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By Mark Hyde

Written in Stone



AND STILL THEY COME.....

Hello, good afternoon and welcome to Grosvenor Vale for todays National League fixture against Solihull Moors who are making the trip back to the Vale for the second time in under a month.

The Moors last visit on the 9th of March was for the much anticipated and highly entertaining FA Trophy quarter final, where they progressed at our expense in heartbreaking style via a penalty shootout.

The fixtures are coming thick and fast now as we rush towards the season's finale in a little under 3 weeks time! With seven games to shoehorn into this period, it will continue to stretch our playing resources to the maximum.

As I write these notes a few points added to our total against a tough Altrincham side, who are competing for a play off position, and an Oxford City side that although already relegated, will be looking to end their National League season in a positive way would be very useful as we continue to fight for league position amongst a very tight bunch.

As per normal, we have a lot of content in today's programme for you to get your teeth into. One piece of fantastic news for us as supporters, detailed later in this issue, is the news that season ticket pricing will be frozen again for next season, with the usual Early Bird offers making it even better value for money. Tickets should be available online now, so act fast and secure next season's football at a bargain price. If the above wasn't enough, the



club has added several new options to make your support even easier. You now have the option to pay for your season ticket via Google or Apple Pay, which has the added benefit of allowing you to spread your payments over three installments. There will also be the option to receive your season ticket in an electronic format should that be your preference.

Finally on the season ticket front, the club is always grateful for supporters who in the past have taken advantage of Membership packages that combine the purchase of shares along with your season ticket. It is intended that Membership packages will once again be available and full details will be made public once finalised by the Board.

As mentioned earlier, the end of the season is within touching distance now and I am sure many of you will already have started to think about your personal choice for the Player of the Season award. Voting is now open on the Supporters Club website and also for our Under 16 supporters to chose their own Player of the Season. So get voting.

Enjoy the game and let's hope for a more favourable outcome than a few weeks back.

Mark

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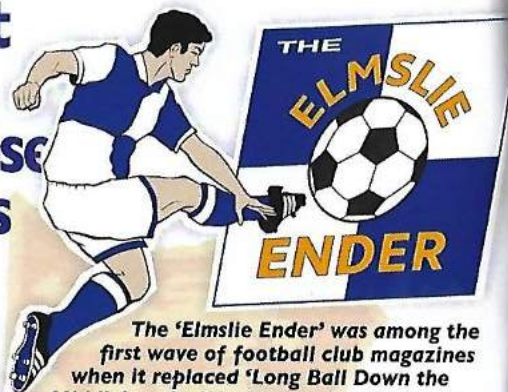


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Britain's longest-running fanzine column (and it shows it)

The lack of respect for non-League is perpetrated by those higher up football's pyramid and, yes, even the FA itself



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 MICK FISHMAN

WITH Sudhir shirking his responsibilities by enjoying an undeserved break I've been asked to fill in with the EE duties this week. Being a decent sort of chap, I agreed to do so.

No doubt, like most Stones fans, I was disappointed with our recent exit from the FA Challenge Trophy at the hands of Solihull Moors via a penalty shoot-out. Before scuttling off on holiday, Sudhir gave his measured view on the game but I thought it might be of (very limited) interest to provide my own take on that particular match.

It had been a very decent game of football that could have gone either way. A proper cup-tie. But that it should be decided so quickly, and in such a brutal manner, was for me hugely disagreeable.

There are clearly practical reasons for the footballing authorities to try and limit the number of games clubs must play over and beyond their league programmes. In the case of the National League, 46 matches are not always easy to fit in, particularly in a harsh or very wet winter as we have experienced this season, and of course we have very specific drainage problems to contend with at The Vale. But why the instruction to move straight to penalties after the 90 minutes (or probably 95 minutes) have been completed?

It just seemed very unsatisfactory for such an important and prestigious competition. In addition, had we overcome Solihull we would have played a semi-final either at The Vale or on an opponent's

ground. Again, why?

I'm not a complete dinosaur regarding football. I don't yearn for the days of a "good old-fashioned challenge", or in layman's terms legalised GBH (well, not often anyway), but football through the pyramid takes its lead from the top and the top, the Premier League, is in my view a bloated, sick animal.

Billions of pounds are pumped into a "product" in which far greater importance is placed on qualifying for tournaments than winning titles or domestic Cups. Where once you had the European Cup and European Cup Winner's Cup, you now have a plethora of meaningless UEFA tournaments. In order to accommodate the extra matches required for these money-making exercises the great jewels in the domestic crown, the FA Cup and FA Challenge Trophy, are being gradually strangled and sacrificed.

I am now of such an age where increasingly I feel the hot breath of the Grim Reaper on my shoulder; and I was at both FA Amateur Cup semi-finals in which the club competed in 1966 and 1968. The first, against Alvechurch, was played at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge; the second, against Chesham United, took place at Fulham's Craven Cottage. Both were great occasions, despite the horrible outcome of the game against Chesham. The semi-finals of the 1964/65 Amateur Cup were played at Highbury between Hendon and Finchley and at

Sunderland's Roker Park between Whitley Bay and Enfield. It was standard post war practice to play Amateur Cup semi-finals at the grounds of Football League clubs, continuing right up to the demise of

the competition in 1974.

When the FA Challenge Trophy was launched in 1970 as an alternative competition for semi-professional clubs, it initially followed the blueprint of the Amateur Cup by siting the semi-finals at the grounds of Football League clubs before moving to a two-leg model, which survived until recently.

Perhaps the Trophy is now so devalued and general public interest in it so small that holding the semi-finals in any of the huge modern Premier League grounds would result in games played in largely empty stadiums. The TV/football industries are so closely entwined now that public knowledge of and interest in lower league football is minimal.

For heaven's sake, most presenters and commentators cannot even get our name right. Mark Chapman on BBC Radio 5 Live routinely refers to our club as Wealdstn. It's careless, clueless and disrespectful. I can't imagine Kenneth Wolstenholme, Barry Davies or John Motson referring to our club as Wealdstn. It's just illustrative of how little those who routinely report on the Premier League know or care about football further down the pyramid.

In its current form it is becoming increasingly difficult to sustain healthy football clubs the further down the pyramid you care to look. Bury went. Nuneaton are gone. Torquay are in big trouble. Both Southend and Rochdale have flirted with disaster. The government has introduced the Football Governance Bill to Parliament which concerns itself with how football clubs are structured, operated and funded; it's all good stuff, but with the current government limping on towards a general election and the driving force behind the proposed changes, Tracey Crouch the ex-Sports Minister, leaving politics at the next election, I don't have much confidence the Bill will reach the statute books.

Not addressed by the politicians or the football administrators so far as I can see is the structure of the current pyramid. We now effectively have 5 full time national divisions with regionalisation only starting at Step 6. In so many ways that makes sustainability of football clubs so much more difficult than it should be.

In a perfect world one would hope the football administrators would consider re-structuring the divisions at the bottom of the EFL and below in order to encourage greater sustainability, most obviously regionalising further up the ladder and creating smaller divisions.

Back in the 1960s the Isthmian League comprised 20 clubs which meant that teams played 38 league games. Players representing Wealdstone

had the opportunity to win a league championship, the Amateur Cup or FA Trophy, the Middlesex Senior Cup, Middlesex Charity Cup, London Senior Cup or even the London Challenge Cup- now it is a League Championship medal or the FA Trophy.

That expanded to 38 or 40 league games, and now the current 46 in the National League which leaves no leeway for FA Cup and FA Trophy replays before having to settle matters via the horror of penalties, as suffered by us against Solihull Moors. But I'm not deluded. It won't happen.

Following the disappointment of the Solihull game the team took the long journey to AFC Fylde to take on another well-funded, full-time NL team.

Travelling up on the Friday they joined numerous Stones fans doing likewise and enjoying the delights and entertainment of nearby Blackpool (is Frankie Vaughan still starring at the Talk of The Town there?). I went up by train on the Saturday morning, a risky strategy as it relied on Avanti

West Coast, a company most noted for not running trains, and Northern Rail, infamous for piling up cancellations, to get me to the game in time for kick off and home again the same week. As a guest of my old mate Nick Symmons, I was afforded the royal treatment by the extraordinarily friendly Fylde people. The ground itself is, in my view, perfect. A 6,000-capacity stadium with a main stand straddling one side and the three other areas completely covered terracing.

We scored two outstanding goals, conceded a scruffy one, and might have had two or three more towards the end of the game had we been more clinical in front of goal.

But then Bromley. Without our wingers, Tarryn Allarakhia and Dillon De Silva, and in my view our most influential midfielder, Alex Dyer, (all on international duty) breaking down a well organised Bromley side was always going to be difficult; and so it proved. What I think it also demonstrated is how difficult it is for a club like Wealdstone, with a very small playing budget in comparison to most in this league, to be able to put together a full squad of sufficient quality to survive comfortably.

Assuming we stay up (fingers crossed), this will be the biggest challenge for Nobby, Neil and Coxy over the summer. For all sorts of reasons there will no doubt be lots of player movement in and out of the club at the season's end. How the MT go about constructing the new squad, and with whom, will be fascinating.

More on the Kidderminster, Altrincham and Oxford City games later...



Below: the iconic Elmslie Stand at the Stones' Lower Mead in Harrow. This picture is so old you can probably see Mick in there somewhere





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Getting to know the Stones

Ten minutes with...

JACK YOUNG

BY TIM PARKS

JACK YOUNG, the livewire Geordie with us on loan from Wycombe Wanderers, will be a key component as Stones launch into the final few hectic weeks of the National League season.

The blond midfielder, 23, rolled his ankle in the defeat at Rochdale but returned to the side against Bromley and Kidderminster with the Stones depleted by international call-ups.

And his usual high-energy performance was almost rewarded with a vital goal against the South Londoners.

"I thought I'd scored in that game: I was onside, following up Mason Barrett's shot, but Munds (Jaydn Mundle Smith) had strayed offside, and that must've been why the decision was made".

