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By Mark Hyde

Written in Stone



Welcome to our final programme of the season and welcome also to the supporters, officials and players from both Chesterfield and Eastleigh.

Before we move on to matters in hand I would like to take a moment to congratulate Chesterfield on a quite remarkable season that has ended with them as Champions and a truly deserved promotion back to the EFL.

I am typing these note before our game against Dorking and following our encouraging & committed performance against Southend, United.

We all know we over achieve season after season given our limitations, with many at the start of each campaign openly expressing that to finish fifth from bottom is an acceptable reality..... Well welcome to that reality and it isn't for the faint hearted.

We rarely do things the easy way here at Wealdstone and we should congratulate our Board of Directors for acting swiftly and decisively following our defeat to Boreham Wood which

gives us the very best chance of determining our own fate.

We should also keep in mind the Human cost of these situations and wish the very best to our departed management team of David and Neil who despite their best intentions and hard work struggled to maintain our momentum in the very difficult circumstances of fixture postponements,

International call ups and player injuries.

This club has come so far over so many years with so much input from so many people that I can safely say that this season will not define us as a

club but it will galvanise us for the tasks ahead.

So.... whatever the outcome over the next few days I hope you all take the opportunity that the off season provides to relax and re connect with the friends and loved ones that get overlooked for nine months of the year and come back with your fresh season ticket in hand for another roller-coaster episode in the life of a Wealdstone supporter

Mark

Another quiet week in a non eventful season!

Thanks

That's it, another season of programmes done.

As always I need to thank Tim Parks, Martin Read and Martin Lacey for their the never-ending work and support over the season. Thanks also to Sudhir Rawal, Jon Taffel, Roger Slater & Peter Worby who have provided (mostly) timely contributions. Thanks finally to you for continuing to support a physical programme, we look forward to seeing you all next season.

Mark

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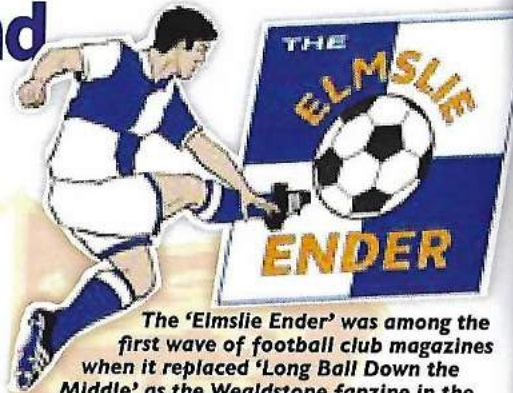


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Britain's longest-running fanzine column (and it shows it)

It's goodbye and good luck to Chesterfield... a parting gift of three points would be nice



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



NOT wanting to sound unnecessarily gloomy, as I'm writing this before our midweek matches against Southend and Dorking, but last time we were relegated from the National League, in 1988, the Elmslie Ender fanzine

produced a T-shirt bearing the image of our winger Tony Lynch and the slogan 'Appearing in the Southern League for one season only'.

Sadly our optimism was as fleeting as the talent of Tony Lynch (pictured right): four long years later we exited the Southern League Premier in the wrong direction, and another three years down the line we were kicking off the season at Cove (yes, where?) in Isthmian League Division Three. Though you probably don't want or need reminding it took us 32 years to get back. Chesterfield, you think you've suffered?

Since winning the championship Chesterfield fans have been thoroughly magnanimous on social



media, saying how much they've enjoyed their time in non-league football, going to exciting new places and being housed in lovely temporary stands made out of scaffolding. Something tells me they didn't say this last year, and should they be struggling at the wrong end of League Two at any time in the next year or two there won't be such a rosy glow of nostalgia for days out at Ebbsfleet and Solihull.

We are of course all desperate to see the mighty Stones retain their top flight - and yes, to us this is the top flight - status again; relegation would be a bump in the road, or perhaps an enormous pothole, on the carefully planned route to a bigger and brighter future for the club.

Although I probably saw more Wealdstone matches in our Isthmian League Division Three seasons - a reminder here that we failed to get promoted at the first attempt and most of us wouldn't have been too upset if Gordon Bartlett had been sacked in 1996 - than I have this season, to go back there now seems unthinkable. We gaze in disbelief at the

Below: the iconic Elmslie Stand at the Stones' former ground, Lower Mead in Harrow



Some things that made us laugh and cry from Tuesday's agonising defeat to Southend United...

Club photographer Jon Taffel couldn't resist comparing his picture of Dorking manager Marc White and out-of-work boss Steve King (chatting at the Vale for Tuesday's game with Southend) with the iconic ABBA photo from the 1970s. I reckon Anni-Frid's hairstyle is slightly less coiffured than Mr King's. While, below right, you had to feel for Max Kretzschmar after he was denied by a brilliant double save from Southend keeper Colin Andeng Ndi. But that's the name of the game...



fixture list... Wealdstone playing Oldham Athletic and Chesterfield as equals is like being in the FA Cup first round every other week, a good thing since actually getting to the FA Cup first round seems to be an achievement which is consistently beyond us.

Then again, I actually like non-league football. I remember that when our move to Vicarage Road was first proposed and we were promised there would be mountains of cash to buy a team which would take us to the Football League, my response was: well, if I wanted to watch League football at Vicarage Road I'd have been a Watford supporter in the first place.

Like a lot of us of my generation, I did watch Watford fairly frequently in the 1970s, but I chose Wealdstone. So if it's Eastbourne and Aveley next season we'll live with it.

It's now a mere 46 years since our first and last competitive match against a team from the top

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flight of English football. (QPR, 1978 for the newbies among us).

Every year we fantasise about getting to the third round for a second time and going to Old Trafford or Anfield, and every year when I see the undeserving others living the dream - off the top of my head I'm thinking Boreham Wood at Everton here - I wonder how a Wealdstone supporter like me would feel at Old Trafford being outnumbered ten to one by 'supporters' who are here today, gone tomorrow.

That's the magic of the FA Cup I suppose.

Anyway, goodbye and good luck Chesterfield. We've enjoyed our trips to 'Town', short trips in my

case as I live in Sheffield, and you've deserved it this season. Leave us three points as a parting gift, please.

And note, you've never done the non-league double. We have. I won't be cruel and suggest you have another go at it next time you're in the National League... No!



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WFCSC Update

By John Young



Chesterfield

We welcome the players, staff and supporters of Chesterfield today .

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Firstly let me start by congratulating them on a fantastic season and being Champions of the National League 2023-2024. Earlier in the season we had a really good match at the SMH stadium. At half time Stones led 0-1 through a Smith goal, but in a 12 minute state of play found ourselves 3-1 down. Stones came back into the game but couldn't find a way through until right at the end scoring to lose 3-2.

For me it's no surprise that Chesterfield are champions this season, with Wrexham and Notts County achieving promotion last season a club of their size were always going to be favourites to gain promotion. Large crowds bring in more revenue that can then be used to bring in players from higher leagues. However this doesn't always guarantee success, so credit where credit is due and wish them all the best in Division 2 next season.

Since winning the title they have had a bit of a quiet time obviously still getting over the celebrations, I'm just hoping that this continues today and the Stones get the result required.

For me losing Chesterfield out of the league is a shame as it's another superb ground not visiting next season and a good following of fans not coming to the Vale. The National League since we have been in it now is starting to look more like the Gola League of the 80's with far more recognisable non league clubs.

Left next season of Belt clubs being Oldham, Southend, Rochdale and Hartlepool. Then depending on who is relegated , so not so many Big scalps to take. At time of writing this Stones in a precarious position, sitting just above the drop zone I point clear with dare I say it games in hand. I'm hoping a win at Bham Wood and defeats for kiddie and Dorking will see us safe for another crack in this Division next season. If so hopefully we can watch an entertaining game this afternoon and go home happy. So in closing Congratulations again Chesterfield good luck next season, but I hope you lose today.

Eastleigh

Good Evening to the players, staff, Directors and any fans who have travelled from Eastleigh tonight.

When I moved down to the South Coast 36 years ago Eastleigh were the local side only 2-3 miles from where I have lived. At that time they played in the Wessex league in front of crowds around 50-100. They have progressed both on and off the pitch to be a well supported club averaging over 2000 fans at home. It is a family club imo one of the quieter grounds for vocal support, however the stadium has come on leaps and bounds and is very impressive now, they also have Astro pitch to train on. They have a chairman who has certainly put his money into the club and built a club with potential. The car park is rented out during the week to a couple of local Insurance Companies which must produce a healthy revenue stream. Hopefully moving forwards the Stones can also have a similar stadium.

Tonight's game at time of writing is a huge one that the Stones need a positive result from. Eastleigh boast the league's leading marksman in Paul McCallum who has netted 29 this season ,40% of

the teams goals. Our meeting early in the season down in Eastleigh ended in a 0-0 draw with both sides having chances to take all 3 points. It has been a tough season for both sides and both clubs have had changes in the MT. I look forward too an evening of entertainment and hope the Stones can get the result needed.

On a different note, the Supporters Club will be running the Fan Zones on the 20th and 21st of April anyone who could spare an hour to help with parking and help on the BBQ especially on the Saturday please let one of the committee know.

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THE STONES INTERVIEW  **BY TIM PARKS**

'I felt saddened for David and Neil as they are genuinely good guys. I will give everything for this club and it's vital that we are all together as a squad, from 1-22'

SAM COX described last weekend as "a whirlwind" from the moment he received a call from chairman Rory Fitzgerald - when he was in the gym - on Sunday morning to ask if he would take over as interim manager until the end of the season.

"I was saddened for David and Neil because they are great men, genuinely really good guys. But I know I will give everything for this club. It means a lot to me because it was the then-manager Gordon Bartlett who gave me a route back into the game after I'd had a tough time at Boreham Wood. He was the first one I called, after my mum and dad, when Rory asked if I'd take over as interim manager.

"I have so much respect for him and he wished me good luck. I'll be asking him for advice too because as a man-manager, he's the best"

I asked the former Stones midfielder if he'd be changing things when we caught up on the eve of the Southend game last Tuesday.

"Well, I have a philosophy and style that I like teams to play and there will be a few tweaks as we've obviously not been getting the results we want. It'll be about the principles of working hard, being positive, winning your personal duels. I want the fans to come along and see us playing with energy, positivity and spirit - penetrative, fast-flowing football on the ground with heart, spirit and desire."

Above: Sam gets his message cross at Southend earlier this season
PICTURE: ION TAFFEL

Right: He is interviewed in the programme a couple of months ago

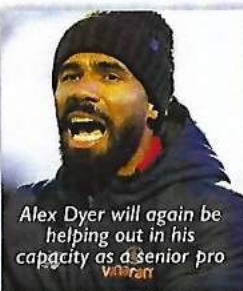
Is this your first appointment as a football manager?
"Well, I was assistant manager to Warren Feeney at Welling last year and I've captained and been assistant coach of Guyana, but yes this is my first time as manager. It's been difficult because of the lack of contact time with the players - there have been only seven or eight sessions since the former management team were appointed at the end of January - but we'll meet as a squad early on Tuesday for the Southend game to give me a chance to address them all, look them in the eyes and spell out the strategy we will adopt."

