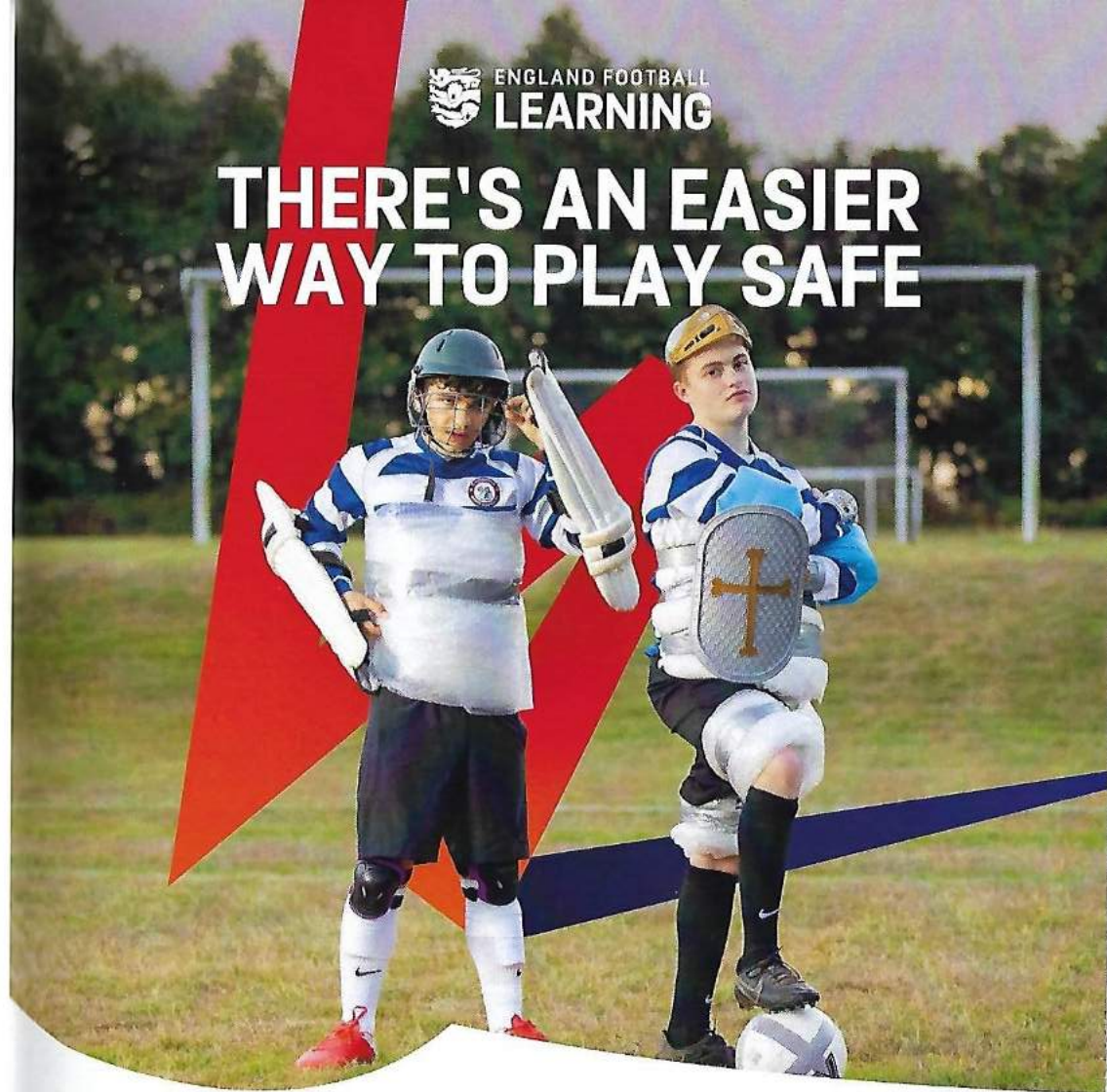
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BY TIM PARKS