Jack, brought up in Morpeth in Northumberland, spent 14 years in the Newcastle United youth system - and played over 70 games for the Toon in Premier League Two - but never quite made the breakthrough into the first team.

"I was on the bench for a couple of Premier League games and Steve Bruce was good with me,

Young Jack in the famous Toon stripes



but I chose to go on loan to Tranmere Rovers, and then Wycombe to gain experience.

"The Wycombe loan turned into a permanent move two years ago and since then I've made four EFL appearances and played loads of cup games.

'Wealdstone is a great opportunity for me... I played here in pre-season for Wycombe so I know the style of play and how good the players are'

"With the change of manager at Wycombe last summer, I started this season on loan to Ayr United in the Scottish Championship and had a long run in the side, playing 23 games against big clubs like Dundee United.

"The standard surprised me, very high and technical with lots of quick passing and moving the ball.

"But in the meantime Wycombe had added more midfielders to the squad, a few

on loan, and I was keen to get back out and playing - Wealdstone is a great opportunity for me, especially as had played here in pre-season for Wycombe and I knew all about their style of play, and how good the side is".

He was one of the stand-out players in that match as a powerful Chairboys XI scraped to a 1-0 win over a Wealdstone side comprising four trialists. He brought a smart save from our debutant loan 'keeper Jed Ward in the late stages with a fizzing 25-yarder.

Jack was brought up in the footballing hotbed of Morpeth, 20 miles north of Newcastle, and close to the Ashington mining village where Bobby and Jackie Charlton famously grew up.

"My best mates are still the primary school lads I've known since I was seven, and we know all the stories about the Charltons and other famous footballers from the area.

"My dad, John Young, has been a great influence on me - he used to play in goal for Morpeth Town (Northern Premier League) and other local clubs in the north east. He is a bit different from me though, a lot taller!

"He must've been quite decent as he was in the Newcastle Centre of Excellence in the early 1990s, playing with Alan Shearer and Paul Gascoigne for the district teams.

"We were always out over the field, with a bag of balls, for shooting practice, and even now he drives down the five-hour journey to

watch me play!"

Jack was particularly disappointed to have his "goal" chalked off against Bromley as his scoring record is pretty thin.

"My favourite position is in the number eight role, pushing forward behind the strikers and trying to make things happen, but it's been a while since I scored. I think the last one was a penalty in the shoot out for Wycombe against Tottenham in the Football League Trophy last season... which we won."

I think Jack's being a bit harsh on himself - a quick glance at YouTube will reveal an astonishing strike in the Premier League two local Derby against Middlesbrough two years ago. Top bins from 25 yards!

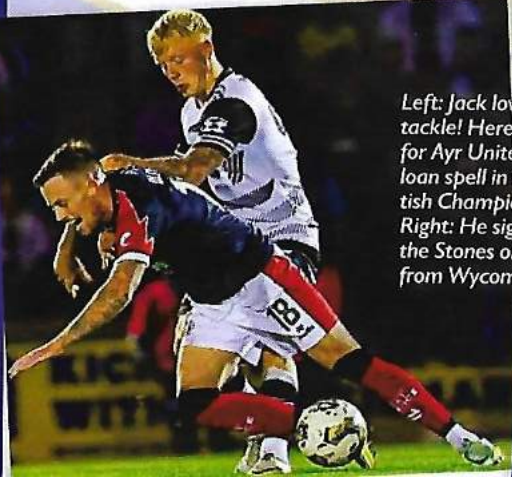
Now, Jack is down south with his girlfriend, renting a flat in Marlow, very handy for both Wycombe and Wealdstone... although he has to put up with our head of media, Chris Woods, living just two doors away. Even in a footballing paradise there's always going to be a downside!

QUICK QUESTIONS..

Favourite goal you've scored? I'll have to say that one against Middlesbrough.

Favourite restaurant? I'll say the Marlow Bar and Grill.. that's where I'll take friends and family if they're visiting. It's great!

..and favourite holiday destination? Dubai. Had a great time there last summer and there's so much to do, watersports, beach, and restaurants.



Left: Jack loves a tackle! Here in action for Ayr United in his loan spell in the Scottish Championship. Right: He signs for the Stones on loan from Wycombe



Jack gets on the ball, attacking up the slope against Kidderminster in our last home game. Picture: JON TAFFEL

'My dad used to play in goal for Morpeth and he's been a great influence on me... even now he drives five hours down the motorway to see me play!'



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WFCSC Update

Terry Hissey



Welcome to Grosvenor Vale for today's National League fixture versus Solihull Moors. On behalf of the Supporters Club, I bid a warm welcome to their fans and enjoy your stay in Middlesex. Of course we shall be looking to avenge the recent FA Trophy defeat, but here's to a good game either way.

Today is special for me as I'm the match ball sponsor and I also turn 50 today! Yes, I know I don't look it!! My first Wealdstone game was back in January 1986 versus Dartford which the Stones won 2-1 with the winner coming from Vince Jones. Didn't he do well! But back to today. As I type this, the Stones have just lost to Bromley, a match I could not attend as military duties took me to the Emerald Isle for the first time. However as it was for an engagement with the Queen, hopefully I'm forgiven for not selling our Easter Draw tickets. These are still available at £1 each and the draw is today at 1800.

On Saturday 6th April, the SC are organising a night with the top Oasis tribute band. Tickets cost £15.00 in advance and are available from behind the bar or from James Klarfeld on 07979 795 414.

Following the discounted membership

promotions of last year, I am still awaiting the return of the joining form off half a dozen people. If you think you may be one of them, just ask. Replacements can be mailed out if you don't have a printer.

The Supporters Club Executive Committee members are presently in discussion on the provision of Fanzones for the fans of teams visiting Wembley Stadium. These are a key fundraiser for us, running a BBQ and a friendly face to all. If anyone can assist, even for a small amount of time, please speak to a Committee member.

Finally please do vote in due course for the Supporters Club Player of the Season who will receive the Jock Law Trophy which has been awarded since 1970. Our younger fans can vote for the Stuart Pearce Shield for Junior Stones Player of the Season which was instigated last season in tribute to our most famous ex-Stone. (Although the award dates back to 1998 and the previous trophy is in the Clubhouse cabinet). At the same time the Executive Committee will be deliberating on who shall receive the Mark Barton Memorial Shield as Supporter of the Season.

Up the Stones and enjoy your visit.

Terry

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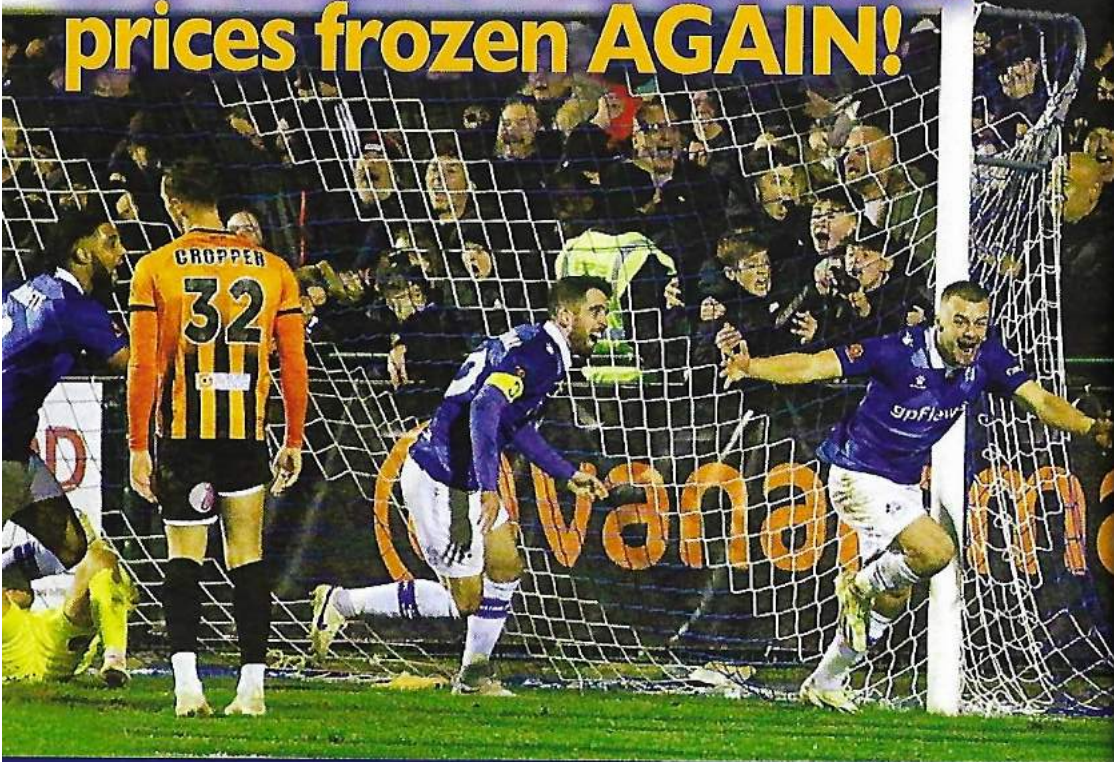
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Stones held by Harriers on another frustrating afternoon



OUR last game here at the Vale saw David Noble and his management team still waiting to chalk up that first home victory after this draw followed up others against Aldershot and Solihull (in the Trophy) and defeats by Gateshead and Bromley. Unless you count the Hendon game which was actually won away from home!

And maybe it was the number of tired legs out there that led to Kidderminster's 83rd-minute leveller from Ashley Hemmings. Yet again the Stones can count themselves unlucky to get on the wrong side of a borderline offside decision against Bromley: it was 'scorer' Jack Young flagged by the assistant referee even though Jaydn Mundie-Smith was the culprit, while against Kiddy Charlie Barker was the unlucky man to be ruled offside even though he had apparently stayed the right side of his man from Sam Bowen's excellent freekick.