Sam is still only 33 but he's had ten years in coaching and, in his own words, "had a fantastic education at probably the best Uni you can go to in Tottenham Hotspur. I've completed my A licence and I feel I'm ready to grasp this opportunity at a great club.

"I truly believe in every one in that dressing room, and I wouldn't have taken the job if that hadn't been the case".

As mentioned in the Stones press release, a few of the senior players will help with fostering togetherness and spirit. Sam says their input will be crucial.

"I'll be picking the team and that will be my decision going forward until the end of the season but it's vital



Alex Dyer will again be helping out in his capacity as a senior pro

that we are all on board together from 1-22, the whole squad a tight unit.

"Apart from the current coaching staff I've also got Liam Badcock in from Spurs to help with the analysis. His presentations will be important for us because we've not been clinical enough and we've conceded too many."

After the maelstrom of the Boreham Wood defeat, was there any truth in the rumours of players 'falling out' with the management team?
"No, that's honestly not true. Dillon de Silva for example, accepted that he was left out for tactical reasons and that no-one plays well every week... you're also going to have two or three

players not even make the squad each week, but they know that. I spoke to Dillon on Friday and he's kept a good attitude. He knows he's going to play an important part in the run in to the end of the season.

"We are going into this fresh-faced, and with the players and management all on the same page. There are five games left and I want us to empty the tank".



THE STONES INTERVIEW  **by tim parks**

Player, coach, actor, captain of his country.. Sam Cox on his hectic life and thrilling new challenge at Wealdstone

SAM COX couldn't have been more delighted to receive that telephone call from the Stones in the wake of Stuart Maynard's departure seven weeks ago.

He had been a full-time No.2 to Warren Feeney at Welling United last season, while continuing his 'day job' managing Spurs' under-15s at their academy, but became a free agent when Feeney left to manage the Irish club Glenrath.

"I almost hooked up with David Noble at St Albans last year but I feel I have a lot to offer as a player" said the 33-year-old who of course spent three seasons at the Vale between 2014-2019.

"But the First Team Coach role is perfect for me. I had a few difficult conversations with Tottenham about how to navigate the two when the Wealdstone job came up but the fact we are a National League club helped smooth things and they are happy for me to find a path around that.

"That's not to say I'm not crazy busy! I work seven days a week, non-stop but I feel blessed to have this life within the game."



The relief and delight at the first whistle at York is shown by Gaffer David Noble and Sam Cox (right)
PICTURE: ION TAFFEL

Sam, who also enjoyed a bit of celebrity when he played the part of West Ham's 'Armando' in Series Three of the worldwide hit *Top Gear*, has been coaching and managing the Spurs' under-15s squad for five years. "It's an age group that I really enjoy. They are beginning to understand what the game looks and feels like. I have a huge love for Spurs and for all they've done for me and my career. I've done my UEFA A-Licence and I'm about to complete my advanced Youth Award, learning from some of the top young developers in the world."

So what is the dynamic between the Stones' new management team? I asked him. Did you know both Nobby and (assistant manager) Neil Bartlett before?
"No, I hadn't worked with Neil before but obviously he has a wealth of experience and an amazing success at Arsenal, helping young players develop for the first team, and then going on to assist at QPR and Glasgow Rangers. It's great for me and Nobby to pick his brains and get so much knowledge and wisdom from him."



The international and Spurs budding 'Taco and Chico'
PICTURE: ION TAFFEL

ing with him - a top, top man with a fantastic reputation. "I've played against David for years for various different clubs - some great midfields battles - and I know him for a while but the chance to work together came very much out of the blue. I think we are quite like-minded in the way we like to see football being played."

"I think it's a lovely mix between us, the Gaffer with his great playing career, Neil with his wide-ranging experience while I bring my Spurs coaching background and having been No.2 at Welling last season - plus coaching and captaining Guyana. "As for the dynamic between the three of us, I'm quite vocal and tend to lead a lot on the technical practice while Neil is the wise counsel- log always ready to stop the sessions and chip in with ideas. Nobby raises the decisions and also contributes his ideas and methods. "We ask the players to play a certain way and have no problems if they carry it out, probing and passing. It's when they don't carry out these instructions that we get frustrated!"

Had you worked with - or played against - any of the Stones' squad before?
"I've not actually worked with or played against any of them apart from Alex Dyer, having heard him for Guyana when was playing for Montserrat. Kallum Seay obviously was in the academy at Spurs, a good young prospect but as a typical of the path these days you'd find an EFL club relatively easily but now they have to see their sights lower and rebuild their careers in men's football."

"But there is a really good bond in the squad. Young and old and impressive. We know what the requirements are to stay in this league and young players need to have done some maturing and quickly. They are really good technical players who have had good backgrounds - but at this stage of the season it's all about getting points on the board."

Off the field, Sam has nothing but praise for the club.

ful. I had a good relationship with him even during the Bobby Wilkinson time which didn't work out well for me - he is doing a fantastic job at the club from the players and staff viewpoint towards the prospect of going full time next season."

So what does Cox remember of his first year at Wealdstone?
"I have a lot of fond memories of that first year at Southport in the Trophy, arguably the one. That was a great away day, such a good performance from everyone on the pitch. N. Whiteley, Ricky Weiland, Elliot Berry, The fans never stopped singing, I'll never forget that. We made the last 16 in that year and we're in the quarters this year so we'll hopefully go a bit further. "I owe a lot to Gordon Bartlett who brought me to the club, off the back of me leaving Boreham Wood to join the National League. I made some fantastic friends I still play to today like Gordon Society, P. Gleish, I had a good connection with the fans and won best player of the year awards during my time at the club but it became difficult once the change of manager happened."

"My relationship with Bobby Wilkinson wasn't hidden, and it was not the best. "He tried to make an example of me because of a few reasons... the fact that he was a coach and I was a player, the fact that he was a coach and I was a player, the fact that he was a coach and I was a player."

When I last interviewed Sam for the programme almost a decade ago the ex-Spurs youngster named Gareth Balo as the best he'd ever played with or against. Balo played a 'lock' in the Spurs reserves and came right back - not a bad combination!

But since his Gold Cup experience with Guyana, Cox now names Christian Pulisic whom he freed playing for US youth teams.



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MATCH REPORT

Much better from Stones but they just can't catch a break..

Tuesday April 9, Vanarama National League: Wealdstone 1 Southend United 2

STONES fans streamed out of the Vale on Tuesday night scratching their heads as to how a greatly improved performance failed to get even a point out of an entertaining clash with play-off seeking Southend.

The Shrimpers extended their unbeaten run to 14 games thanks to the two simple moments of class that separated the sides. And it was an inability to finish off great swathes of possession - especially in the second half - that is the reason that new interim boss Sam Cox will be sweating on results in these next few games.

Manny Duku, back in the side, gave the Stones the lead from close range as he swept in Aaron Henry's corner at the back post after 32 minutes. And it might even have been 2-0 when keeper Colin Andeng Ndi beat away a fierce effort from the same player.

But Southend had the lions' share of the ball in that first half and skipper Nathan Ralph calmly levelled the game just before half time with a low shot from 15 yards.

Stones huffed and puffed after the break. Man of the match Dillon de Silva tormented the Southend defence but we somehow never quite fashioned a clear shot on goal.... until substitute Max Kretzschmar was twice denied by a double save from the desperate - and brilliant - Ndeng Ndi in injury time. And then the excellent Aaron Henry fired in a shot from an



Manny Duku sticks the ball in the Southend net. Pictures: JON TAFFEL

acute angle that smashed against the angle of post and crossbar.

The game was already won, though, thanks to a brilliant low 25 yarder from Cav Miley midway through the half, his shot spearing its way past the helpless Marcus Dewhurst and just inside the post to the delight of the 1,000 travelling fans.

By the time you read this, Stones will have faced Dorking in the ultimate six-pointer relegation face-off at the Vale and the 2023-24 National League soap opera will be close to its final episodes. Stay tuned, it's gonna be dramatic!

WEALDSTONE: Dewhurst, Barrett, Cook (c), Barker, Mundle-Smith, Bowen (sub Young 67), Henry, Ferguson (Kretzschmar 81), De Silva, Allarakhia, Duku (Adarkwa 50).

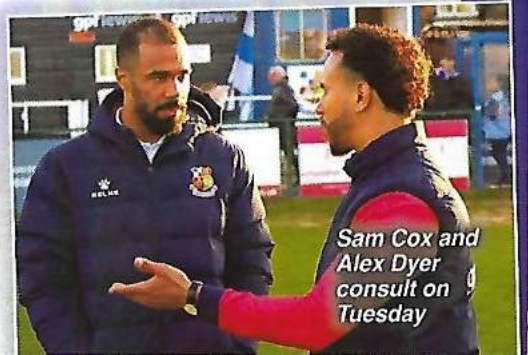
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All you need to know about... Chesterfield FC

The opposition in focus

Potentially five or more teams have been called Chesterfield Football Club at different times. A Derbyshire Times newspaper report from 2 January 1864 noted a scheduled game between "Chesterfield and Norton football clubs", suggesting that a Chesterfield FC, whether loosely or formally organised, was active from at least 1863.



returning to the Midland League. In 1915 Chesterfield Town was put into voluntary liquidation and a new club with the same name was formed by a local restaurateur to play wartime football using locally based 'guests' from Football League clubs. It lasted only two years before its management and players were suspended by the FA for illegal payments and the club shut down.

The current Chesterfield FC was formed on 24 April 1919 by Chesterfield Borough Council,

seeing it as a way to spearhead improvements in local recreational provision. Initially called Chesterfield Municipal, the club made great strides on the pitch in its first season, lifting the Midland League title – and did so despite three changes of management. However, The Football Association and the Football League had already made clear their vehement opposition to a council-run club and ultimately forced it to cut its ties and become independent, reflected in a name change to Chesterfield FC in December 1920.

In 1921–22, Chesterfield became a founder member of the new Football League Third Division North and won the league title in the 1930–31 season and were promoted to the

Second Division. Relegation followed in 1933, but the Third Division North title was again won in 1936.

After the war the club achieved their best League position, finishing fourth in the Second Division in 1946–47 but were relegated at the end of the 1950–51 season. They were placed in the Third Division on its formation at the start of the 1958–59 season; future England international goalkeeper Gordon Banks made his professional debut in a Third Division game in November 1958, but was sold to Leicester City for a then-club record £7,000 fee at the end of the season. In 1961 Chesterfield were relegated to the Fourth Division for the first time.

A second Chesterfield FC was formally created as an offshoot of Chesterfield Cricket Club in October 1867. The cricket and football clubs moved to the Recreation Ground at Saltergate in 1871, the same year that they became separate entities. However, a souring of the relationship between the two led to the closure of the football club in 1881, when it found itself homeless. Many players joined other local sides, notably Chesterfield Livingstone, a club that took up using the Saltergate site, and Chesterfield Spital, a team which competed in the early years of the FA Cup.