The most dramatic game played at Wembley in '66? There's only one winner

Saturday April 16 1966, FA Amateur Cup Final: Hendon 1 Wealdstone 3 **HOW many of you Stones and Hendon fans enjoyed a little frisson of excitement when the teams were paired for today's FA Trophy clash? And if you did, I bet you're at retirement age or older!**

the best



For Wealdstone and Hendon are irrevocably linked by one afternoon at Wembley in 1966. Yes, it was the year England won the World Cup on the same pitch but all the ancient Stones fans out there will tell you that Saturday April 16 was THE big date at the national stadium 58 years ago.

Hendon were a cracking side, probably the best outside professional ranks and proud holders of the Amateur Cup after they had won the previous year's final 3-1 against Whitby Town. They had also lifted the trophy in 1960 and were odds-on favourites against their mid-table fellow Isthmian Leaguers Wealdstone.

But just ask Stones' midfielders Hughie Lindsay and Charlie Townsend, propping up the bar as WFCA ambassadors today, who were deserved winners and you'll get a very short answer! These two England amateur internationals - and they also represented Great Britain at the Olympic Games - were the star men as Stones dismantled the powerful Greens after falling behind after just two minutes.

Right-back Mickey Doyle (who went on to play for Hendon in later years) said that early body blow was the catalyst for the outstanding Stones performance.

"There I was, picking the ball out of our net after Geoff Riddy had put Hendon into the lead and I knew in my guts that we were the sort of team that thrived on a knock-back, especially so early in the game" he said at the club's Wembley 50th anniversary in 2016.

"We were all up for it. The



Very little known fact: two days before the to get the feel of the

skipper, Johnny Ashworth, went around our team motivating everyone and we played so well that day. It took a long time to get the goals we deserved but 3-1 was a fair result in the end.

"You know, Hughie and

Charlie were absolutely brilliant but Johnny was the glue in that team. Held us all together in good times and bad."

It was one of the most dramatic Wembley finals of all time.... even with Geoff Hurst's extra-time heroics to follow three months later. After Riddy's close-range opener for the Greens it was wave after wave of Wealdstone attacks with Stones fans gloriously outsinning their counterparts in the 45,000 crowd.

But the heavy pitch (after a week of snow had even put the game in doubt) conspired to save Hendon on numerous occasions until Bobby Childs slanted his 25-yarder past slow-moving Greens keeper John Swannell just before half-time.

England goallie Swannell - who died only two weeks ago - defied Lindsay and Childs with fine saves but he was finally beaten three minutes from time as winger Bernie Bremer pounced to jubilantly fire in from close range.

And as we moved into injury time Childs struck again after Swannell had failed to hold a pile-driver from the rampant Lindsay.

1-1 Bobby Childs



2-1 Bernie Bremer



3-1 Bobby Childs again



Wembley was covered in thick snow just final, when the Stones players turned up stadium. Definitely orange ball weather!



Winners! Skipper Johnny Ashworth shows off the cup with star men Lindsay and Townsend far left and far right

The People Sunday April 17, 1966

Hendon retreat lets in Lindsay

Hendon 1, Wealdstone 3

By JOE HULME

BRILLIANT Hugh Lindsay stamped his authority on the Amateur Cup Final. He made sure the trophy would go to Wealdstone for the first time. The tactics of using Lindsay, with his immaculate ball control and made - to - measure passes and Charlie Townsend to open up the Hendon defence paid off handsomely on the slippery Wembley turf.

These two had Bobby Cantwell and his fellow defenders slipping all over the pitch. Wide gaps were created for the fast-running Bobby Childs and wingers



● Fill up the Wembley huddle — it's Amateur Cup victory for Wealdstone as Bernie Bremer (falling, second from left) hits their second past Hendon's defence.

Bernie Bremer and Brian Allen.