It could easily have been 3-0 or 4-0 at the break after Kallum Cesay and Sean Adarkwa had both hit the frame of the goal. Yet in the end it needed an astonishing save from Marcus Dewhurst to deny Jay Emmanuel-Thomas.

Report (right) courtesy of the Non-League paper



WEALDSTONE 1
Kretzschmar 45+1
KIDDERMINSTER 1
Hemmings 82

HEMMINGS ARRIVES ON CUE FOR A VITAL POINT

By Nicole Cho-Yee

ASH HEMMINGS struck a late leveller to rescue a point for Kidderminster Harriers and make it four draws on the spin.

David Noble's Stones took the lead during first-half stoppage time through the in-form Max Kretzschmar, but a late goal from Hemmings secured a valuable away point for Phil Brown's men.

The Stones nearly made the perfect start as Kretzschmar's free-kick was deflected goal-bound in the sixth minute, forcing Christian Dibble

to react with a finger-tip save to deny Wealdstone's number ten.

The hosts continued to dominate the early exchanges and were tantalisingly close to profiting in the 17th minute through a trio of chances in quick succession.

Charlie Barker's back-heel was well-saved by Dibble, Kallum Tracey-Cesay's effort hit the post, and then Sean Adarkwa's header struck the crossbar.

Wealdstone looked like they had duly taken the lead in the 26th minute when defender Barker found the back of the net, but the assistant referee flagged for offside.

With ten minutes of the first-half remaining, the Harriers galvanised their best chance as Amari Morgan-Smith burst forward, beat two Stones defenders and drilled a low strike just wide of the far post.

However, one minute into stoppage time, Noble's side were rewarded for their dominance, man-of-the-moment Kretzschmar clinically fired past Dibble with a fine strike to notch his fourth goal in five games.

The Harriers emerged from the interval with intent, nearly drawing level in the 46th minute through the dangerous Morgan-Smith's fierce strike, but Dewhurst was equal to his effort.

As the second-half progressed, the visitors began find to find rhythm and edge themselves back into the contest. With 20 minutes left, the Harriers looked like they had equalised when Jay Emmanuel-Thomas rifled

an effort goal-bound from eight-yards, but Dewhurst responded with an excellent save to thwart the substitute.

The visitors had another opening in the 77th minute when Morgan-Smith fed-up Jack Lambert, forcing Dewhurst to produce another save.

Brown's side were eventually rewarded for their persistence, deservedly drawing level

in the 82nd minute as Hemmings latched onto Lambert's perfect through-ball and coolly fired home past Dewhurst to send the match into a tense finale.

The Stones had the opportunity to retake the lead in the 89th minute when Jaydn Mundie-Smith struck from inside the box, but straight at Dibble.

Two minutes into added time, the Harriers must have thought they had stolen all three points at the death when Kyrstian Pearce's header looked destined for the top corner, but the skipper was agonisingly denied by the crossbar.

STAR MAN: Marcus Dewhurst (Wealdstone)

ATE: 2, 102 ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★

MATCH STATS

WEALDSTONE V HARRIERS

8 SHOTS ON TARGET	6
1 SHOTS OFF TARGET	2
4 CORNERS	5
4 OFFSIDE	2
12 FOULS CONCEDED	10
2 YELLOW CARDS	3
0 RED CARDS	0

WEALDSTONE (4-2-3-1) Dewhurst 9; Cesay 7; Cook 6; Barker 7; Mundie-Smith 7; Olliver 6; Young 7; Bowen 6; Mason 6; Kretzschmar 7; Berry 6; 72; Adarkwa 7; 73; 74; 81; 82; 83; 84; Subs not used: Sebastian, Adams

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It's April Fool's Day, so let's go back to Lee Chappell's finest hour..

Remember the days of April Fool's jokes, of the BBC's famous 'spaghetti harvest' spoof and us pretending we were merging with Harrow Borough?

Well, lets go back to April 1st, 2013 when Lee Chappell, our larger-than life skipper, was done up

like a kipper with this spoof front page, and story inside. Chappys was, and is a big Spurs fan, and just loved being compared to his idol Bale. My favourite bit is the reference to hit-and-miss midfielders Hicks and Spendy, Lee's best mates in football.

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IS CHAPPELL THE NEW BALE?

GARETH Bale has turned to Wealdstone wide boy Lee Chappell as a footballing play-alike.

Spurs sensation Bale has revealed that movie icon Danny Boyle is filming his life story this summer - but time constraints mean he cannot be around for the entire shooting schedule.

"When I realised I couldn't be in two places at once I began watching You Tube clips for someone who looks like me and plays like me" said Bale this week. "That's when I spotted Chappys playing for the Stones... particularly that worldy 25-yarder against Lewes. I'd have been proud of that strike myself!" said the

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Welsh wonder. The quiet and unassuming Chappell, 27, played down the news. "About f**** time!" he said, modestly. "Gareth Bale is an awesome player, but it's high time someone spotted the similarities between his God-given ability and mine".

Humble
An East Thurrock right winger confirmed that Chappell was fast, tricky and humble while the Lewes right back Jamie Strong has been under sedation since his humiliation at the Vale. And Met Police right-back Steve 'Noakesie' Noakes has been suspended from duty after his brutal attempt at

"I'm a big Bale fan, and flattered that he's modelled his game on mine" said the Stones fullback this week. "I don't want to give too much away, but there's a bit in the film where I'm playing Gareth in the Premier League game at West Ham (when Bale scored in the last minute of a 3-2 win). Danny Boyle wanted to mock up the scene with a few thousand extras playing the Upton Park crowd, and asked me if I could organise a couple of 'West Ham' players - someone to give the ball away to me in midfield and a lightweight winger who wasn't tracking back- so if you look carefully you'll see Hicksy and Spendy too."

Amazing
And we can reveal an amazing twist in this story. In the last 24 hours, according to national Press sources, Tottenham boss Villas-Boas has been running the rule over 'an unnamed 27-year-old non-League left back' at the club's Enfield training ground, with the deal's only sticking point being a release clause for a week's skiing holiday in January. AVB is reportedly 'unhappy' at Bale's recent Big-Time-Charlie attitude and would be willing to broker a swap deal. Gordon Bartlett told Stones Magazine that he 'might be interested' and added: 'but for God's sake don't tell Whitehawk'.

All you need to know about... Solihull Moors

Opposition in focus



Solihull Moors FC is a merger between the former Solihull Borough and Moor Green football clubs.

TSolihull Borough was formed in 1953 by Joe McGorian and the Club was originally known as Lincoln FC. Borough progressed through the local leagues before joining the Midlands Combination

in 1969, where they spent 22 seasons, eventually resulting in promotion to the Southern League. In 1989 the club was forced to sell it's Widney Lane ground to property developers but after a proposed relocation fell through, a ground-share was agreed with local neighbours Moor Green - this was to last for ten years until the purchase of Damson Park in August 1999.

Moor Green was formed in 1901. The first ground was on a part of a farm in Moor Green Lane, Moseley. Their ancestral home, The Moorlands, was

acquired in 1930, and was situated in Hall Green, a suburb of south Birmingham. The 2003/4 season was a momentous one for Moors gaining a place in the newly formed Nationwide Conference North; However, the inaugural season was to prove a traumatic one with the devastation caused by two arson attacks at The Moorlands in January 2005, when the main stand and clubhouse were gutted leaving the club homeless. Moors thus became tenants of Solihull Borough at Damson Park.

With both clubs struggling to secure gates big enough to sustain the two teams, the

merger of both seemed an obvious forward and formed

in the summer of 2007, Solihull Moors Football Club became one of the youngest clubs in senior English football. The new club took the place of Moor Green in the Blue Square Conference North. Bob Faulkner, the Moor Green manager was given the job to take the new club forward, but Borough Boss Mickey Moore would return in the new club's hour of need.

For their first season Bob Faulkner ran with much the same team as the last Moor Green outfit and the Moors first competitive game was a 1-1 draw at home to Barrow AFC on August 11th, 2007, with a 90th minute equalizer from

Darren Middleton, earning him the accolade of scoring the first league goal for Solihull Moors. The first win came two weeks later with a 3-1 home victory over

Gainsborough Trinity, but the remainder of the campaign proved a struggle with the team rarely out of the bottom six in the league table. Survival was confirmed after the 40th league game of the season with a memorable 2-1 victory at Blyth Spartans on the penultimate Tuesday of the season.

Birmingham and Solihull Bees became tenants of the club during the 2010 close season and would play their rugby matches on either Fridays or Sundays.

During the summer break before the 2011/12 season Mickey Moore decided to take up an offer from Mans eld Town and Marcus Bignot,

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ex Crewe, Bristol Rovers, QPR and Millwall was announced as his replacement a week later. 2015/16 saw 11 new signings with Vanarama National League experience and it was clear as early as the pre season friendlies that this could be the squad to take us up to the National League and did so winning the title three weeks before the end of the campaign.

2016/17 and our first season in The National League saw a different looking squad than the one expected following the winning of the National North and at the end of October Marcus Bignot suddenly quit the club to take over at Grimsby.

The void was filled by Liam McDonald a 31 year old who had successfully cut his managerial teeth at Redditch and Hednesford. There was much to learn and the path was rocky but survival was ensured in the penultimate game of the season which saw Moors finish in sixteenth spot with 54 points. Off the pitch The Automated Technology Group Stadium was brought up to National League standard.

2017/18 saw a miserable start to the season as we propped up the league. Liam McDonald made way for Richard Money, but he quit after just 20 days before Mark Yates took over the reins with Tim Flowers as his assistant.