Three years later, in 1884, a third entity called Chesterfield Football Club was formed, again making its home at Saltergate. It drew in players from the preceding club and both Chesterfield Livingstone and Chesterfield

Spital, though records show Spital continued as a separate club. After changing its name to Chesterfield Town, the club turned professional in 1891 and won several local trophies in the following two seasons, entering the FA Cup for the first time in 1892. For the 1892–93 season, the club wore an extraordinary playing strip of all dark blue with the Union Jack emblazoned across the front of the shirt. Chesterfield joined the Midland League in 1896, and successfully applied for a place in the Second Division of the Football League at the start of the 1899–1900 season, finishing seventh. After finishing bottom of the League three years in a row, the club failed to gain re-election to the League in 1909,

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Chesterfield spent eight seasons in the Fourth Division, earning promotion as champions in 1969–70. The Anglo-Scottish Cup was won in 1981. The club was relegated in 1983–84, and won the Fourth Division title the following season. Financial difficulties forced Chesterfield Borough Council to bail out the club in 1985 and the club's training ground to be sold. Relegation followed in 1988–89; Chesterfield reached the play-off competition a year later, but were beaten by Cambridge United in the play-off final. Play-off victories over local rivals Mansfield Town and Bury in 1994–95 to earn promotion

to the redesignated Second Division. The 1996–97 season saw Chesterfield beat six clubs including Premier League side Nottingham Forest to reach the semi-final of the FA Cup for the first time. The semi-final match against Middlesbrough was contentiously drawn 3–3 after extra time; Chesterfield lost the replay 3–0.

The club were relegated to the Third Division in 2000. The following year, Chesterfield were deducted nine points for financial irregularities. Amid mounting evidence of fraud ownership passed to a hastily organised fans' group, the Chesterfield Football Supporters Society. Massive debts forced the club into administration, but the team still secured the division's final automatic promotion place. Chesterfield were relegated to League Two at the end of the 2006–07 season.

The club departed its historic home at

Saltergate at the end of the 2009–10 season, and moved to newly built B2net Stadium. Chesterfield were promoted to League One after winning the League Two title in 2010–11 season. They went on to win the EFL Trophy for the first time in March 2012, defeating Swindon Town 2–0 in the final. However they were relegated out of League One the following month, before again returning to the third tier as League Two champions at the end of the 2013–14 season.

Chesterfield secured sixth-place in League One at the end of the 2014–15 campaign.

Following relegation to League Two in 2017/1 the club was again relegated out of the English Football League at the end of the 2017–18 season.

In the 2020-21 season Chesterfield

finished in 6th place in the National League, losing 3-2 away to Notts County in the play-off quarter final.

In 2021/22 Chesterfield grabbed the last play off spot by finishing 7th on 74 points. Having beaten FC Halifax 2-1 away in the Quarter finals, Chesterfield lost 3-1 to Solihull away in the Semi Finals.

Last season Chesterfield finished the season in 3rd position but eventually lost out on promotion when they lost to Notts County in the play off final at Wembley.

This season Chesterfield are the newly crowned National League Champions.

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OPPOSITION IN FOCUS

Chesterfield

1. HARRY TYRER - GOALKEEPER

The young keeper is on a season-long loan from Everton. He impressed while on loan at National League North club Chester last season.

3. BRANDEN HORTON - DEFENCE

Horton joined the Spireites in the summer of 2022 after making 20 appearances for Doncaster in League One the previous season. He spent five years with the South Yorkshire club and had two loan spells with Gainsborough between 2018 and 2019.

4. TOM NAYLOR - MIDFIELD

Naylor made 36 appearances for Wigan Athletic in the Championship last season. After starting his career at Mansfield Town, Naylor played for the likes of Derby County, Burton Albion and Portsmouth before joining Wigan in the summer of 2021.

5. JAMIE GRIMES - DEFENCE

The central defender joined Chesterfield in 2021 after helping Hereford reach the FA Trophy final at Wembley. The 30-year-old's former clubs include Ebbsfleet United, Macclesfield Town, Cheltenham Town and Dover Athletic.

6. LAURENCE MAGUIRE - DEFENCE

Maguire is a proud product of Chesterfield's academy. Laurence, who is the brother of Manchester United and England star Harry Maguire, is currently on loan at Crawley.

7. LIAM MANDEVILLE - MIDFIELD

Mandeville began his career at Doncaster Rovers, coming through the club's academy before breaking into the first team. He had time on loan at Whitby Town, Colchester & Morecambe. He was released from Doncaster in 2019 and signed for the Spireites ahead of the 2019/20 campaign. He was named Player of the Year at the end of last season.

8. DARREN OLDAKER - MIDFIELD

Oldaker, who joined the Spireites in the summer of 2023, started his career in Queens Park Rangers' academy before spending four years with Gillingham. After leaving Priestfield, he had spells at Billericay Town, Westfield, Welling United & Hythe Town. Oldaker then moved to Dorking in 2021.

9. WILL GRIGG - FORWARD

Signed in the summer for an undisclosed fee from MK Dons, Grigg is a Northern Ireland international. After starting out at Walsall, he played for Brentford and Wigan before signing for Sunderland for a

reported £3m fee in January 2019. Grigg joined MK Dons in the summer of 2022.

10. MICHAEL JACOBS - MIDFIELD

Jacobs signed for the Spireites on the eve of the new season. The attacking midfielder played under manager Paul Cook previously, at Wigan Athletic. After starting out at Northampton Town, he played for Derby County and Wolves before signing for Wigan. He then had three years at Portsmouth prior to joining Chesterfield.

11. RYAN COLCLOUGH - MIDFIELD

The winger joined Chesterfield from Altrincham for an undisclosed fee in January 2023. After starting his career at Crewe Alexandra, Colclough had spells at Wigan Athletic and Scunthorpe United before signing for Altrincham in 2020.

12. TYRONE WILLIAMS - DEFENCE

Williams was signed from National League rivals Solihull Moors for an undisclosed fee in November 2021. The central defender, who agreed a contract until 2024, joined Solihull in January 2018. He was previously at Kidderminster and Hednesford.

15. BAILEY HOBSON - MIDFIELD

Hobson signed a two-year contract in the summer after agreeing a move from Alfreton Town. He was previously at local side Handsworth after being with Sheffield United as a youngster. Joined Kidderminster Harriers on loan in September.

16. MIGUEL FRECKLETON - DEFENCE

Freckleton joined the Spireites on loan from Premier League neighbours Sheffield United at the end of August. The young central defender has previous National League experience, having had spells on loan at Wealdstone and Yeovil Town last season.

17. ARMANDO DOBRA - MIDFIELD

Dobra signed a two-year contract to join Chesterfield in the summer of 2022 after leaving Ipswich Town. The Albania Under-21 international had a season-long loan at Colchester United last term, scoring two goals in 17 appearances.

18. JAMES BERRY - FORWARD

The Spireites clinched the signing of Berry from Macclesfield at the start of the season. The young forward, who started out at Hull City, signed a three-year contract after the two clubs agreed an undisclosed fee. Berry scored 26 goals in 35 appearances last season. He was previously a scholar

at Wigan Athletic after being released by Liverpool

20. JEFF KING - DEFENCE

King, who features as a right-sided wing-back, joined Chesterfield in 2021 after winning FC Halifax Town's Player of the Year award and being named in the Vanarama Team of the Season. King joined Halifax from St Mirren after playing for a number of clubs including Bolton Wanderers.

21. ASH PALMER - DEFENCE

The experienced central defender was signed from Stockport County in November 2022 on an 18-month contract. Palmer spent over four years at Stockport and played a key role in their National League title-winning campaign last season, scoring five goals in 45 appearances in all competitions last season. He joined Stockport from Guiseley in 2018 and his previous clubs include Scunthorpe United, Southport and Buxton.

22. RYHEEM SHECKLEFORD - DEFENCE

Sheckleford signed for the Spireites in the summer of 2022 after leaving Maidenhead. He started his career with Fulham, playing for the under-18s, under-19s, under-21s and under-23s. The right-back was part of the Fulham squad that reached the 2014 FA Youth Cup final, losing 7-6 on aggregate to Chelsea. He gained some first-team experience at Wealdstone in 2016 before leaving Craven Cottage in 2017. After a year out of football, Sheckleford joined Maidenhead.

23. RYAN BOOT - GOALKEEPER

Boot, who was previously at Solihull Moors, signed a 12-month contract after a spell on trial in pre-season. The shot-stopper started his career at Port Vale and spent five years with the Valiants. During his stint at Vale Park, he spent time out on loan at Worcester City, Norton United, Newcastle Town and Macclesfield Town. Boot joined National League side Solihull Moors in 2018 and made well over 200 appearances as Solihull established themselves as a top fifth-tier side.

24. HARLEY CURTIS - FORWARD

Curtis agreed a 12-month contract to join Chesterfield after impressing on trial in pre-season, linking up with former Ipswich team-mates Armando Dobra and Bailey Clements. He also worked with Kieron Dyer during the coach's spell as U23 boss at Ipswich.

27. JOE QUIGLEY - FORWARD

Quigley was signed from National League rivals Yeovil Town in January 2022 for an undisclosed fee. He began his career at Bournemouth and had a number of loan spells before joining Maidstone United in 2018. The Republic of Ireland Under-21 international then played for Bromley and Dagenham & Redbridge before signing for Yeovil in 2020.

28. OLLIE BANKS - MIDFIELD

Banks rejoined Chesterfield last summer after leaving Barrow. Banks joined Oldham Athletic in a spell that lasted two years – including loans at Tranmere Rovers and Swindon Town. Banks moved to Barrow in 2021 and was handed the captain's armband.

33. BAILEY CLEMENTS - DEFENCE

The young full-back spent 14 years at boyhood club Ipswich Town before joining Chesterfield in the summer of 2022. Paul Cook gave Clements his first taste of league football and he appeared eight times for the Tractor Boys in the 2021/22 season. He also had loan spells at Hemel Hempstead, Dagenham & Redbridge and Stevenage.

34. GEORGE WILKINSON - MIDFIELD

35. MIKE JONES - MIDFIELD

Jones joined the Spireites in the summer of 2022 after impressing on trial. The highly experienced midfielder, who has made over 500 appearances in his career, started out at Tranmere Rovers. He had spells at Bury, Sheffield Wednesday, Crawley Town, Carlisle United and Barrow before signing for Chesterfield.

36. LUKE CHADWICK - GOALKEEPER

The young keeper joined Chesterfield in the summer of 2022 after being released by Doncaster Rovers.

37. SAM HOOPER - DEFENCE

38. ARCHIE WHITE - MIDFIELD

39. ALEXANDER DUHAMEAU - MID

40. CONNOR COOK - MIDFIELD





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Bob Brocklebank guided Chesterfield to their highest final League position in 1946/47. Six players remained from the pre-war days as the Spireites resumed Second Division football with a 1-1 draw at home to Bradford PA. Ray Middleton starred in goal as Chesterfield lost only two of their opening 18 games and Jackie Hudson arrived from West Stanley in October. They triumphed 4-3 at Spurs and beat Sunderland 2-1 in the FA Cup third round before the savage winter brought widespread postponements. Chesterfield won seven of their last nine matches, including a 4-2 win over Sheffield Wednesday, to finish in fourth position.