A jubilant Lindsay stepped afterwards: "The space I by Hendon's defensive tactics was fine. I always put it by ear, though sometimes I'm a bit off-tune."

It was sweet revenge for Lindsay, too. He was in the Kingstonian side beaten Hendon in the final six years ago.

Hendon scored in the 52 minute through Geoff Riddy. Despite this shock Wealdstone calmly played their way through the shakedown period and a mistimed Hendon's mistaken tactic of pulling Roy Sleep back in defence.

Explained Bill Fisher, the Hendon coach: "We planned in an early goal and then to stay on the attack. But we were not allowed to. Wealdstone pushed us back and kept coming at us."

Townsend and Lindsay revealed in the midline freedom and so up move after move to thwart Swannell. He was surprised by the speed of Bobby Childs' 25 yard angled shot off the bar as he dived too late to prevent the equaliser.

Swannell also knocked down fierce drive in injury time by the ball only ran to Childs who cracked it into the empty net.

A few minutes earlier Bremer had put Wealdstone in front. The injury had no effect on the fast-moving game. David Slacklock went off for a minute into the game with a washed shin and Welsh cap John Evans had treatment for a leg injury after colliding with Lindsay.

HENDON: Swannell G; Hogwood R; Cantwell G; Corner G; Slacklock G; Evans G; Sloan G; Churton G; Swain G; Hyde G.

WEALDSTONE: Gorman G; Boyle Ashworth G; Pittsworth G; Knapley G; Townsend G; LINDSAY G; Allen G; Childs G; Doyle G; Bremer G. Substitutes: H. Burtleshaw (Hereford).

The Sunday People report underlines the role Hughie Lindsay played in the Stones' renaissance in the final, alongside his England pal Charlie Townsend

WE'VE MET YOU BEFORE, CONTINUED

Hendon beaten at the Vicarage... but what were we even doing there?

Wednesday December 4, 1991, FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying round replay: Wealdstone 4 Hendon 1

THIRTY-THREE years ago, Wealdstone FC was balancing on a precipice.

The shameful decision to sell our old Lower Mead ground in Harrow (to pay off manageable debts) and share the lease at Watford's Vicarage Road doesn't look any more sensible a third of a century later.

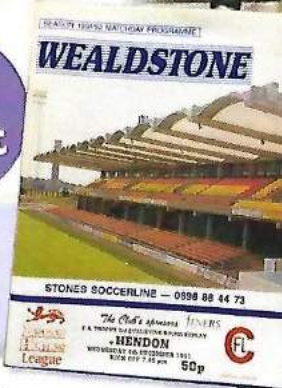
It was a vanity project that put the whole future of the club on a knife edge... and the worst fears came true with poor performances leading to crowds plummeting and the club finding itself relegated from the Beazer Homes League Premier Division at the end of this first season at the Vicarage. It was a decision of financial insanity that led directly to many decades in the wilderness.

And yet there was still hope that the move would work out when Hendon came visiting for the FA Trophy replay on a Wednesday night in '91. Hendon were struggling in the lower half of the Diadora (Isthmian League) Premier Division, while the Stones under Brian Hall were rooted midway in the Beazer Prem. And we had the quality to hand out a drubbing (after an initial 0-0 draw) according to Watford Observer's Andy French in his report (right) though the 367 crowd was testament to how far these clubs had fallen.

We went on to face Conference National side Cheltenham in the next round and put up a fight (Tony Lynch and Leo Donnellan scoring cracking goals from outside the box) before subsiding 3-2. And after that it was all downhill, notably after star striker Tony Kelly was suspended and then kicked out of the club for playing Sunday morning football.

That can't have been far different to the standards we were showing at the vastly underpopulated Vicarage Road. Hall (who had guided Stones to the very first non-League double six years earlier) seemed to lose his way, and the season dribbled along to its unsurprising, desperate climax.