2018/19. Before a ball had been kicked in anger Mark Yates left to take over at League Macclesfield. Seamlessly Tim Flowers stepped up to the lead role and Gary Whild as his assistant. Several key signings have been made to strengthen the squad and there was an air of expectancy around the club as it embarked on its third year in the top-flight. Indeed, it turned out to be quite the

season, as Solihull Moors made club history by gaining their highest ever league finish. The team finished second, just three points behind eventual champions Leyton Orient. The season didn't quite have the fairy tale ending as AFC Fylde defeated Flowers' side in the play-off semi-final. Moors ended on 86 points, narrowly missed out on an FA Cup third round tie against Blackpool and reached the FA Trophy quarter-finals.

In January 2020, Tim Flowers departed with the club sitting just outside the play-off places. Gary Whild and James Quinn took temporary charge of the side while the hunt for a new manager began.

The 2021/22 season proved to be an eventful one for Moors, after a brilliant second half of the season they finished in third place and headed into another play-off campaign.

In the semi-final Moors came from a goal down to run riot on the BT Sport cameras beating Chesterfield 3-1. In the final Moors took a 1-0 lead against Grimsby Town, however, eventually lost out losing 2-1 in extra-time heartbreak.

Neal Ardley's reign at Solihull Moors would come to an end following an underwhelming 2022/23 National League campaign.

A new era would be formed at Solihull Moors following the appointment of Stephen Ward as the club's Director of Football as well as the arrival of Andy Whing who would become Moors' Head Coach.

Andy Whing coached the team to their longest unbeaten streak since our Conference North season before a 1-0 defeat to Aldershot would end the club's 14 game unbeaten streak.

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OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

Solihull Moors

2. JAMES CLARKE - DEFENCE

Moors were delighted to welcome Mansfield Town defender James Clarke to the club on a short-term loan. The 21-year-old right back has recently extended his stay at the ARMCO Arena until the end of the season. Clarke joined the Stags from Burnley prior to the 2019/20 campaign, where he was included in the first team squad during pre-season. His impressive performances led to him making a handful of first team appearances in his maiden season with Mansfield. Clarke had appeared 20 times coming into the current campaign and has since added to that – he currently has seven appearances to his name this season, four of those coming in League Two fixtures in October 2021. His last appearance came in a 6-3 victory over Newcastle United under 21's in the EFL Trophy on 9th November. The defender also has two caps at international level for Republic of Ireland under 18's.

3. JOE NEWTON - DEFENCE

The 21-year-old arrived at the ARMCO Arena on the back of another positive season with the Hawks in which he featured 47 times in all competitions, registering five assists.

4. JAMEY OSBORNE - MIDFIELD

Jamey Osborne has been through the highs and lows with Solihull Moors, having recently been given the armband for the season, so far this campaign Ozzy has flourished under the stewardship of Andy Whing.

6. KYLE MORRISON - DEFENCE

The 27-year-old arrived on a two-year contract having recently played an instrumental role in Kidderminster Harriers' promotion to the National League. Morrison arrived on loan at Aggborough Stadium from AFC Fylde in February, with Russ Penn's side languishing in mid-table. The centre-back was integral to a phenomenal end-of-season charge that saw Kiddy win their final six league fixtures and cruise through a tricky play-off run.

7. JOE SBARRA - MIDFIELD

Joe Sbarra first came to Moors on loan from Burton Albion, in which the midfielder rapidly became an integral player in the Solihull Moors starting XI. In the year Moors reach the Play-Off final, the talisman scored 18 goals as the club looked to achieve their EFL dream. Last season Sbarra struggled with injury but still scored eleven goals in all competitions despite playing just 35 times.

8. CALLUM MAYCOCK - MIDFIELD

In the heart of Moors' midfield is former Coventry City man, Callum Maycock. Maycock has been a key player over the last few years for Moors, in his first season with the club he made 44 appearances and has scored some big goals for Moors.

9. MARK BECK - FORWARD

The 6'5 striker lead the way in the National League North scoring charts with 15 goals so last season and a further three in the FA Cup, once again establishing himself as a fan favourite in his second spell at the club having re-joined over the summer. Previously at Carlisle United, Yeovil Town, and Harrogate Town, Beck has plenty of Football League pedigree and has been a consistent scorer at National League and National League North level.

10. TYRESE SHADE - MIDFIELD

Our latest arrival has had a previous stint with Moors back in 2016 as a teenager, but now returns to the ARMCO Arena on loan from Sky Bet League Two side Swindon Town as we look to continue our play-off push.

11. MATTY WARBURTON - MIDFIELD

Callum Powell joined Southend United in January 2022 from Kettering Town for an undisclosed fee. The 26-year-old forward signed terms on a two-and-a-half-year deal at Roots Hall. Formerly of Northampton, Wrexham, Tamworth and Stourbridge, the forward enjoyed a very successful 2021/22 campaign for Kettering in the National League North before joining Blues.

12. GUS MAFUTA - MIDFIELD

Jack Wood signed for the Shrimpers from Kings Langley in January 2022. He joined the seventh-tier side in 2019 at the age of 16, and signed for Southend on a two-and-a-half-year deal. Wood spent time on loan at National League South side Tonbridge Angels in 2022/23, netting eight goals.

14. JACK STEVENS - FORWARD

A former scholar at Oxford United, Stevens progressed at the U's to earn a professional contract with them in October 2020. He then joined Banbury in October 2021, following his release from the Kassam Stadium and was instrumental in their record-breaking promotion from the Southern League Central Division.

15. CONNOR HALL - FORWARD

The 25-year-old arrived at the ARMCO Arena on a

two-year deal, following the expiration of his contract at National League North side Chorley, where he notched 23 goals in 46 games last season.

16. MAX BROGAN - MIDFIELD

The 21-year-old is a box-to-box midfielder who enjoys pushing forward, contributing with goals and assists. Previously at Barwell FC, he made 16 appearances for the Canaries, notching five goals and two assists earlier in the 2022/23 campaign. He then joined Nuneaton at the end of October, before training with Moors over the past couple of weeks, impressing our previous manager, Neal Ardley.

17. JOSS LABADIE - MIDFIELD

Joss Labadie joined Moors on a one year deal, following the expiration of his contract with Walsall. Labadie started his footballing career with West Bromwich Albion and enjoyed several loan spells before making Tranmere Rovers his permanent home in the summer of 2010.

18. JON BENTON - MIDFIELD

The creative midfielder counts Braintree, Aveley and Southend United as his former clubs. Benton recently left Southend in the summer before joining Aveley on a permanent basis. So far this season, the 22-year-old has made 11 appearances, scoring three goals in that time for the Millers.

19. RICHARD STEARMAN - DEFENCE

Former Premier League defender Richard Stearman has put pen-to-paper on a one-year contract at Moors, adding leadership, experience and strength to Andy Whing's side.

20. JAY BENN - DEFENCE

The 21-year-old has previously been at Vanarama National League side FC Halifax Town, where he made 12 appearances after rising through the Shaymen's youth system.

22. MORGAN OWEN - MIDFIELD

Midfielder Morgan Owen is captain of the c

23. FINN HOWELL - DEFENCE

24. LEO WOOD - FORWARD

25. KIAN RYLEY - MIDFIELD

26. JOEL SHAMBROOK - DEFENCE

27. KADE CRAIG - DEFENCE

The 20-year-old rose through the ranks at Birmingham City before moving to Shrewsbury Town in 2021.

Craig fits into Andy Whing's new look Solihull Moors side and is comfortable playing on the left side of defence, where he's played for us so far in pre-season.

29. TAHVON CAMPBELL - FORWARD

The forward re-joins the Moors on an 18-month contract, having spent the first half of the season at fellow National League side Wealdstone.

So far this season, the forward's started life at the Stones in fine form with a goal against Bromley and a double against Fylde in his opening four games. Campbell also scored in his last game for Wealdstone, having come off the bench and netting one against his former club Halifax Town.

32. NICK HAYES - GOALKEEPER

The 24-year-old rose through the Town Academy set-up before spending time out on loan with Hemel Hempstead and most recently, Southend United.

35. ALEX WHITMORE - DEFENCE

The central defender captained The Coasters to the National League North title last season, starting 42 times for the Lancashire outfit as they charged to the title. The 28-year-old was a product of the Burnley youth system, where he gained experience in the men's game with loan spells at Chester and Gateshead.

36. MAX MARTIN - MIDFIELD

MANAGER. ANDY WHING

Andy Whing arrives at Solihull Moors following a successful spell at Banbury United, having resigned from his position at the club in May. The 38-year-old led the Puritans to the Vanarama National League North for the first time in the club's history in what was a record-breaking season. Whing guided his side to the Southern League Central title, winning the league by 23 points with four games to go. The Birmingham born coach started his footballing career at Coventry City where he made 106 appearances for the Sky Blues before his move to Brighton & Hove Albion where he made 103 appearances during his time on the South Coast. Whing went on to represent Chesterfield, Leyton Orient and Oxford United before retiring in 2015. The former Coventry City defender kick-started his coaching career at Kidderminster Harriers in 2017 with their under 23s, before joining up with Russell Slade at Hereford in 2019.





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We weren't going to do another one.. but the Supporters Club's Terry is 50 today!



Your name and age? Terry Hissey, 50 today!

Whereabouts do you live, Terry? South Harrow
Have you always lived in that area? All my life, bar three years I was in Ruislip.

When was your first Stones game? v Dartford, 25 January 1986. Am so pleased to have started watching the Stones when they were still Gola League champions and FA Trophy Holders. The Stones won and I recall Steve 'Polly' Perkins was on the programme cover. I was so thrilled he signed my programme many years later.

What were your first impressions of the club? A strong buzz in the ground, better facilities than other local non-league grounds I had been to. Fabulous Supporters Club Shop that was heaving at half time. Lots of

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swearing on the terraces too!
What was the first football match you ever saw live? Or on Tv? It would be the 1985 FA Cup Final. We were on a school trip to Swanage, Dorset and watched the highlights in the evening. Still remember the BBC showed scenes of the celebratory winners banquet before the footage, what a spoiler!

Do you follow any other team? Armchair fan of Wolverhampton Wanderers
What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen?