1969/70

Ernie Moss and Kevin Randall scored 38 goals between them as Chesterfield won the Fourth Division title in 1969/70. New signings John Archer and Tom Fenoughty made their debuts as the Spireites kicked off with a 0-0 draw at Swansea. Ernie Moss netted four times as Chesterfield beat Newport 4-0, also scoring as they defeated Workington 4-0 and Notts County 5-0. Alan Stevenson took over in goal and Chesterfield maintained their title challenge with a 2-0 win over rivals Wrexham, clinching promotion with a 1-1 draw at Exeter. Albert Holmes was ever-present as Jimmy McGuigan's side won the title with 64 points.

1979/80

Chesterfield narrowly failed to win promotion under Arthur Cox in 1979/80. Notable signings included Alan Birch, Alan Crawford, Bill Green and John Ridley, with the Spireites remaining unbeaten in their first 15 home games including a 7-1 victory over



1994/95 3rd Division Play off Winners

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

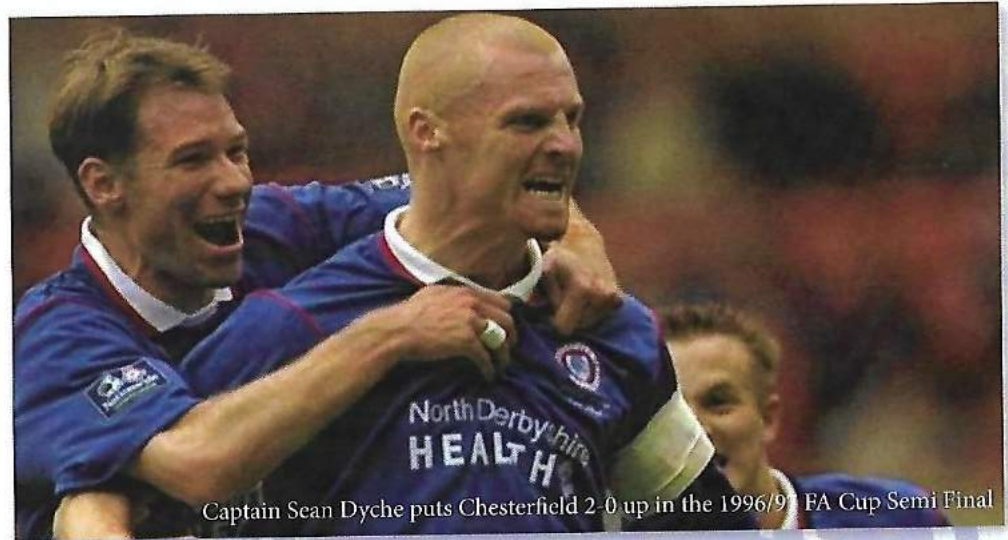
Reading. Overcoming inconsistent away form, they climbed to third place in January and drew 3-3 at Sheffield Wednesday. But newcomers John Turner, John Stirk and Phil Bonnyman disrupted a settled side and skipper Bill Green missed the last eight games due to injury as Chesterfield finished fourth in the Third Division, one point below promoted Sheffield Wednesday.

1980/81

Chesterfield achieved Anglo-Scottish Cup final glory in 1980/81. Danny Wilson arrived from Bury for a record fee, while Frank Barlow replaced Newcastle-bound Arthur Cox as manager in September. The Spireites thrashed Carlisle 6-2 and went top of the Third Division after a 1-0 win over Hull the following month. They defeated Sheffield United 1-0, Glasgow Rangers 4-1 and Bury 3-2 in the Anglo-Scottish Cup before beating Notts County 2-1 on aggregate in the final. Chesterfield slipped out of the promotion race as injuries mounted and they finished in fifth position despite losing only two of their last 12 matches.

1984/85

Chesterfield won the Fourth Division championship with a club record 91 points in 1984/85. The Spireites won their opening four games, then beat Hereford United 3-1 in a top of the table clash at Saltergate and secured pole position with a 5-1 demolition of Exeter. Newcomers Brian Ferguson and Mick Henderson helped Chesterfield to overcome a lean spell and they returned to the top after wins at rivals Hereford and Darlington in late March, celebrating promotion with a 1-0 victory at Stockport. Captain Steve Baines and Les Hunter were ever-present as John Duncan's side clinched the title with a 0-0 draw at Peterborough.



Captain Sean Dyche puts Chesterfield 2-0 up in the 1996/97 FA Cup Semi Final

1994/95

John Duncan guided Chesterfield to Third Division play-off final success in 1994/95. The Spireites lost their opening three League games but then form improved and they climbed steadily to seventh place by December. Phil Robinson was signed from Huddersfield and Tony Lormor from Lincoln and they had a tremendous impact as Chesterfield went a club record 21 games unbeaten and stormed into the automatic promotion places. The run ended with a 2-1 defeat by champions Carlisle and the Spireites qualified for the play-offs in third place. They beat Mansfield 6-3 on aggregate, then beat Bury 2-0 in the Wembley final.

1996/97

Giantkillers Chesterfield were very unlucky not to reach the FA Cup final in 1996/97. The Spireites won five of their opening seven Second Division games and remained in contention for the play-offs but the epic FA Cup run overshadowed League performances. Kevin Davies starred as John Duncan's side defeated Bury 1-0, Scarborough 2-0, Bristol City 2-0, Bolton Wanderers 3-2, Nottingham Forest 1-0 and Wrexham 1-0 before gaining a thrilling 3-3 draw against Middlesbrough in the semi-finals. Chesterfield had a goal disallowed in that match at Old Trafford and Middlesbrough triumphed 3-0 in the replay at Hillsborough.

2000/01

Chesterfield regained Second Division status at the first attempt under Nicky Law in 2000/01. Newcomers Luke Beckett, Sean Parrish, Mike Pollitt, Lee Richardson and Steve Tutill impressed as the Spireites began with a 4-1 victory at home to York, racing to the top with three successive wins.

Barnet triumphed 2-1 at Saltergate but Chesterfield signed Rob Edwards from Huddersfield in September and lost just once in 31 games, slamming four goals past Carlisle, Mansfield, Macclesfield and Leyton Orient. They remained top until docked nine points in April for a breach of rules and the troubled club won promotion in third place.

2010/11

John Sheridan managed Chesterfield to the League Two title in 2010/11. They went top of the table after a 2-1 victory at Wycombe in mid-October and lost just one of their opening 15 games, including a 5-5 draw with Crewe Alexandra and 5-2 win over Accrington Stanley. The Spireites remained in pole position for the rest of the season and Jack Lester grabbed hat-tricks as they hammered Stockport 4-1 in January and Rotherham 5-0 in March. Leading scorer Craig Davies and Jack Lester netted 40 goals between them as Chesterfield won promotion with four matches remaining, finishing five points ahead of runners-up Bury.

2013/14

Chesterfield won the League Two title again in 2013/14. Paul Cook's side raced to the top of the table after dropping just two points in an eight-match unbeaten start. They failed to win any of their next seven games but had two further spells in pole position before returning to the top and clinching promotion with a 2-0 win at Burton Albion in their penultimate match. Tommy Lee was ever-present as the Spireites secured the title with a 2-1 win at home to Fleetwood on the final day. They also reached the Johnstone's Paint Trophy final, beating Mansfield, Rochdale, Oldham and Fleetwood before losing 3-1 to Peterborough at Wembley.

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All you need to know about... EASTLEIGH Opposition in focus



CLUB RECORDS

- 1950/51 & 1953/54
Hampshire League Div 3 Winners
- 1969/70
Hampshire League Div 2 Winners
- 1979/80
Hampshire Midweek Cup Winners
- 2002/03
Premier Division Winners
- 2012/13
Hampshire Senior Cup Winners
- 2013/14
Conference South Winners

The story of Eastleigh FC since its foundation by Derik Brooks in 1946 as 'Swaythling Athletic Football Club' has been one of upward mobility.

Playing home matches firstly on Southampton Common, and then at 'Westfield' in Swaythling, the new club were promoted into the Hampshire League in 1950 after two campaigns spent in the Southampton Senior League (West). Within another year, Athletic, (that appellation was dropped in 1973) had topped Division Three (West) and won the Hampshire Intermediate Cup. By 1956, Swaythling

were playing in the 1st Division of the County league. They would return to that level in 1970 as champions of Division 2. In keeping with their early progress, the club moved to a new ground at Ten Acres in 1957 – which remains home to this day. The change to their current name was made in 1980, six years before Eastleigh F.C. became founder members of the Wessex League. The club settled at that level, until a distinguished period under the management of present Sutton United boss Paul Doswell which began in 2002/2003. Eastleigh were that season's Wessex League Champions. Twelve months later, they finished 4th in the Southern Football League Division One East. The club were beneficiaries of the F.A.'s restructuring of the non-league pyramid, and were elevated to begin 2004/2005 in the Premier Division of the Isthmian League. On-pitch advancement was being matched off the field. A new stand was constructed in time for the Isthmian campaign,

which the team finished with a run of 14 unbeaten matches. That was enough to earn Eastleigh a play-off berth, which they capitalised on fully. Victories over Braintree Town (2-0), and Leyton (1-0) ensured that Doswell had taken his team from Wessex League to Conference South in the space of three heady years. Development of the ground has continued, with improvements made in 2006 both to the stand opposite the main grandstand, and that behind the goal furthest from the clubhouse. Eastleigh's present owners, Bridle Insurance, whose purchase of a majority shareholding in the club was confirmed in February 2012, have further upgrading of the 'Silverlake Stadium' high

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on their list of priorities. Over nine years in the Conference South, Eastleigh have twice flirted with promotion to non-league's highest tier. In 2009, under the management of former Leeds United forward Ian Baird, the Spitfires lost a play-off semi-final against Hayes & Yeading United. A 4-0 extra-time home defeat cancelled out Eastleigh's 4-2 first-leg victory. In 2012/2013, a campaign which saw Baird replaced by current boss Richard Hill in September, the Spitfires' second half of the season form took them from 21st to 4th place, and a play-off meeting with Dover Athletic. A 3-1 home reverse was wiped out with a 2-0 win in Kent, but, ultimately, a losing penalty shoot-out ended Eastleigh's promotion aspirations. The intervening years brought the Spitfires' only ever appearance in the F.A. Cup first round, and some silverware. The 2009/2010 cup adventure was ended by a last gasp goal which earned then Conference Premier team Barrow a 2-1 home win. Eastleigh's trophy joy came in the 2011/2012 Hampshire Senior Cup. In a final played at Southampton's St Mary's Stadium against AFC Totton – on a night which featured the first live testing of goal-line technology – the Spitfires were 2-0 winners. Eastleigh can lay claim to their part in football history then, but they hope to make headlines all of their own in the coming years. The high ambition of all involved with the club comes at no cost to the inclusive and fan friendly atmosphere which exists at the Silverlake Stadium. That is a fact to which founder, Director, and Life President, Derik

Brooks will undoubtedly testify. Eastleigh's success didn't stop there – promotion was gained from the Conference South in 2014, where they won the league title. The following season, the Spitfires made the play-offs, however they couldn't get past a strong Grimsby Town outfit who went on to gain promotion. The following season saw an impressive FA Cup

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THIS SEASON
SAT 12TH AUG 2023 (A) NL D 0-0

LAST SEASON
SAT 13TH AUG 2022 (A) NL L 0-1
SAT 7TH JAN 2023 (H) NL W 3-1

run, in which Eastleigh took Championship side Bolton Wanderers to a replay. The following season was the same story, with Eastleigh losing away to Championship team Brentford in the Third Round. In the 2018/19 season, under the guidance of Ben Strevens, Eastleigh finished 7th in the Vanarama National League. This meant they would face Wrexham in the Play Off Eliminator. The game finished 0-0 after normal time and it took a Danny Hollands wonder strike to send Eastleigh through to the Play Off semi finals versus Salford. Again the semi final went to extra time after the game finished 1-1. Only for Eastleigh to narrowly avoid a trip to Wembley after being knocked out on penalties.