...and most recent



Steve Smart scores in the opening win of the season, 1-0 over Moor Green... but there weren't many other highlights of '91-92



Stones' second-half rampage

A THRILLING second-half including three goals and a penalty miss made the Stones passage into the First Round proper of this year's FA Trophy a memorable one, writes Andrew French.

A goal in the opening seconds precluded what was to come. It took a little longer than expected though.

The first half died a little but, after half-time, the Stones put together some of their best attacking moves of the season, tearing the Diadora League side open as they displayed the confidence to carry the ball at the back four.

Hendon were given a glorious chance of salvaging something with the 76th minute penalty which they failed to take, although it would be wrong to consider that a major turning point. The Stones deserved it.

With only seconds gone, **TIV LOWE** finally managed what he has promised all season. Taking a pass from Paul Goyette he sidestepped a challenge before sending a skimming, 25-yard drive between Root and the post.

Hendon, clearly shaken, went close in the third minute when Paul Shirt turned and shot just over the angle of post and bar.

Goyette pressurised Troy Birch into almost turning a 10th-minute cross past his own keeper. Root saved his blushes though.

Six minutes later Goyette, Leo Donnellan and Russell Wilson combined to allow the latter space for a shot from 18 yards which Root held

WEALDSTONE.....4
Lowe 34secs, 81, Wilson 46,63
HENDON.....1
Fowler 30

well.

The Hendon keeper did well again, parrying another well-struck effort from Wilson as he ran onto a ricocheted pass.

The Stones' had a firm grip on the game at that time, but slowly a little complacency set in. Hendon capitalised on the half-hour.

Andy Edmonds ran in behind Dermot Drummy to hit a fierce shot goalwards which Roach parried. The ball ran loose and Kevin FOWLER was on hand for a simple tap-in.

Root had to stretch to save Derek Payne's flick from a Wilson cross and, at the other end, Shirt fed Junior Hunter and he shot just wide.

The second-half started in exactly the same fashion as the first. A Wealdstone goal.

Goyette sprayed a pass forward and Wilson ran clear. Root was perhaps a little slow in coming off his line and that allowed WILSON to pick his spot, placing the ball precisely inside the base of the far post.

Four minutes later it could have been three. Steve Browne slipped the ball into the path of the overlapping Donnellan.

He flicked the ball into Lowe who crashed in a volley which seemed to be going wide. However, Root still pushed the ball out and Payne seized on the loose ball, squaring it to Drummy who fired over the bar.

A run from deep by Lowe created space in the 55th minute. Goyette moved the ball on into Wilson's path and he crossed to the back-post where Browne sliced a shot wide.

The Stones deserved a third and it came in the 63rd minute. Browne attacked the box but the move seemed to have broken down when he was challenged.

The loose ball ran to Payne and he pushed a first-time pass into WILSON's path. The striker finished exquisitely once again, shooting across Root and inside the far post.

Seven minutes later Root made two fine stops. Lowe hit a fearsome drive from 30 yards which the keeper flung himself at and blocked.

The ball span up and Donnellan, opting to half-volley rather than head, saw the grounded keeper spring up and deflect the ball over the bar.

Hendon tried to fight back but, although Roach saved well from Collin Tate with his legs, they seemed to be floundering.

Then a corner dropped in the middle of the box and Peter Bartlett, trying to turn and clear, saw the ball catch him on the arm.

A little harsh? Maybe so, but Stones' fans would have been baying for a penalty in a similar position at the other end, and so it was no surprise when Mr Jordan pointed to

the spot.

Up stepped Tate, but his kick clipped the outside of the upright with Roach perhaps having the inside of the post covered.

From then the Stones cavorted. Their fourth goal in the 81st minute, giving them their biggest home win of the season, had a touch of nonchalant bravado about it.

A Hendon corner was cleared to Payne. He burst forward and slipped the ball to Lowe, who in turn fed Browne.