And the best Wealdstone game? Cambridge United away in the FA Trophy Quarter Final in 2012 was fabulous. And I can just recall the Sherpa Van Trophy Final in 1988, my only football game at the old Wembley Stadium: Wolves v Burnley. I bought a ticket from a tout but forgot to ask what end it was - so I was in with the Burnley fans!! More recently I was proud to lead out the teams as part of a tri-service tribute v Rochdale at Remembrance last November.

Who introduced you to the Stones? It was my friend Jamie Harding and his dad, 'Uncle Jim'. They were ground hoppers who took me to local matches such as Wembley FC, Harrow Borough, Watford and Brentford. No one in my family had any interest in football, so I

shall always be grateful for them taking me. I went to most of the home games as a Junior Stone in 1987-88 and 1988-89.

Occasionally saw some great games such as the opening game of that '88-89 season on 20 August, v Moor Green, forebears of today's opponents. Tony Lynch scored the opening goal and the Elmslie End went wild. Stones won 4-0. Same again today please!!

I lost interest in the Stones after they moved to Watford, but followed them each week via the Harrow Observer. But I returned to the terraces after seeing them play at Harrow Borough on 5th February 2005 - was amazed at seeing so many old faces after a long time away. It re-grew on me from there on....

Which level of football do you prefer? Def semi-Professional, love the freedom of movement and being able to talk with so many people.

How big a part of your life is the game? Quite a big part - I've spent many hours on Supporters Club membership matters these last three years, plus the rules revision. Have now been a Supporters Club Executive Committee member for ten years.



He's a big fella but I've got the knife!

Terry (left) and Stuart Pearce: Two of football's hard men go head to head at the Supporters Club's Diamond Jubilee dinner in 2018....



Above and below: the Remembrance event last November with (below) Terry (left), Gibbo and Brett Ahearn splendid in their uniforms



What is the role of the supporters club in this professional era for Wealdstone?

To represent and facilitate activities for the fans and provide a collective voice.

How do you feel it's improved since you became involved? When I started as Membership Secretary in 2020, I commenced an overdue audit of

members. Twelve months later, I had added 50 new email addresses (25%) to the database and traced six lost members. So the SC is now more 'in tune' with its membership. Wider afield, the work of creating the fan-zones is bringing in valuable revenue for the Club and spreading its name amongst the football community.

Do you have other hobbies?

Part-time musician, Historical Group Chairman and journal editor to name just three.

How do you fit watching football in with your family/working life? It is a bit of a juggling act sometimes, but I go to as many home games as I can.

Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen? Robin Wainwright, Jonathan North and Richard Jolly stick out.

And finally, Where do you think the Stones will be in five years? In our new stadium, complete with members-only Supporters Club lounge and megastore. All within the Conference National League.



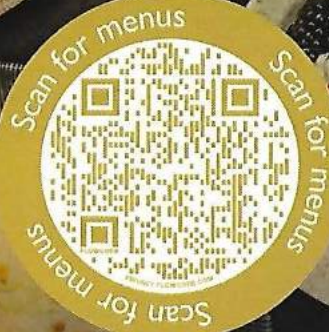
Left: Terry's first game at Lower Mead with the ever-popular Steve 'Polly' Perkins smiling on the cover of the programme. 35p! Bargain

Left: Terry shows a fascinated Stuart Pearce the image of his first game in a Wealdstone shirt, away at Dorchester in Spring 1979


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Solihull Moors Greatest Seasons CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

1980/81

Moor Green achieved the Midland Combination League and Cup 'double' in 1980/81. Harry Shepherd's side stormed to the Midland Combination title, winning 28 of their 38 matches and losing just three times. The Moors were leading scorers with 109 goals and shared the best defensive record with Cinderford Town. They gained 63 points, finishing 12 ahead of runners-up Bridgnorth Town. In the Midland Combination Cup, Moor Green beat King's Heath 2-1 and Bridgnorth 4-0 before defeating Boldmere St Michaels 1-0 after extra-time in the final at Central Grounds. They lost 2-0 at home to Banbury United in the FA Cup third qualifying round.

1982/83

Moor Green finished Midland Combination runners-up in 1982/83. Chris Wright's side won 27 of their 38 Midland Combination games and were leading scorers with 106 goals. They gained 60 points, finishing four behind champions Bridgnorth Town. The Moors beat Chipping Norton 3-0, Racing Club Warwick 4-2, Solihull Borough 6-2 and Highgate United 4-0 in the Midland Combination Cup before losing 2-0 to Paget Rangers in the final. They lost 2-1 at Holbeach in the FA Cup third qualifying round but defeated Macclesfield Town in the FA Trophy first qualifying round. Moor Green were promoted to the Southern League Midland Division.

1987/88

Moor Green finished Southern League Midland Division runners-up in 1987/88. Bob Faulkner's side won 28 of their 42 games and scored 91 goals, trouncing Coventry Sporting 7-2 and Paget Rangers 6-1 at The Moorlands. They also completed the double over champions Merthyr Tydfil, winning 4-1 at Penydarren Park, pipping

Football historian LEIGH EDWARDS selects ten post-war Solihull Moors 'Classic Campaigns'.

Grantham to second place with 86 points. Moor Green lost 2-0 at Hayes in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round. Dave Fearon was captain, while former Aston Villa, Lincoln City and Scunthorpe United defender David Hughes was 'Player of the Year'. Fellow defender Dave Busst later played in the top-flight with Coventry City.

1990/91

Solihull Borough finished Midland Combination runners-up in 1990/91. The title race went to the final day and Ralph Punsheon's side needed only a draw at home to West Midlands Police to deny their opponents a first title triumph. But, after a goalless first-half, a crowd of around 1,000 saw the Police clinch the championship with two second half goals. For Solihull it was heartbreak for the second time as three days earlier they had lost 4-2 to Boldmere St Michaels in the Midland Combination Cup final. Ollie Latchford, the son of former Birmingham goalkeeper Dave, was leading marksman, while Alan Ollis was 'Player of the Year' and Clive Boxall captain.

1991/92

Solihull Borough won the Southern League Midland Division title in 1991/92. Ralph Punsheon signed several experienced players, including former Walsall central defender Phil Hawker, with Solihull winning the title at the first attempt. Chris Burton was leading marksman with 28 goals as Solihull won 29 of their 42 games. Their only home defeat was 1-0 against Bedworth United and they gained 97 points, finishing six ahead of runners-up Hednesford Town. The turning point in the championship race was Solihull's astonishing 6-1 victory at home to Hednesford in mid-March. Former England U-21 striker Keith Bertschin helped Borough to clinch the title.

1997/98

Solihull Borough reached the FA Cup first round proper for



1930 and the opening of 'The Moorlands' home to Moor Green FC

only the second time in 1997/98. They defeated Burton Albion 2-0, Grantham Town 2-1, Woodbridge Town 6-0 and Stalybridge Celtic 4-3 to reach the FA Cup first round proper. Experienced striker Nicky Cross scored to give Solihull a 1-1 draw at Darlington. Two goals by top scorer Joe Dowling plus another from Nicky Cross gave Solihull a 3-3 draw after extra-time in the replay in front of a record 2,135 crowd before losing 4-2 on penalties. Solihull won 7-1 at Corby Town and finished third in the Southern League Midland Division. They lost 3-2 at Morecambe in the FA Trophy first round.

2015/16

Solihull Moors stormed to the Conference North title in 2015/16. Marcus Bignot's side won 25 of their 42 games and suffered just one away defeat. They gained 85 points, finishing nine ahead of runners-up North Ferriby United and winning the title comfortably with three games to spare. Akwasi Asante was leading marksman with 17 goals. Promotion to the Conference National was secured on a night that Solihull were not even playing, as a defeat for North Ferriby at Stalybridge Celtic mathematically confirmed their championship success. The Moors also lifted the Birmingham Senior Cup, defeating Birmingham City 2-1 at St Andrews.

2016/17

Solihull Moors reached the FA Cup second round proper for the first time in 2016/17. Newly-promoted Solihull began their Conference National campaign with a 3-1 victory at Sutton United. The Moors won 4-0 at home to Southport in their first televised match in early October. They beat Kettering Town 3-1 to reach the FA Cup first round

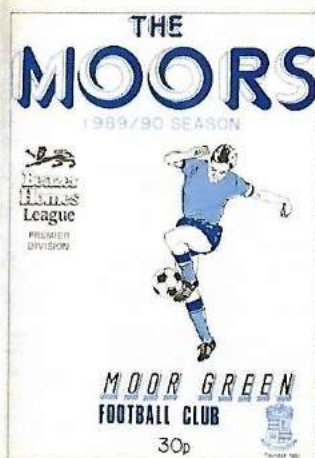
and two goals by Jack Byrne secured a 2-2 draw at Yeovil Town. Solihull won 4-2 on penalties after a 1-1 draw in the replay but lost 6-2 at Luton Town in the second round. Marcus Bignot left to become Grimsby Town's manager in November and was replaced by Liam McDonald. Solihull finished 16th in the Conference.

2018/19

Solihull Moors finished Conference National runners-up in 2018/19. Tim Flowers' side won their opening three matches and five straight wins in September included a 5-0 victory over Bromley. The Moors took Blackpool to an FA Cup second round replay before narrowly losing 3-2 and missing out on a dream tie at home to Arsenal. Nathan Blissett grabbed a hat-trick as they won 3-0 at Aldershot in February and went top for the first time. Jermaine Hylton was another hat-trick hero as they beat Maidstone United 5-0, losing just three of their final 20 games. They missed out on a trip to Wembley after losing 1-0 at home to AFC Fylde in the play-off semi-final.