Eastleigh adopted their 'Spitfires' moniker after consultation with supporters during the close season of 2005. Southampton International Airport (previously known as Eastleigh Airport) was home for the assembly of the Supermarine Type F37/34 Spitfire once the aircraft had been built in nearby Woolston. The F37/34's maiden flight, piloted by 'Mutt' Summers and watched by designer R.J. Mitchell, took place at Eastleigh Airport on 5th March 1936.



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Eastleigh FC Greatest Seasons CLASSIC CAMPAIGNS

2002/03

Eastleigh stormed to the Wessex League title in 2002/03. Paul Doswell's side won 7-0 at Bemerton Heath Harlequins, 6-0 at Christchurch and 6-1 at Gosport Borough. They trounced Brockenhurst 7-1 at Ten Acres and slammed five goals past Alton Town, Blackfield & Langley, Hamble Aerostructures and Portland United, losing just once at home, 2-1 to Andover. Former England star Matt Le Tissier played occasional matches for Eastleigh during the season. They finished with 103 points, clinching the title with a 2-0 victory at home to Gosport, then promptly lost 6-1 at Andover in front of 702. Eastleigh lost 2-1 to AFC Totton in the Wessex League Cup final.

2004/05

Eastleigh won the Isthmian League Premier Division play-off final in 2004/05. They switched from the Southern League to Isthmian League in a restructuring of the Pyramid. Eastleigh finished third in the Premier Division, seven points behind champions Yeading. Andy Forbes was leading marksman with 23 goals, starring as Eastleigh beat Braintree Town 2-0 in the play-off semi-final, then Leyton 2-1 in the final to secure promotion to the Conference South. They lost 2-1 at home to St Albans City in the FA Trophy first round, 1-0 at Tiverton in the FA Cup third qualifying round and 2-1 to finalists Hampton & Richmond Borough in the HE Bryco Cup.

2008/09

Eastleigh qualified for the Conference South play-offs in 2008/09. They finished in third position, five points behind champions AFC Wimbledon. Eastleigh lost just twice at home, 1-0 to Dorchester in October and 3-1 to Team Bath in

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

January. A seven-match unbeaten run lifted them up to third place by the end of February. They completed the double over AFC Wimbledon during a run of six successive wins. Eastleigh gained a 4-2 victory at Hayes & Yeading in the play-off semi-final first-leg but crashed to a 4-0 defeat at home in the second-leg. Tony Taggart was top scorer, while Peter Adeniyi, Luke Byles and Jason Matthews missed just one match each.

2009/10

Eastleigh reached the FA Cup first round proper for the first time in 2009/10. Ian Baird's side won 6-1 at Witney United in the second qualifying round, then triumphed 2-0 at home to Basingstoke Town and 5-3 at Dover Athletic to set up a first round visit to Barrow. Jason Walker scored a last-gasp winner as the following team lost 2-1 watched by 1,655 at Holker Street: Jason Matthews, Warren Goodhind, Brett Poate, Anthony Riviere, Tom Jordan, Danny Smith (Shaun McAuley), Peter Adeniyi, Andy Forbes, Jamie Brown (James Taylor), Richard Gillespie, Tony Taggart (Jamie White). They finished 11th in the Conference South.

2012/13

Eastleigh reached the Conference South play-offs for the second time in 2012/13. Ian Baird's side won just two of their opening seven games, then were trounced 6-2 at Farnborough in October and lost five successive games. They soared up the table with six wins in their next seven matches, beating Billericay 5-0, then ended the season with seven wins in a nine-match unbeaten run. They finished fourth in the Conference South and lost 3-1 at home to Dover Athletic in the play-off semi-final first-leg but levelled the tie on aggregate with a 2-0 victory in the second-leg,



only to lose 4-2 on penalties. Craig McAllister and Jai Reason scored 31 goals between them.

2013/14

Eastleigh won the Conference South title in 2013/14. Richard Hill's side won seven of their first nine games, including a 2-1 victory over then leaders Bromley. They suffered a shock home defeat by struggling Tonbridge Angels in November but virtually clinched the title with a 2-1 win in the return match at Bromley in early April, gaining 86 points, five ahead of runners-up Sutton United. Eastleigh lost their last two games, at Havant & Waterlooville and second home Conference South defeat of the season against Boreham Wood. They reached the FA Trophy quarter-finals for the first time, losing 1-0 at home to eventual winners Cambridge United.

2014/15

Eastleigh qualified for the Conference Premier play-offs in 2014/15. Richard Hill's side lost only two of their opening 11 matches and they beat Kidderminster and Lincoln City en route to the FA Cup second round, losing 2-1 at Southport. James Constable grabbed a hat-trick in a 5-1 victory at Braintree, then Eastleigh won 4-0 at home to Lincoln and Macclesfield in quick succession. James Constable was leading marksman with 18 goals and goalkeeper Ross Flitney ever-present as the Spitfires qualified for the play-offs in fourth position after ending with five straight wins. Eastleigh lost 5-1 on aggregate to Grimsby Town in the play-off semi-finals.

2015/16

Eastleigh reached the FA Cup third round for the first time in 2015/16. They won 2-1 at Bromley in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round, then triumphed 1-0 at Crewe Alexandra and 2-0 at Stourbridge to set up a third round tie at home to past winners Bolton

Wanderers. Darren Pratley's late equaliser gave Bolton a 1-1 draw against the following Eastleigh team in front of 5,250 at Silverlake Stadium: Ross Flitney, Joe Partington, Paul Reid, Will Evans, Dan Harding, Ben Strevens, Yemi Odubade (Ahmed Mohamed), Simon Payne, Andy Drury, Jai Reason, James Constable. Eastleigh lost 3-2 in the replay at Bolton and went on to finish seventh in the Conference.

2016/17

Eastleigh reached the FA Cup third round for the second year running in 2016/17. They hammered North Leigh 6-0 in the FA Cup fourth qualifying round, then drew 1-1 at home to Swindon Town before goals by Jai Reason, Andy Drury and Mikael Mandron gave Eastleigh a 3-1 first round replay victory at the County Ground: Ryan Clarke, Joe Partington, Connor Essam, Reda Johnson, Michael Green, Andy Drury, Jai Reason, Jason Taylor, Luke Coulson, Scott Wilson, Mikael Mandron. Eastleigh won 2-0 at FC Halifax Town in a second round replay, after a 3-3 draw, before losing 5-1 at Brentford in the third round. They finished 15th in the Conference.

2018/19

Eastleigh qualified for the Conference National play-offs in 2018/19. The Spitfires won only three of their opening 11 games before soaring with four straight wins. Andy Hesselthaler returned to Dover Athletic as manager in October and Ben Strevens replaced him in charge. Five successive wins, including a 2-0 victory at Salford City, lifted Eastleigh up to fifth position by the end of February. Paul McCallum was leading marksman with 26 goals as Eastleigh qualified for the play-offs in seventh place. They triumphed 1-0 at Wrexham after extra-time in the eliminator but lost 4-3 on penalties after a 1-1 draw at Salford City in the play-off semi-final.

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28 years ago: Stones rack up a record away score ...but it's only Clapton!

ON THIS DAY  **BY TIM PARKS**



Stones started the season with a 9-1 win at Cove. It seemed every game would be like that...

Saturday April 13 1996 (Isthmian League Division Three) Clapton (Away) Won 10-1 **DON'T YOU just love comparing the Stones of the past with the Stones of today?**

Chesterfield, already crowned champions of the National League will no doubt soon look back with wonderment at the days they faced 'little' clubs like ourselves who were playing in the Isthmian League Division Three 30 years ago... on the same day that the Spireites faced Bristol City in the Football League Division One (today's League One).

Now then, how many levels lower were we then? Er, I make that the three Isthmian Divisions, the Isthmian Prem, the Conference as it was then, plus the old Division Four. That's six levels. In his *Elmslie Ender* article in last week's programme, Mick Fishman wrote about the heart-warming media tales of clubs like Dorking and Wrexham and how they've risen to prominence, and argued that the Stones' story is surely more compelling with the club's impoverished background and 17 years of groundsharing.

Most of these other 'heroic' tales are on the back of huge investment while Wealdstone, as we know, have been funded almost entirely by the fans and a careful, parsimonious approach from a dedicated band of directors.

That was certainly the case as the Stones took voluntary demotion to the very bottom rung of the

Non-League pyramid in the summer of 1995, and thus found ourselves playing clubs who, these days, are as far below ourselves as Chesterfield were above us then!

Not that this was a guarantee of success. Not even for a club that, just ten years earlier, had made history as the first club to win the *non-League double* - the Gola Conference League and the FA Trophy. Our history was the only reason that attracted our new boss Gordon Bartlett to the club, and new players to him.

Recently out of administration, and to protect our dwindling funds from the sale of Lower Mead (after the bonkers groundshare at Vicarage Road and the bleak couple of years at Yeading) the club decided that Southern League football, and the travelling involved, was unsustainable and thus switched to the 'M25' Isthmian League.

Harefield, Tring Town, Southall, Epsom & Ewell, Hackwell Heath, Camberley, Cove.... these were clubs that gleefully greeted the regular 100 Stones away fans who more than doubled their attendances. For us, it was a bit like Newport County deciding to play in the Hellenic League when the Welsh FA told them, around the same era, that it was the Welsh League or nothing for County. They relocated to Moreton-in-the-Marsh and had four coachloads of

fans travelling from Newport for every home game. They loved the novelty while it lasted and until the Welsh FA relented.

Our novelty had worn off by April time when we were outside the three promotion places. Even this club record away win (after a 9-1 battering of Cove and 9-0 and 7-0 wins over Southall) didn't help with the goals shared by Paul Sheldrick (2), Lee Walker, Steve Fraser, Tim Buzaglo, Roy Marshall, Terry Hibbert, Lee Smart and Lee Tekell.

The next season, however, saw the title won and the long slow climb up the leagues finally begin....

home Stones' seventh goal from the penalty spot.

By Graham Smith

four minutes later when his goalbound header was parried into the net by Kelly. Stones opened the Doodgates eight minutes into the second half when Steve Braham found Tony Knight whose flick out beat the outside trap and let in Terry Hibbert to round Kelly and make it 3-1.