The winger spotted that Payne had continued his run and laid the ball into his path. The on-loan midfielder took the ball wide of Root and then shot for the empty goal.

The ball cannoned back off the post to the waiting Payne, who then cheekily jinked around three defenders and Root. However, rather than shoot he layed the ball off to Lowe, who had stayed forward.

He also sidestepped one challenge but, rather than prolong Hendon's misery, he hammered the ball into the net off a defender.

Browne and Wilson had efforts blocked and Drummy saw a 25-yard effort saved as the Stones enjoyed and revelled in their superiority.

WEALDSTONE: Roach; Watson, Lowe, Drummy, Bartlett, Cordice, Browne, Donnellan, Wilson, Payne, Goyette. Subs: Hopper for Donnellan after 77 mins, Richards not used.

HENDON: Root; Edmonds, Fowler, Hunter, Gayle, Clark, Shirt, Das, Xavier, Tate, Birch. Subs: Paterides for Hunter after 70 mins, Larkin not used.

Attendance: 367. Referee: Mr W Jordan (Pinner).

Survivors

Wealdstone 3, Hendon 2 (set)
'STONES are the sole local survivors in the FA Cup after Tuesday's nail-biting replay against Isthmian League Hendon.

But they had a lucky escape after twice coming from behind to thwart plucky Hendon, who were anything but overawed by their more illustrious Alliance neighbours.

And Wealdstone needed extra time to finally deny a Hendon side who left their indifferent Isthmian League form behind (writes Ron Smithson).

After Saturday's 1-1 draw at Claremont Road, Wealdstone manager Allen Batsford left out striker Ray Knowles and gave close target man up front.

It was Hendon, though, who drew first blood after 19 minutes, Rogers' inswinging corner being muffed by 'keeper Ray Goddard at the unguarded far post and going straight in for a gift goal.

Then 'Stones had their collective hearts in their mouths as, straight from the restart, threatened to go all the way before being a tireless warrior on Tuesday.

But Batsford's ploy of Graves as an out and out target man — at the expense of the after 26 minutes. Pearce's corner into a hot-bed of action received a touch on and Graves was there for the finishing header to bring 'Stones level.

Yet after that, 'Stones failed to put their stamp on the game, regular territorial advan-

'Stones win cup thriller

tage never really having the penetration to dominate the visitors. Hendon continued to give as good as they got, and when D. Byatt failed Winston with about as much grace as a lumberjack, a penalty was inevitable result, Rogers making no mistake with the 37th minute spot kick.

So the stage was set for a grand old only occasionally producing their best football — a superb combination of one-to-one drive being fingertipped over the only time they pelted like true Alliance material.

With 15 minutes left, and desperation approaching, Batsford took off midfielder Wainwright for out and out attack in the shape of Neil Cordice.

And with eight minutes of normal time left, the gambit payed off, Bowgett's well-timed cross being turned home via Neil Cordice for the vital equaliser. Extra time saw two tired sides searching for a breakthrough and indeed 'Stones looked to have settled for another replay when, with five minutes left, Graves was in the right place at the right time to nod home Stuart Pearce's corner at the far post.

'Stones face further Isthmian opposition in the third qualifying round on Saturday week when they travel to currently unbeaten Dulwich Hamlet.

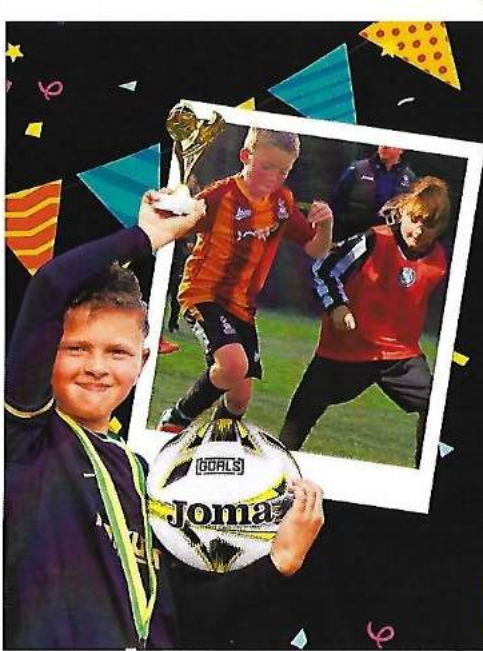
Two-goal Graves is the kiss of death for battling Greens