2021/22

Solihull Borough reached the Conference National play-off final in 2021/22. Neal Ardley's side made an inconsistent start but drew 0-0 at Wigan Athletic in the FA Cup first round and were unlucky to lose 2-1 after extra-time in the replay. Andrew Dallas scored all five goals in their 5-0 win at home to Dover in January and Solihull lost just once in the second-half of the season, 1-0 at champions Stockport County, to qualify for the play-offs in third place. They beat Chesterfield 3-1 in the semi-finals but lost 2-1 to Grimsby Town in the play-off final at London Stadium. Solihull lost 3-1 at eventual winners Bromley in the FA Trophy quarter-finals.



A 2-2 draw for those wondering - Stones goals by Brown & Goyette

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Moors, Borough... we've played you before BY TIM PARKS

Solihull Moors' story is one of amalgamation and eventual regeneration

WEALDSTONE'S TRIUMPH AT MOOR GREEN

MOOR GREEN 1, WEALDSTONE 6

FORTUNE made amends to Wealdstone on Saturday when they beat Moor Green, the Birmingham Combination club, 6-1 in the re-played Amateur Cup-tie at Moor Green, Birmingham.

A 4-1 result in their favour the previous week would not have flattered Wealdstone for their first hour's supremacy; a 6-1 result in the replay did less than justice to Moor Green's potentialities. It was the wind that helped Wealdstone to their first goal. After five minutes, Comben secured possession of the ball

1953:
The first meeting (W4-1)

The first meeting between our clubs came in the FA Amateur Cup, 1952-53. After a draw at Lower Mead, not only did Stones win the replay 6-1 (thanks to a Phil White hat-trick) they also managed to nick Moor Green's outstanding winger Ken Bodfish for the following season. A sort of Tahvon Campbell in reverse

Damson Park Stadium - with the purchase of the Damson Parkway site, a former golf driving range.

So the two old rivals were now sharing Solihull Borough's new stadium. A bit like Wealdstone's former home Lower Mead being destroyed by fire and moving in to Earlsmead... and then the two clubs announcing a merger, two years later, with the club to be known as Harrow Stones. Or Solihull Moors in this case.

So was there a lot of anger swirling around the West Midlands in 2007, when the news was announced? Not a lot, according to internet reports with neither club pulling in more than 200 fans on a regular basis. Solihull Borough chairman Trevor Stevens said that the merger was crucial for the survival of both clubs.

There was more debate from local NIMBYs concerned that the prime seven-acre Moorlands site would attract property developers... which is of course what happened, with a subsidiary of Barrett Homes knocking up fifty-odd homes in record time. Add Solihull's income from the sale of their former Widney End ground (also in prime Birmingham commuter-belt territory) in 1989 and you wonder where the millions went. Anyway, what of our previous meetings with this hybrid club? All will be revealed....

Stones start with four goal booster

Wealdstone 4 Moor Green 0

By Aaron Gransby

RARELY, if ever, can Wealdstone have started a new season with such a bizarre game.

Many people expected Stones to lose this game. They were playing with an almost totally new side, against a team that should have been

brimming with confidence after a late winning run earned them promotion. After all, it often happens that relegated teams start the new season off badly, while adjusting to their new surroundings.

And admittedly, this game

could have ended 4-2 to Moor Green instead of 4-0 to Stones. But it would also be true to say that it could have been a 4-4 draw or a 6-0 Stones win.

The final result was probably a bit of an injustice to the Midlands visitors. They missed two penalties, two more virtually open goals and had one effort cleared off the line.

But it was Stones who had started the strongest. In the very first minute, the mercurial Tony Lynch sent over a low cross for skipper Everald La Ronde to scoop a shot just inches over the bar.

And with ten minutes gone, Stones opened their account for the season in front of an ecstatic Elmstie End. A free kick 20 yards out on the right wing was crossed in by Steve Browne and Lynch got in bravely in front of three defenders to force the ball in.

But the excellent crowd of 676, who supported their team well throughout, had little more to sing about for the remainder of the first half as Wealdstone's defensive frailties were cruelly exposed.

In fact, Kevin Banton should have scored just before Stones went ahead. Put through in a one-on-one situation with keeper Darren Williams, he screwed his shot wide of the right hand post.

Williams was undeniably the man of the match for Wealdstone and had to show the class manager Tony Jennings paid £4,000 for in the second minute of the second half, turning round a fierce Fearon shot.

But within 60 seconds Wealdstone had increased their lead when Dennis Byatt stepped up to drill a free kick perfectly into the bottom right-hand corner of the net.

And then the game really began to warm up. Right from the kick off, Moor Green pressed forward and earned a penalty immediately when Darren Williams rushed from his goal to bring down Phil Davies. But Chris Downes' shot was badly placed and Williams made amends by stopping the kick and grabbing the ball at the second attempt as the striker tried to follow up.

Then towards the end of the massive hailstorm that almost washed out the second half Moor Green earned another penalty when Mark Harrison brought down Phil Davies just inside the box. This time David Fearon stepped up, struck the post and gleefully knocked home the rebound before he realised that no other player had touched it and his goal had been quite rightly knocked down.

Tony Lynch's silky skill proved too much for a frustrated Moor Green side and earned Paul Aldridge a booking for bringing him down little too blatantly.

But Lynch had the perfect reply, squeezing Paul Wilkins low cross under the badly-at-fault goalkeeper after Kiri Corbin had worked ceaselessly to provide the opening in the 81st minute.

And with time running out Stones then threatened to run riot. Half-fit substitute Samson Olaleye found Alan Cordice who threaded the ball through to Paul Wilkins, his shot hitting the crossbar.

Olaleye himself went on a run before unleashing a 25-yard thunderbolt that just cleared the bar, and then the familiar sight of Alan Cordice being brought down after homing in on goal gave Mark Harrison the opportunity to show Moor Green how to take a penalty as he snatched it confidently home.

Wealdstone: Williams, Corbin, Harrison, Byatt (Olaleye), O'Brien, Morris (C. Browne), La Ronde, S. Browne, Wilkins, Cordice, Lynch.



• HEADS UP: A Moor Green defender gets to grips with Stones striker Paul Wilkins on Saturday. Picture: Gareth Beard.

1988:
The best meeting (W4-0)

The Harry O rightly reports on a game that could have finished 6-6. But did we heed the signs? We did not

Who remembers our first game back in the Southern League in August 1988 after the ignominious relegation from the Conference we'd won just 3 years earlier? After this 4-0 win our fans were foolishly expect-

ing a repeat of 1981-82 when we bounced back at the first attempt. But not this time. It heralded years of mid-table finishes and eventually even the loss of Lower Mead... and worse.

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Feel a bit sorry for supporters of Moor Green FC.

Until 2005 the club, founded in 1901, had a proud history in amateur football, dominating the Midland Combination League and then rising up through the Southern League to a place in the Conference North.

Then a mysterious arson attack 19 years ago at their Moorlands ground - too expensive to repair, with the grandstand (above) and the social club burnt down - forced the club to look for a local groundshare.

Local rivals Solihull Borough, founded in 1953, stepped forward to lend a hand. Not too surprising, as Solihull had been invited to share Moorlands in 1989 when their own Widney End stadium had to be sold to fight off financial problems. Solihull had groundshared with Redditch United, among others, before finally finding a new home ground - the



Moors, Borough... we've played you before continued

There weren't many happy memories from our short stay at Vicarage Road but the 5-2 FA Trophy 3rd Qual Rd win over Solihull Borough in November 1992 was one of them. We had beaten Moor Green twice the previous year (both 1-0) when relegated into the Southern League Div One South... but now we took on their neighbours and ground-sharers and spanked them. David Venables didn't score but (right) he tests keeper Houghton



1992: Also the best (W5-2)

Gayle's swift strike puts Stones on the road to Trophy triumph

By John Comfort

Wealdstone 5 Solihull 2
SOOSTED by a goal from Kenny Gayle after only 28 seconds, Wealdstone secured their place in the first round of the FA Trophy on Saturday by bundling out Premier Division club Solihull.

It was a match that was somewhat tighter than the scoreline suggests but on the day it was Stones' clinical finishing that saw them through. Chances were eagerly snatched up, while the visitors were left to rue their own inadequate finishing and the good form of keeper Robert Tenkoring.

Wealdstone could hardly have made a better start, going swiftly into a two goal lead, with their opener coming straight from the kick off. The ball was swept out to Kenny Gayle on the right and

when Solihull keeper Darrel Houghton totally misjudged the midfielder's deep cross, the ball dropped over him into the far corner of the net.

With six minutes gone Stones went two up. A great pass from Gayle put Sean Pearson free on the left and when Houghton only palmed away his teasing cross, Colin Tate was on hand to blast home the loose ball.

Solihull quickly recovered from this double blow and Tenkoring had to save well from both Mulders and Attwood and then the keeper kept out Carter's shot with his legs.

Somewhat inevitably Burton reduced the arrears with a low shot

in the 31st minute and Carter should have levelled within a minute but fired wide after going clear.

Stones had another escape when Coogan broke free and beat Tenkoring only to see his shot rattle the crossbar, but in the dying minutes of the half the visitors had a similar scare when Gayle sent Tate clear and his shot was turned onto the bar and over by Houghton.

Stones made a bright start to the second half and Venables should have increased their lead after 59 minutes. He rounded Houghton but Mulders cleared his shot off the line.

However, within a minute Wealdstone's advantage was extended. A short corner was returned to Drummy and his cross

was knocked down by Pearson for Tate to fire in from close range.

With 71 minutes gone it was 4-1 after Drummy had robbed Dyon. He put Venables away on the right and his low cross was turned into his own net by Mark Rees.

Neil Cordice started the move which led to Wealdstone's fifth goal in the 83rd minute with a great ball to Tate on the left and his accurate cross saw Pearson score with a fining header.

In injury time Attwood headed home a Coogan cross for Solihull but by then Stones were already celebrating a hard earned, but fully deserved victory.

Wealdstone: Tenkoring, Peffer, Pearson, Watson, Garratt, Cordice, Drummy, Gayle, Hedge, Venables, Tate. **Subs:** Hippolyte, Chandler.