10 minutes later a fine long pass from Marshall got Lee Tekell in to hit Wealdstone's fourth.

Stones then scored three times in the next five minutes. Knight started and finished a good move, finding Lee Walker and then being on hand to his home his goal at the second attempt. A 25 yard run from Lee Smart ended with a good shot from Lee Smart and the keeper brought down

Wealdstone: Fraser, Smart, Moore, Marshall, Hibbert (pen), Knight, Tekell, Walker

30 years ago: The car-crash years and a famous crowd of just 42 at Canterbury

Saturday April 13 1994 (Southern League South Division): Canterbury (Away) Won 2-1 **THE only statistic you need to know about the dismal 1993-4 season was that we used 63 players in 54 league and cup games, and every one was hopeless.**

If that sounds harsh, Martin Lacey spells it out (below) in the *Elmslie Ender* fanzine at the time. To be fair, 1980s club legend Neil Cordice and classy midfielder Dermot Drummy were the exceptions... and even then Neil stuck it out only until Christmas when he went and joined former boss Brian Hall at Yeovil Town.

The season started with five straight defeats and the Stones, who finished second bottom, were saved by the fact that Dunstable and Canterbury withdrew from the league at the end of the season. Otherwise our beloved Stones would have been playing at Hellenic League or Combined Counties League level. One man and a dog and a roped-off pitch.

Our sometimes columnist Sudhir Rawal likes to claim that every Stones fan in the astonishingly poor crowd of 42 should be awarded a lifetime medal (he was there, obv). And he has a point as that is surely the lowest-ever attendance at a Wealdstone competitive first team game? Even the Covid behind closed doors crowds in 2020-21 were higher!

But at least those hardy 20-odd Wealdstone fans in the sparse crowd at this horrible Kingsmead stadium (with a running track, to boot) saw a win...

this was only the second in 18 games and that run had included 11 straight defeats, and that is definitely a WFC record.

Vic Schwartz (pictured left) scored both goals and, when he wasn't smoking or drinking, the striker was definitely our most potent threat with five goals in 11 appearances. The season ended with the high of a 3-1 win at Weymouth in front of a 676 crowd and about 100 travelling fans. Totally out of context!

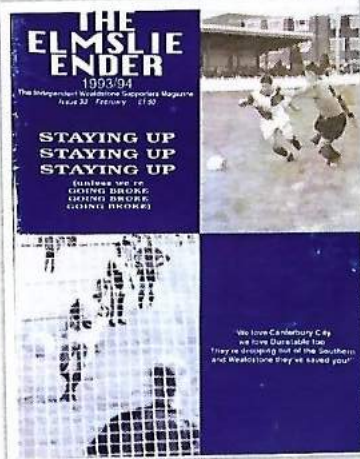


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Useless. Hopeless. Worthless. Utterly. Abysmally. Totally. Worst ever. Lowest ebb. These expressions have become the standard currency of *Elmslie Ender* editorials over the past six years, six years of sad, unremitting decline. As far back as our second issue, August 1987, as we commenced another season in the Conference, I stated "things can only get better", since when we've suffered two relegations and lost two grounds, a few million pounds and three quarters of our supporters. So I was going to resist saying this was Wealdstone's darkest hour in case this time next season we found ourselves propping up the Hellenic League and ground-sharing with Rayners Lane. Only thanks to those kind folks at Dunstable and Canterbury, who have decided Southern League football is not for them, we cannot now be relegated, even if we finish bottom. And bottom is where we shall, in all probability, finish. In case you were fortunate enough to miss the debates at Bury and Erith, you should know that we were not merely beaten but outclassed by two of the worst teams in the league. Last season when we beat Bury 3-1 at Vicarage Road it was a subject of great mirth that a team so completely bereft of talent should be competing at this level. This year we're the joke. And no sooner are we saying Bury was positively the worst ever performance by a Wealdstone team than they surpass themselves: at Erith we didn't have a serious goal attempt until the 88th minute. We are so bad that I now consider it perfectly feasible that we shall not win another game this season. The players have long ceased to be the heroes of the terraces - they are merely eleven people on whose shoulders the responsibility of keeping Wealdstone alive as a football team happens to have fallen. It would be nice if they could bear this burden with a modicum of pride, but if not then sooner or later they'll be on their way and when the good times return we'll have players that care. That 200 people are still regularly paying to watch Wealdstone is something to be grateful for. All the reasons one would normally expect football supporters to pay their money at the turnstiles - excitement, competitiveness, talent, skill - have become null and void at the Warren. Watching Wealdstone is now no more than an act of faith. Even more amazing is the away support, still

travelling despite the near certainty that every game will end in defeat. We're taking as many of a regular basis as we used to have at some Conference matches.

Sadly the fanatical loyalty of a small hardcore of supporters counts for little in financial terms, and it is finance which will dictate our future. An announcement is presumably imminent on where we will be playing next year - the Warren or somewhere else? That is assuming Stones are not bankrupt after the finish of our current cases this summer. If the result of these is favourable we may yet be looking at the possibility of getting our own ground again. The idea of a petition asking for Harrow Council's support is in the air. If/when this occurs please do everything you can to advance the cause.



Strong words by Martin Lacey in the club fanzine *The Elmslie Ender* as the 1993-4 season ended in disarray. But as the cover shows, we stayed up thanks to the demise of Canterbury City and Dunstable.

Record goal haul for rampant Stones

Clapton 1 Wealdstone 10
WEALDSTONE achieved their biggest ever away league win on Saturday with this ten goal demolition of Clapton.

It was something they have threatened to do all season and in fact they even scored Clapton's goal, courtesy of its own goal by Roy Marshall.

The first half was a drab affair, thanks largely to the home side's regular use of the offside trap.

Only a good save from Lee Brown, in for the injured Rob Tentonang, prevented Williams from giving Clapton an early lead, but it was Wealdstone who opened the scoring in the 23rd minute. Steve Fraser scored rousing Ender before hitting a good, low shot past Kelly.

Clapton drew level in the 40th minute as Harrison's cross was sliced into his



Stones come so close to nicking another point in five goal thriller

Saturday Oct 23 2023, Vanarama National League: Chesterfield 3 Wealdstone 2

WE had been looking forward to this one: The Spireites were clear favourites for the League after the heart-ache of losing the play-off final on penalties to Notts County at Wembley in May - and you don't get many chances to watch the Stones in front of a 7,000+ crowd. Personally, only on about six occasions in my lifetime.

Me and Mick the Fish my travelling companion had been at Wembley for the Notts game among a large Wealdstone contingent (well, it would be rude not to have gone, only a few miles up the road from Ruislip) and Chesterfield were clearly hell-bent on winning automatic promotion this time around.

But last season we'd travelled up on a Tuesday night to the Land of the Spires and filched a deserved 1-1 draw. Could we do it again? All the talk on the train going up was about how we'd shot ourselves comprehensively in the foot at Dorking only four days earlier, conceding three times in the opening half hour to the promoted strugglers, and we were fraught with worry about it happening again. If the league leaders hit three in the first third of the game this could conceivably end up 9-0.

Still, we had the distraction of a fine and cheap fish & chip lunch in the town (we genuinely paid OAP prices too, and I know what you're thinking. I also think it's just good bone structure) before transporting that mass of carbohydrates the mile and a half to the ground.

Then it was up to the Press benches and a pretty solitary existence for me while Mick joined the 140 other Stones fans on the far side of the ground. While I enjoy reporting on



games for our club media - and conducting post-match interviews - it's a little sad to be fuming and expostulating, as I like to do, among a dozen or so indifferent Press folk who often have no real attachment to the game. While you'll see and hear me with arms aloft, celebrating when we score... and that's exactly what happened when Jaydn Mundle-Smith cut

the ball across the Chesterfield six yard box for our young Millwall loanee, Kyle Smith, to sidefoot the Stones into a 34th-minute lead, with celebrations pictured above. Yahoooo!

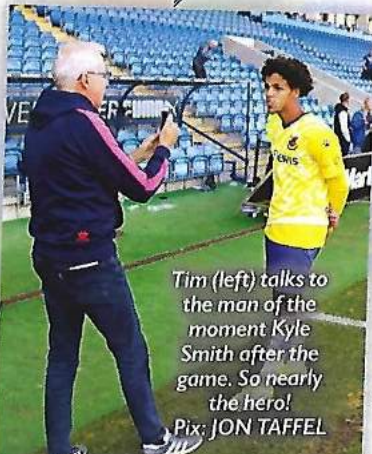
The **Mighty Stones** chant echoed off the stand walls behind me and we were, briefly, in dreamland. But Chesterfield are nothing if not dogged and dangerous... and as my match report noted: "*Some calamitous defending from Micah Obiero and Ashley Charles in the 53rd minute – the first mistakes of the game – allowed James Berry the freedom of the six yard box to fire past Ward for 1-1.*

And when Ward and his defence were unable to smother a Berry cross 12 minutes later Liam Mandeville pounced for 2-1. The third goal some 75 seconds later seemed to have cooked Stones' goose, Grigg showing his pedigree as he fastened onto a loose Charles pass and bent the ball beautifully past Ward."

We showed some character to pull one back through Sean Adarkwa's tidy finish - and Mundles also hit the post with a crisp effort that had 7,000 home fans clutching their heads in their hands.

It was that close to another draw for our brave boys. Little did we think today's return game would be so important.

● Match report (right) courtesy of the *Non-League Paper*.



Tim (left) talks to the man of the moment Kyle Smith after the game. So nearly the hero!
Pix: JON TAFFEL



Saturday August 12 2023, Vanarama National Lge: Eastleigh 0 Wealdstone 0

CAN anyone remember exactly how hot it was last summer? This game was played out in 30-degree heat and I can't remember ever feeling quite as baked in this country ever before.

How the 22 players managed to run around in the sweltering

conditions I can't imagine.... it was enough of an effort leaving the shade of the metal terraced stand and seeking out a pint of fizzy stuff at half time. It didn't matter what it was, just so long as it was cold.

On the pitch, not a lot happened as proved by the *Non-League Paper* report (right).

CHESTERFIELD 3
Berry 53, Mandeville 68, Jacobs 83

WEALDSTONE 2
Smith 34, Adarkwa 50+6

9	SHOTS ON TARGET	4
3	SHOTS OFF TARGET	2
0	CORNERS	1
4	OFFSIDE	4
5	FOULS CONCEDED	14
2	YELLOW CARDS	5
0	RED CARDS	0

LINE-UPS

CHESTERFIELD (3-5-2): Ward 1; Grigg 7, Williams 7, Green 3, Frimpong 1; Mundle-Smith 16, Jacobs 83; Berry 53, Mandeville 68.

WEALDSTONE (3-5-2): Smith 34; Adarkwa 50+6; Charles 10, Obiero 11, Mungai 12, Mungai 13, Mungai 14; Mungai 15, Mungai 16, Mungai 17, Mungai 18, Mungai 19, Mungai 20.