Tuesday October 5 1982, FA Cup 2nd Qualifying round replay: Wealdstone 3 Hendon 2

NINE years earlier it was a much higher-quality game in front of 738 at Lower Mead. Stones were flying along after promotion to the Alliance Premier League (Vanarama National these days) while Hendon were a decent Isthmian Prem side... and after a rare mistake by keeper Ray Goddard, Stones levelled at 2-2 late in the game before Mark Graves (right) injury-time winner.

Stones would go on to face League One Swindon in the FA Cup first round, losing unluckily 2-0 in what was (in them days) a grand day out in front of a 4,000 crowd. We finished third in the table; then fourth in 83-84; and then we won the bloody thing!





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GIS graduate, First Team Analyst and Coaching Assistant at **Watford FC Women**



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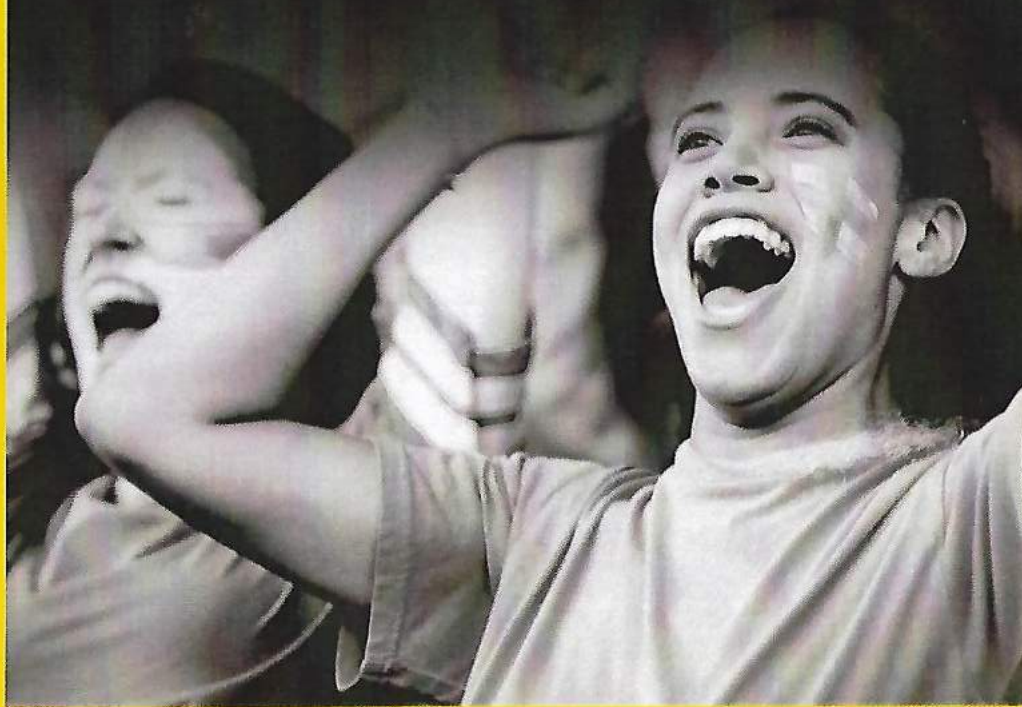