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2021: Also the worst (L0-3)
Our very first meeting with the newly merged club came in the Covid season at the Damon Park Stadium- and Stones were kicking themselves when after enjoying the best chances of the first half we committed hara-



Dennon Lewis misses a chance

kiri as keeper Harry Isted raced 40 yards from goal to cut out a through pass - and only succeeded in heading it to Barnett who slotted into the empty net from close to the halfway line. When McNally made it 2-0 after just a few minutes of the second half fragile Stones done for.. and the lively Joe Sbarra wrapped it up in the closing stages.

SOLIHULL MOORS 1
Kelly 54
WEALDSTONE 0

KELLY'S EYE FOR GOAL HAS MOORS ON TRACK

By Dave Lawrence

A JOSH Kelly strike early in the second half proved enough for Solihull Moors to end a run of three league games without a win and to give their promotion hopes a boost.

But the goal left Wealdstone manager Stuart Maynard fuming with the officials over the handling of the game which also saw them have midfielder Sam Bowen sent off.

"In the second half, the game has come down to a bad refereeing decision," Maynard fumed.

"I've just watched it back on the video and there's a clear foul on Tahvon Campbell when the defender wrestles him to the ground. They break and slip their centre forward in and it's 1-0. Then, he sends off our midfielder Sam Bowen for exactly the same foul!"

"It is disappointing and it does feel as though it is about us being Wealdstone - the smallest club in the division - and everything goes against us.

"Our away record is really poor. When we go away we have to beat the officials, the crowd, then we have to beat the home team. In this division, it is hard enough just trying to beat the team on the pitch."

Moors quickly righted the wrongs of their 5-0 drubbing by Southend United last Saturday but holding fellow high-flyers Barnet to a 1-1 draw at The Hive on Tuesday night.

It would have been even better for Gary Hooper's men but for Gary Hooper's last-gasp equaliser for the Bees, so Moors were keen there was no lasting

was little to choose between the sides during a dire first half that struggled to serve up anything of note.

Things changed after the break though as fourth-placed Moors began to get into their stride.

On 52 minutes, Janey Osborne had a chipped effort palmed away by Stones keeper Jed Ward but there was nothing he could do when Kelly steered the ball home three minutes later with the visitors appealing for a free-kick on half-way.

Bowen's dismissal, for a second booking, came on 63 minutes but the home side failed to take advantage and the only effort of note in the closing stages came from the visitors when substitute Sean Adarkw was put in a low shot that forced Tommy Simkin into a save.

Winning manager Whiting said: "We just weren't at it in the first half, we were waiting for something to happen.

"I spoke to them at half-time and told them to be a little bit more aggressive and on the front. We've done that, Josh Kelly has scored with a great finish and then we've defended really well to take the pressure off us.

"All in all, after the last two or three results we're delighted to take the three points. We always want to go on and score two, three or four goals but we weren't quite at it today and had to be content in grinding out a win against a tough opponent."

STAR MAN: Kyle Morrison (Solihull) **ATT:** 1281

MATCH STATS
SOLIHULL V WEALDSTONE

2 SHOTS ON TARGET	3
4 SHOTS OFF TARGET	1
3 CORNERS	4
3 OFFSIDE	2
6 FOULS CONCEDED	8
1 YELLOW CARDS	3
0 RED CARDS	1

SOLIHULL MOORS: (3-4-2-1): Simon 6; Clark 7; Morrison 8; Sheehan 7; Maycock 8; Labadie 8; Chapman 7; Neuhoff 6; Denton 7; Kelly 7 (Goal); Buck 6; Subs not used: Barratt, Brennan, Ryley, Howell.

WEALDSTONE: (3-4-2-1): Ward 6; Cook 6; Barker 6 (Adarkwa 8); St; Marlowe; Smith 6; Smith 7; Bowen 4; Clarke 3; Clarke 3; Ferguson 6 (Osoro 6); St; Neuhoff 6; Subs not used: Campbell 6; Subs not used: Barnett, Abdulmalik.

WEALDSTONE 1
Kretzschmar 14
SOLIHULL MOORS 1
Maycock 25
(Solihull Moors win 4-3 on pens)



SAVING GRACE: Solihull goalkeeper Nick Hayes takes the plaudits PICTURE: JON

By Max Bradford

SOLIHULL Moors held their nerve from the penalty spot to reach the semi-finals of the Isuzu FA Trophy for the first time ever.

The Stones took the lead courtesy of Max Kretzschmar on 11 minutes but Moors were level 11 minutes later through Callum Maycock.

Both goalkeepers played their part in ensuring parity and taking the game to penalties with Solihull winning through after new signing Manny Duku - who only arrived this week from FA Cup kings Maidstone United - blasted his spot-kick onto the crossbar.

Solihull assistant manager Craig Peard revealed the team had prepared for the likelihood of a penalty shootout.

"We always had penalties in our minds. We wrote down a list of takers and then when it actually comes down to it - you kind of want to look the players in the eyes a little bit and see who comes out and says 'I'm ready to take one'."

"To be fair, pretty much all of them said they wanted to take a penalty. It shows you their character, shattered but they all wanted to take one."

A competitive and feisty affair saw Moors threaten largely on the counter attack with Joe Sbarra, Jack Stevens and the towering hold up play of striker Mark Beck causing plenty of problems.

David Noble's men, however, absorbed the pressure well and took

SPOT-ON MOORS SO CLOSE TO WEMBLEY

the lead with a counter of their own.

Duku capitalised on a slipping Solihull defence to control a long ball forward and coolly played in Kretzschmar, who coolly rounded keeper Nick Hayes and slotted into an open goal.

Moors, however, seemed relatively unfazed by the goal and after Matty Warburton forced a fine step from Marcus Dowhurst, they found reprieve when Maycock converted from a tight front post angle following Sbarra's right wing centre.

Both goalkeepers were proving difficult to beat. On 74 minutes, Hayes tipped a Duku effort smartly round the post and with five minutes left to play, Dewhurst emphatically returned the favour with a brilliant sequence - stopping Warburton not once, but twice, much to the striker's despair.

Warburton did find the target with the first kick of the shootout before Hayes denied Kretzschmar in agile fashion. Solihull's Tyrese Shade and Wealdstone's Sam Bowen both scored their kicks. Sbarra, Aaron Henry and Beck all notched for Moors but the Stones were handed a lifeline when Dewhurst kept out James Clarke's kick.

But with Duku eyeing immediate hero status, he blasted his penalty on to the crossbar, breaking Wealdstone hearts and sending Solihull back to the West Midlands with Wembley firmly in their sights.

MATCH STATS
WEALDSTONE V SOLIHULL

5 SHOTS ON TARGET	8
9 SHOTS OFF TARGET	3
7 CORNERS	8
3 OFFSIDE	2
11 FOULS CONCEDED	7
0 YELLOW CARDS	2
0 RED CARDS	0

WEALDSTONE: (3-3-3): Dewhurst, Marlowe, Smith, Barratt, Cook, Barnett, Kretzschmar, Dyer (Henry 66), Duku, Ferguson (Adarkwa 66). Subs not used: Coogan, Young, Cossy, Mason.

SOLIHULL: (4-4-2): Hayes, Noble, Carter, McArthur, Barron, Stevens (Shaw 71), Osoro (Lalibon 36), Maycock, Sbarra, Warburton, Beck, Sibley (not used), Craig, Marlowe, Fisher, Stammar.

STAR MAN: Mark Beck (Solihull)
ENTERTAINMENT: *****
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REWIND SPECIAL >>>> by tim parks

It happened 50 years ago

Part 20: The country returns to normal as Eddie Presland takes over the Stones' reins

This season we are reliving the extraordinary campaign of fifty years ago... which ended with the Stones' very first promotion in the club's long history and our first league title in 22 years.

Saturday March 23, 1974, Southern League Division One South: Wealdstone 4 Crawley Town 1

Wednesday March 27, 1974, Southern League Division One South: Basingstoke Town 0 Wealdstone 2

Saturday March 30, 1974, Southern League Division One South: Bath City 2 Wealdstone 0

Around this time, half a century ago, the good folk of Harrow were waking up to the idea that their local team were worth watching again.

The final few dog days of the amateur era were past; the early dog days of the semi-professional, Southern League era were also receding into the distance and after a winter of unrest Wealdstone FC were on the final straight of a title-winning season.

The country was slowly getting back to normal. The miners' strikes were winding up; we had electricity once more and, in my narrow teenage world of Wealdstone there was even the prospect of watching a game under floodlights again!

Our run in the FA Trophy and a wet winter had led to a backlog of games (all sounds rather familiar) and the Stones faced 13 games in the last five weeks of the season.

But the fans were coming back. Our crowds at Lower Mead had stayed resolutely in the realms of 500 or 600 through the first



Bill Byrne (right) powers his header into the Crawley net for Stones fourth goal in the Southern League rout at Lower Mead

two Southern League seasons and had only started to edge over the 1,000 mark as Stones embarked on a winning run over Christmas 1973. It seemed that people still didn't wholly believe that Sid Prosser's side was the real deal until the Spring was here.

In fact, it would very soon become Eddie Presland's side as the Stones' popular fullback was named Prosser's successor within a couple of weeks of the ex-St Albans boss deciding to take up the offer of managing Southern Prem side Chelmsford City - a decision he later publicly admitted was 'a mistake'.

Over 1,100 were at Lower Mead to see Big Eddie's debut on the bench and a resounding 4-1 win over a Crawley side who'd been walloped on their own patch 3-0 only four days earlier. And then - oh glory!



- a match under the lights at Basingstoke the next Wednesday (see report below right) which turned out to be night when the blues (and our three coachlands of fans) hit the top of the Div One South table and never relinquished it.

Centre-forward Bill Byrne was almost putting George Duck in the shade at this time (as as you can outshine a man who'd end up scoring 64 goals that season) with a terrific double to win the game in Hampshire.