By Kurt Blegg

CHESTERFIELD recorded six wins on the bounce for the first time since the 2009-10 season after this rather nervy victory over Wealdstone at the SMH Group Stadium.

"Did we get the three points? Yes, and that is the main objective for any team," said a relieved assistant manager Henry Webb. "With that can you make it as comfortable as you can? I thought we did for large periods of the second half. We could have cut off the gas towards the end for their second goal."

Jeff King, who returned after three games out of the side, fired an early warning with his 25-yard free-kick which brought out the best in keeper Joe Ward.

SIX OF THE BEST FOR SPIREITES!

Then, on 66 minutes, Berry's dangerous low cross evaded Grigg and Ward before Mandeville lashed the ball into the back of the net from close-range for 2-1. And, just two minutes later, it was 3-1 when Jacobs stole the ball in the centre circle, ran the edge of the area and delicately poked home his first goal for the club.

From there, it was a bit of a procession but Wealdstone pulled one back with the last kick of the game - Adarkwa played through on goal and he slotting the ball past Harry Tye.

Victory took the Spireites five points clear at the top of the table and achieved the feat of six wins in a row since the launch of the newly named SMH Group Stadium.

Wealdstone's assistant manager Matthew Saunders was left cursing his side's luck, adding: "I think when you make an error for the first goal, it gets you so down after being really comfortable in the game."

"When you are in an environment like this, it can get on top of you. And when you are in different environments, you make different decisions."

STAR MAN: James Berry (Chesterfield) **ATK:** 3/0 **ENTERTAINMENT:** ★★★★★ **REFEREE:** James Westrop

KEEPER JOE IS SPITFIRES SAVIOUR IN STALEMATE

By Harry Adams

EASTLEIGH and Wealdstone played out a largely uneventful goalless draw at the Silverlake whilst maintaining both of their unbeaten starts to the season.

Chris Maguire was denied a first Eastleigh goal after seeing his effort controversially ruled offside, but can still count themselves rather fortunate to have collected a point with keeper Joe McDonnell forced into a series of fine saves.

"It was a good game, for a 0-0," Eastleigh boss Lee Bradbury said. "I'm obviously disappointed that we've scored and it's been ruled offside when Mags [Chris Maguire] thought he was on, but there are loads of positives today against a good footballing team."

Bradbury and seven other players saw yellow from referee Paul Johnson, who was having no petulant behaviour.

game, showing a lack of rhythm and cohesion particularly in the middle of the park.

The Spitfires did finally register an attempt on goal not long before the break as Lee Hodson's rasping strike from the edge of the box was pushed away well by Jed Ward in the Stones' goal.

The second 45 began in a similarly aggressive fashion, as George Langston became the fourth Eastleigh booking for a cynical foul on a marauding Max Kretschmar. The first chance of note came again for the visitors, as Olomola's ball in caused problems before the ball fell to Micah Obiero who could only fire straight at McDonnell.

The Spitfires keeper was called into action again shortly after and produced an excellent stop to prevent an own goal following a Wealdstone corner.

Eastleigh did finally begin to impose themselves and did have the ball in the back of the net on 71 minutes from Maguire, only for the assistant referee to flag him offside despite protestations from the home ranks.

Another great chance for the hosts soon followed as Paul McCallum poked the ball agonisingly wide following a superb cross from Enzo Boldewijn.

But as both sides continued to battle away, neither could break the deadlock as they were both forced to settle for a hard fought point.

The warning signs were here for Eastleigh as they consistently struggled to make their mark on the

MATCH STATS
EASTLEIGH V WEALDSTONE

1	SHOTS ON TARGET	6
3	SHOTS OFF TARGET	2
4	CORNERS	11
4	OFFSIDE	0
10	FOULS CONCEDED	11
4	YELLOW CARDS	3
0	RED CARDS	0

EASTLEIGH: 1-3-3-1; McDonnell 8, Chapman 6, Martin 7, Langston 7, Hodson 7, Wealdstone 6, Gandy 5, G. Taylor 2, Carter 2, Clarke 2, Boldewijn 1, Maguire 1, Blumenthal 1, McCallum 1. Subs not used: Scott, Frimpong.

WEALDSTONE: 1-3-3-1; Ward 1, Cook 7, Baker 7, Mundle-Smith 6, Clayton 6, Charles 6, Hodson 6, Dyer 2, Keates 2, Frimpong 2, Obiero 2, Alababba 1, G. Adams 1, G. Adams 1, G. Adams 1, G. Adams 1. Subs not used: Barrett, Adarkwa.

STAR MAN: Joe McDonnell (Eastleigh) **ATK:** 2/0/0 **ENTERTAINMENT:** ★★★★★ **REFEREE:** Paul Johnson

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REWIND SPECIAL by tim parks

It happened 50 years ago

Part 22: The final chapter ...what a finish to a simply unforgettable season!

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.

- Easter Monday April 15, 1974, Southern League Division One South: Gravesend 0 Wealdstone 2
- Saturday April 20, Southern League Division One South: Wealdstone 2 Basingstoke Town 0
- Tuesday April 23, 1974, Southern League Division One South: Metropolitan Police 0 Wealdstone 4
- Saturday April 27, Southern League Division One South: Trowbridge Town 1 Wealdstone 1
- Tuesday April 30, 1974, Southern League Division One South: Wealdstone 3 Bexley United 0
- Saturday May 4, 1974, Southern League Division One South: Wealdstone 3 Trowbridge Town 3

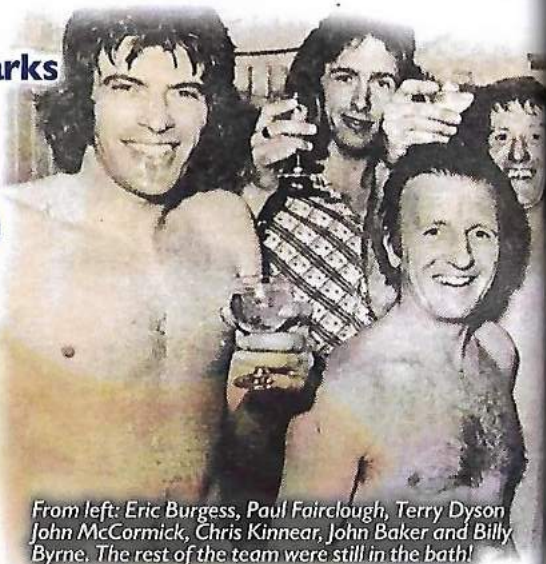
JUST thinking about the final month of that season, looking back, still makes me feel a bit giddy.

Wealdstone, my little Wealdstone, had taken the semi-pro game by storm and there was no stopping us! Admittedly, the next thought - about taking on the giants of the non-League game like Yeovil, Kettering, Wimbledon, Nuneaton, Burton Albion and Worcester City - gave this 16-year-old the heeby-jeebies but there was a long summer of day dreaming ahead.

For we had won the league with an extravagant flourish. Everywhere we went produced rich testimonials as to how good the Stones were... and our regular 250-300 away fans had the Southern League Premier League treasurers licking their lips in anticipation.

But let's not get ahead of ourselves. There were still six games to navigate, though we were smug in the knowledge that just one more win was needed.

If you're a regular reader of this column you'll know that I was far



From left: Eric Burgess, Paul Fairclough, Terry Dyson, John McCormick, Chris Kinnear, John Baker and Billy Byrne. The rest of the team were still in the bath!



Champagne for the Stones! ... and richly deserved it is too after the side had wrapped up their 73-74 title with five games to spare... and winning the title by 11 points from Bath City

from a regular (in those days) at away games. I'd pick and choose my away trips, and was often swayed by what my schoolmates were doing that particular Saturday... QPR being a popular choice. It wasn't difficult to like Rangers, Stan Bowles, Gerry Francis, Dave Thomas and all, and you could get into any game (though often crammed in with 25,000) for just 50p. Entry to Wealdstone, from memory, was 30p for juniors.

So where was I on Easter Monday 1974, with Stones poised to win the title? Extraordinarily, according to my diary, I was at Hillingdon Borough with some friends to see the Southern Prem 0-0 draw against Tonbridge. Was I mad? I remember thinking that I was sussing out the opposition for next season, and that we wouldn't win at **Gravesend** (who were having a decent season, 7th or 8th in the table) anyway. Surely the team would wait for the next home game against mid-table Basingstoke to lift the trophy and celebrate in front of the Elmslie End 'Kop'?

Well, you know the rest. Stones selfishly won 2-0 at Stonebridge Road and the report from Press Officer Colin Pope was positively gushing with praise when my *Harrow Observer* dropped on the doormat that following Friday.

"As the referee blew the final whistle, every one of

the Wealdstone players became buried beneath a seething mass of celebrating supporters. Denied success for many seasons, all the heartaches and disappointments of the past were dissolved as the Stones fans - the envy of every club in the league - gave vent to their feelings"

Colin, bless him, described it as perhaps the club's finest hour. And there was me, 30 miles away at a sparsely populated Leas Stadium watching a bore draw.

For the record, Bill Byrne (with a header) and will-o-the-wisp winger John Henderson crashed in the clinching second goal as Stones turned in maybe their best performance of the season... bearing in mind it was their **FIFTH GAME IN TEN DAYS!** And the club used used just 16 players all season, including back-up keeper Chic Brodie who hadn't played since September!

But I was back at Lower Mead for the Basingstoke game (with my new scarf) and ready to party in amongst the Elmslie faithful. Except that I could barely force my way in there! Where had all these people come from? *Harry O* reporter Phil Sugden estimated some 2,400 had turned up to celebrate the champions and that a battery of photographers was in attendance to welcome the team onto the pitch. Bas-

Stones take title by 11 points

An emotional night at Lower Mead Stadium

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 3 Trowbridge Town 3

THERE WERE so many emotional moments at Lower Mead Stadium on Saturday evening that the football almost took a back seat, which was not really surprising after all the junketing, celebrations and presentations which took up half an hour of pre-match time.

First came the presentation of the Jock Law player of the year trophy to John Henderson — and no one will argue with that award. Then George Duck received a magnificent silver cup from Supporters' Club president Tom Verrall for scoring 100 goals in two seasons and setting up a new club scoring record.

For good measure, Supporters' Club secretary Barbara Robson presented every member of the squad with a tankard to commemorate the winning of the Southern League championship, and skipper John McCormick gave a tankard to 78-years-old George Keep, who has not missed a game, home or away this season, or for many past.

The latter was a fine gesture from the youngsters who so vociferously support the side from the Elmslie "Kop" end of the ground.

So many presentations were made, in fact, that the tunnel from the dressing room to the pitch looked something like Piccadilly Circus in the rush hour as players dashed backwards and forward to receive various awards.

That was not the end of it all, for when the game ended we had the presentation of the Southern League, Division One (South) trophy to skipper John McCormick by league secretaries Bill Dellow, and more tankards for the players as individual awards.

could have really been surprised.

Trowbridge were a far better side than their lowly league position suggested. They showed scant respect for the champions by going one up after 13 minutes when Tony Evans, a fine player and one of a pair of brothers in the side, completed a dazzling run by Harvey with a good shot.