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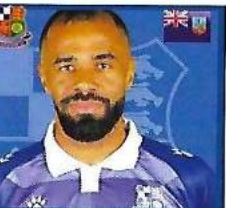
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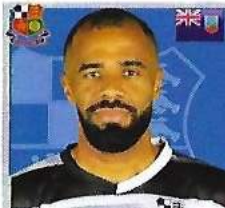
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National League

Saturday
9th March
3:00pm

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE AS AT SUNDAY 6/2/2024

	ALL					HOME					AWAY					RESULTS			
	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	P	W	D	L	F A	GD	PTS	(H)	(A)
1 Chesterfield	30	25	2	3	75 35	16	15	1	0	48 19	14	10	1	3	27 16	40	77	2-3	
2 Bromley	32	16	10	6	53 35	16	10	3	3	33 18	16	6	7	3	20 17	18	58	1-1	
3 Barnet	31	17	5	9	59 45	15	10	3	2	30 17	16	7	2	7	29 28	14	56	3-2	1-1
4 Altrincham	29	13	10	6	54 38	14	8	4	2	34 16	15	5	6	4	20 22	16	49	0-0	
5 Aldershot Town	31	14	6	11	56 57	15	8	5	2	32 22	16	6	1	9	24 35	-1	48	3-3	1-3
6 Solihull Moors	30	13	8	9	45 41	16	6	5	5	24 17	14	7	3	4	21 24	4	47	0-1	
7 Gateshead	29	13	7	9	53 40	14	6	4	4	27 20	15	7	3	5	26 20	13	46	1-3	
8 Oldham Athletic	30	12	10	8	45 39	15	5	5	5	23 17	15	7	5	3	22 22	6	46	1-1	
9 Rochdale	30	11	8	11	48 44	15	6	4	5	26 19	15	5	4	6	22 25	4	41	3-2	
10 Halifax Town	30	10	11	9	33 33	14	4	7	3	16 14	16	6	4	6	17 19	0	41	2-0	0-1
11 Hartlepool United	32	12	4	16	49 58	16	7	1	8	23 27	16	5	3	8	26 31	-9	40	4-4	1-2
12 Wealdstone	28	10	8	10	40 40	14	8	5	1	28 20	14	2	3	9	12 20	0	38	--	--
13 Eastleigh	30	10	8	12	51 61	15	7	4	4	29 27	15	3	4	8	22 34	-10	38	0-0	
14 Dagenham & Redbridge	31	10	7	14	39 43	15	5	0	10	18 24	16	5	7	4	21 19	-4	37	0-2	2-0
15 Boreham Wood	31	8	13	10	40 51	16	4	7	5	20 22	15	4	6	5	20 29	-11	37	1-1	
16 Maidenhead United	30	8	12	10	31 38	16	5	7	4	14 14	14	3	5	6	17 24	-7	36	0-1	2-0
17 Southend United	29	13	5	11	44 32	14	9	0	5	29 12	15	4	5	6	15 20	+12	34		
18 York City	30	7	13	10	40 48	14	3	7	4	22 22	16	4	6	6	18 26	-8	34	2-1	
19 Dorking Wanderers	30	10	4	16	36 50	16	5	2	9	18 25	14	5	2	7	18 25	-14	34	1-3	
20 Fylde	30	8	8	14	45 53	16	5	6	5	25 26	14	3	2	9	20 27	-8	32	3-2	
21 Kidderminster Harriers	32	8	8	16	29 41	16	4	5	7	17 19	16	4	3	9	12 22	-12	32	0-1	
22 Ebbsfleet United	32	8	7	17	38 56	16	5	3	8	19 19	16	3	4	9	19 37	-18	31	2-1	0-2
23 Woking	30	8	6	16	29 39	14	2	3	9	13 21	16	6	3	7	16 18	-10	30	1-0	
24 Oxford City	31	7	6	18	44 59	16	5	2	9	24 27	15	2	4	9	20 32	-15	27	3-1	

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National League
Tuesday
13th February
7:45pm

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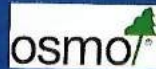
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