The following Saturday saw the Stones' final defeat of the season (a deserved 2-0) to fast-improving Bath City who would end the season as runners-up. Richard Legg and Trevor Tinson got the goals in front of a 2,000 crowd... but Presland's side put this hiccup behind them as they set of on a run of EIGHT straight wins while conceding just two goals to write their names in the record books.

Read on in the next home programme!

Duck passes that scoring record

Sparkling farewell for ex-boss Sid Prosser

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 4, Crawley Town 1

EVERYTHING was right and proper at Lower Mead Stadium on Saturday. The team that Prosser built said farewell to their old boss with a resounding victory and hailed a new manager Eddie Presland with a display which must have delighted him.

One hesitates to make firm predictions about the championship, or promotion, but with 13 games to play I reckon 'Stones need a maximum of 15 points — 14 would probably do. And this team is more than capable of that task.

One feels strongly for Sid Prosser at the moment. He has left for perhaps better things as team manager of Chelmsford but I, for one, after talking to him after the game, suspect that he would have loved to see the Wealdstone job through.

He takes to Chelmsford the good wishes of everyone connected with Lower Mead, the consoling fact that he will always be a welcome visitor, but perhaps the rather more disturbing thought that confident of

Poser for Presland

Wealdstone face another stiff hurdle in their fight for the Southern League Division One South title

second half and after four minutes came the third home goal. A really tremendous ball from Watson left Duck with an acre of space. His first powerful shot rebounded from the far upright but he was on to the ball chance like a flash and the ball was in the net before Collier

Wealdstone march to the top

Basingstoke 0, Wealdstone 2

Wealdstone moved to the top of the Southern League, Division One (South), table with a sensational victory over Basingstoke on Wednesday night, giving one of their best performances of the season.

It was a display full of character and the way in which Wealdstone's defence was superbly marshalled by John McCormick was a revelation and had the 200 Lower Mead club supporters in high spirits.

Basingstoke, who were also in the running for promotion to the Premier Division, provided stern opposition and Wealdstone were unable to stamp their authority in the first half. George Duck, 'Stones leading scorer, was viciously tackled in the 25th minute, resulting in Basingstoke's midfielder man Huxford being booked by the referee.

Wealdstone took an unexpected lead in the 44th minute after Edwards passed back to the former Wealdstone goalkeeper, Kelvin Hopkins. The ball ran wide and Bill Byrne nipped in like a flash to screw the ball inside the post.

Wealdstone displayed all the guts in the world in the second half, playing superb football. In the 50th minute Byrne scored one of the finest Wealdstone goals for years. Jim Godfrey sent Duck away and the big striker pushed the ball wide to Byrne, who hit it on the volley from the edge of the box and it screamed under the ball before Hopkins could move a muscle.

'Stones, who were overshadowed in midfield in the first half, got a grip in this department in the second with Fairclough outstanding. But the defence took the glory, all the back four men being in superb form. It was a display which Wealdstone can be proud of.


LEADING PLAYERS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wealdstone	26	17	5	4	49	27	39
Waterlooville	31	13	12	6	44	30	38
Poole T.	30	15	5	10	56	40	35
Hastings U.	31	14	7	10	34	26	35

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March 30th, 1974
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Southern League



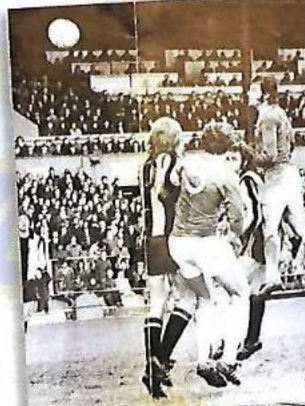
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CLUB NOTES

Good afternoon everyone. On a day when the Grand National is obviously a big counter attraction, we thank you all for your support. It should be a worthwhile visit for if both sides in your form we should be in for a cracking game. We welcome Wealdstone who, with their own array of ex-League talent, look all set for promotion to the Premier Division, what ever the result of this game. This is only their third season in the S.L.—having spent the first in the first division north and being switched to the south section last season. We welcome their officials, players and supporters, wish them an enjoyable visit and a safe journey home.

Last term City had two splendid matches against Wealdstone who are recognised for their fine, open football. We won 3-1 at home and completed the 'double' 2-1 away in the last match of the season which, those supporters who travel regularly, will recall was an absolutely cracking game with none of the usual end of season staleness about it. Their record this season is most impressive, with 16 wins in 25 outings and only four defeats. We know the strength of the side from the decisive 3-0 win they gained over us early in the season. But Wealdstone will find City a different kettle of fish. A much changed and rejuvenated team we have come from behind and are now challenging strongly for promotion. Last week



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MATCH REPORTS

Kidderminster Harriers (H)

Grosvenor Vale Saturday March 23rd 2024

Wealdstone 1 - 1 Kidderminster Attendance - 2,102



Spoils were shared at a busy Grosvenor Vale as Wealdstone drew 1-1 with relegation battlers Kidderminster Harriers.

The Stones took the lead during first-half stoppage time through the in-form Max Kretzschmar, but a late goal from Ash Hemmings rescued a point for the Harriers.

Manager David Noble made four changes to the side that were narrowly defeated by Bromley midweek, as Kretzschmar, Sean Adarkwa and Micah Obiero returned to the starting line-up, while Kallum Cesay made his debut.

New signing and former Fulham goalkeeper, Jacob Adams, was named to the bench as Marcus Dewhurst's deputy.

The Stones nearly made the perfect start as Kretzschmar's free-kick was deflected goal-bound in the sixth minute, forcing Christian Dibble to react with a finger-tip save to deny Wealdstone's number ten.

Wealdstone continued to dominate the early exchanges and were tantalisingly close to profiting in the 17th minute through a trio of chances in quick succession. Charlie Barker's back-heel was well-saved by Dibble, Kallum Tracey Cesay's effort hit the post, and then Adarkwa's header agonisingly struck the crossbar.

The Stones looked like they had duly taken the lead in the 26th minute when defender Barker found the back of the net, but the assistant referee flagged for offside.

With ten minutes of the first-half remaining, the Harriers galvanised their best chance as Amari Morgan-Smith burst forward, beat two Stones defenders and drilled a low strike just wide of the far post.

Noble was then forced into an early substitution in the 41st minute as top scorer Adarkwa went down injured and had to be replaced by Manny Duku.

However, one minute into stoppage time, the Stones were finally rewarded for their dominance; man-of-the-moment Kretzschmar clinically despatched past Dibble with a fine strike to notch his fourth goal in five games.

The Harriers emerged from the interval with intent, nearly drawing level in the 46th minute through the dangerous Morgan-Smith's fierce strike, but Dewhurst was equal to his effort.

As the second-half progressed, the visitors began find to find rhythm and edge themselves back into the contest.

With 20 minutes left, the Harriers looked like they had equalised when Jay Emmanuel-Thomas rifled an effort goal-bound from 8-yards, but Dewhurst responded with an excellent save to thwart the substitute.

The visitors had another bite of the cherry in the 77th minute when Morgan-Smith teed-up Jack Lambert, forcing Dewhurst to produce another solid save.

Phil Brown's side were eventually rewarded for their persistence, deservedly drawing level in the 82nd minute as Hemmings latched onto Lambert's perfect through-ball and coolly fired home past Dewhurst to send the match into a tense finale.

The Stones had the opportunity to retake the lead in the 89th minute when Jaydn Mundle-Smith struck from inside the box, but his shot was straight at Dibble.

Two minutes into added time, the Harriers must have thought they had stolen all three points at the death when Krystian Pearce's header looked destined for the top corner, but the skipper was denied by the crossbar.

WEALDSTONE:

Dewhurst, Cesay, Cook (c), Barker, Mundle-Smith, Young, Bowen, Kretzschmar (Henry 74), Mason, Obiero, Adarkwa (Duku 39 (Barrett 85)).

Subs not used: Adams, Seaman.

Report by **NICOLE CHO-LEE**
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2 Barnet	40	23	5	12	77	53	20	14	3	3	42	20	20	9	2	9	35	33	24	74	3-2 1-1
3 Bromley	40	19	13	8	62	44	21	12	5	4	41	25	19	7	8	4	21	19	18	70	3-1 1-1
4 Solihull Moors	40	18	12	10	64	54	19	8	5	6	28	19	21	10	7	4	36	35	10	66	0-1
5 Aldershot Town	40	19	7	14	69	70	21	12	6	3	42	29	19	7	1	11	27	41	-1	64	3-3 1-3
6 Gateshead	39	18	9	12	75	56	18	8	5	5	35	24	21	10	4	7	40	32	19	63	2-4 1-2
7 Halifax Town	39	17	11	11	50	44	19	8	7	4	27	22	20	9	4	7	23	22	6	62	2-0 3-1
8 Altrincham	40	17	10	13	73	57	20	11	4	5	48	25	20	6	6	8	25	32	16	61	0-0
9 Oldham Athletic	40	15	15	10	57	50	20	6	8	6	29	23	20	9	7	4	28	27	7	60	1-1
10 Rochdale	40	15	10	15	64	59	20	9	5	6	35	24	20	6	5	9	29	35	5	55	3-2 0-3
11 Southend United	40	17	11	12	57	39	21	12	3	6	39	17	19	5	8	6	18	22	18	52	1-1
12 Dagenham & Redbridge	41	13	11	17	58	54	21	8	1	12	33	30	20	5	10	5	25	24	4	50	0-2 2-0
13 Fylde	41	13	10	18	68	74	21	7	7	7	36	36	20	6	3	11	32	38	-6	49	3-2 2-1
14 Hartlepool United	39	14	7	18	59	67	20	9	2	9	30	32	19	5	5	9	29	35	-8	49	4-4 1-2
15 Woking	41	13	9	19	42	49	20	6	5	9	23	26	21	7	4	10	19	23	-7	48	1-0 1-1
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