Stung into action, 'Stones went near three times but were making the mistake of crossing high into the area where Trowbridge's tall young 'keeper' Wilshire looked safe.

There was an escape for the West Country side when Henderson was felled in the box, but referee G. Marshall (Folkestone) surprisingly ignored

goals in recent games, was on the spot to knock the ball home.

Thereafter Wealdstone became sketchy, to say the least. They lost control in midfield and became hesitant at the back and the defence was flat-footed when Patch headed a simple Trowbridge second in the 68th minute.

Barney, Trowbridge's outstanding number four, brought the save of the match from Roy MacKenzie when the 'keeper somehow turned a point blank-range over the bar, but Barney had his revenge eight minutes from time.

UNFORTUNATE

It was unfortunate that Eric Burgess was lying on the ground after a nasty collision, and...

ingstoke also sportingly lined up to clap our heroes onto the field, and then came a moment of anticipation, according to Mr Sugden, when *"skipper John McCormick and his men ran towards the Elmslie End stand and kicked gift footballs into the massed ranks of the supporters"*.

In truth, many of the cheap plastic balls sailed over the stand or were flipped around like balloons as the game commenced. Still, a nice thought.

Wealdstone won 2-0 at a canter with the only surprise that the goals came from an Eric Burgess header and one direct from a corner from the effervescent Terry Dyson. Most of the bumper crowd (myself included) were hoping that George Duck would net his 100th goal for the club - in just two seasons, mind - and I was right behind the goal as his late volley beat keeper Rafferty all ends up but smashed against the crossbar (a la Geoff Hurst in

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John Henderson (far left) strikes the third goal on the final day

REWIND SPECIAL continued

the World Cup Final) and bounced down and out. This was more obviously a goal than Sir Geoff's, but referee Jack Flynn of Aylesbury just laughed and waved play on. He didn't even glance across at his (non-Russian) linesman.

Still, George only had to wait another three days for his 'ton'. I was booked on one of three coaches to Imber Court, Surrey (35p return) for the game at **Met Police** and this time it was the Fuzz officials who were left open-mouthed at the number of away fans. They were also open-mouthed as Stones raced into a 3-0 lead after just ten minutes through Duck (hurrah!) with a penalty, Bill Byrne and a comedy own goal.

By half time we'd run out of juvenile police jokes, and the Stones had run out of interest. Though John South, who'd netted the first own goal, decided to round things off with another one as the game finished 4-0 to the champions.

Trowbridge Town away was next on the agenda and I like to tell Stones' Ambassador John Morton that I chose to go and watch him play in goal in the FA Trophy Final at Wembley that day, rather than travel down to Wiltshire for the 'dead rubber'.

Though John doesn't like to be reminded that his team - Southern League Champions Dartford - were pipped 2-1 by Northern Premier League side Morecambe. That was a cracking game, and it sounds like the 1-1 draw at Trowbridge was also full of incident although best remembered for centre-back McCormick breaking his nose after a mid-air collision. And for maybe the first time that season the best players on the pitch weren't from Wealdstone, according to Colin Pope - they were Trowbridge's Evans twins,



A big crowd was at the 'Champions Homecoming' game v Basingstoke - McCormick (left), Duck, and Jim Godfrey all put pressure on keeper Rafferty's goal in the second half

Terry and Derek, who were in dazzling form both in this game and in the following week's final affair at Lower Mead. Maybe not surprisingly, both signed for the Stones that summer!

Striker Terry scored a leveller to Duck's early goal, full-back Derek subdued the unsubduable John Henderson and Stones had dropped their first point in eight games.

Normal service was resumed at Lower Mead three days later as 7th-placed **Bexley United** were dismantled 3-0 in front of 2,396 people... the biggest crowd for a floodlit home league match since Wycombe visited in the late 1960s. The incomparable Duck struck all three goals.

And finally, and finally... a glorious end to the season in many ways, apart from the result as we faced **Trowbridge** again (and the notorious twins) the following Saturday evening, a game put back because of the FA Cup Final played that May 4 after-

noon. Liverpool beat Newcastle United 3-0 at Wembley but undeniably the best game in the locality was the one that kicked off at Lower Mead at 7.30. It was an absolute belter played out in front of over 2,500. Stones were a bit lopsided due to the absence of skipper John McCormick, but went 3-1 ahead on the hour through Duck, Byrne and Henderson... until the Evans boys started to turn it



on again. Derek was raiding up the right flank, while Terry walloped in a terrific goal to see the game finish in a 3-3 draw and write both brothers' names onto Stones manager Eddie Presland's summer 'wish list'.

Neither of the Evanses really worked out, but that's another story. This season-long tale was all about the re-emergence of Wealdstone after almost a decade in the doldrums... more testing times were to come of course, but these rich memories will stay with us forever.

And for all the brilliant, unforgettable boys of '74.

Congratulations — and celebrations — as the mighty 'Stones move on

By Phil Sugden

Wealdstone 2, Basingstoke Town 0. CONGRATULATIONS and celebrations was the tune which greeted Wealdstone as they took the field with their manager and officials for their championship team pictures half an hour before the start of this game.

Congratulations there certainly were. A battery of photographers (where did they all come from? Usually just one is in attendance) recorded the team's triumphant entry into the arena for their faces to be recorded for posterity.

Then the team retired for their usual pre-match pep-talk and re-emerged to find the Basingstoke side lined up to applaud them as worthy Division One (South) champions.

The crowd (1,912 paid and with season ticket holders, members and guests that probably added up to some 2,400 watchers) gave them a champions' welcome.

Skipper John McCormick and his merry men ran to the centre line to salute all sides of the field and then moved to the Elmslie Road end goal to pay tribute to their faithful followers by kicking gift footballs into the massed ranks. Those who were lucky enough to capture one of these balls will have a moment to pass on to their children.

nificant saves and if he was sometimes aided considerably by Lady Luck, then that was his entitlement on the day.

As he said after the game: "You need four pairs of hands and two sets of legs against these Wealdstone fellows".

A happy day was perhaps slightly tinged with sadness for leading scorer George Duck.

Big George, 56 goals in all games this season and 43 from the last campaign, needed just one to make it a ton up. He banged in shots and headers from every angle and shortly before the end beat Rafferty all ends up with a mighty shot which struck the under-side of

were at their best and how they all failed to score is a question that can only be answered by the admirable Mr. Rafferty.

The writing was on the wall for Basingstoke when Byrne characteristically burst through after five minutes and sent Rafferty hurtling across his goal to concede a corner, the first of 18 Wealdstone were to win as their opponents managed five.

In 15 minutes 'Stones were one up. Dyson's corner was headed across goal by a defender and Eric Burgess, who had moved in unmarked, was beautifully positioned to nod past Rafferty.

Wealdstone clinch title with tremendous win at Gravesend

By COLIN POPE

Gravesend 0, Wealdstone 2

SWEPT ALONG on the tumultuous tide of sheer emotion from the massed ranks of their supporters, Wealdstone turned in a performance of towering ability, a virtuoso display fit for a connoisseur at Gravesend on Monday to win in glorious style the Southern League (Div. 1 South) championship and ensure Premier Division football at Lower Mead Stadium next season.

As referee Mr. M. Jermy, of Woking, blew the final whistle, everyone of the Wealdstone players were buried beneath an avalanche of fervent supporters as the pitch became a seething mass of people. Denied success for many seasons, all the heart-aches and disappointments of the past were dissolved as Wealdstone's fans — the envy of every club in the league — gave vent to their feelings.

Long after the game had ended, players were being enticed half-naked out of the dressing room to take yet one more bow and then came Eddie Presland's turn. White-faced, and barely able to conceal his joy, big Eddie, manager for only three weeks after a splendid season among the action, was literally carried down the tunnel.

Amateur Cup victory notwithstanding, this was perhaps Wealdstone's finest hour. This is not merely a good 'Stones side, but a great one. Gravesend, themselves no mean opponents, were finally bothered, and eventually bewitched, by a performance which for sheer skill will go down as one of the finest games ever seen at Stonebridge Road.

It was all so neatly summed up in the 62nd a better game and this was the form which took him to Japan the opposition is a lot stronger. What is so impressive, though,

Press Officer Colin Pope was the voice of Wealdstone in the 70s and 80s, and he was at his best on title-winning day



Stones players are mobbed as they leave the field at the end of the Basingstoke game.

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 ALTRINCHAM Saturday 16th September Vanarama National League	The JD Football Academy
 WOKING Tuesday 26th September Vanarama National League	The Vale Social Club
 OLDHAM ATHLETIC Saturday 30th September Vanarama National League	Tony Pauley
 BOREHAM WOOD Saturday 21st October Vanarama National League	Stuart Kane
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 ROCHDALE Saturday 11th November Vanarama National League	Jim Kane

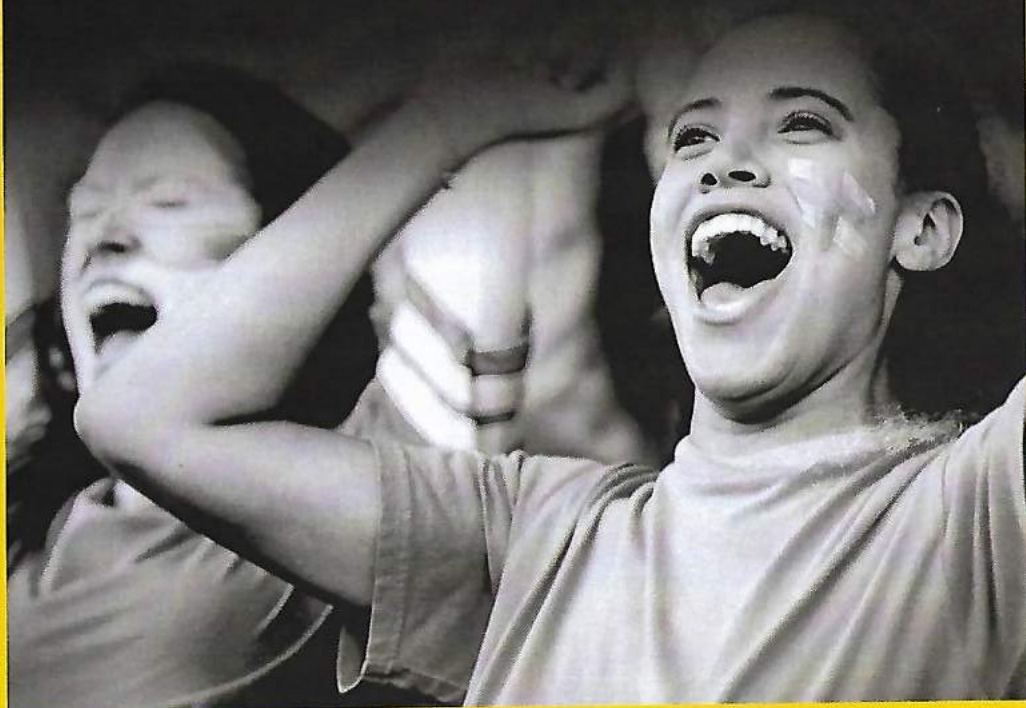


 BARNET Saturday 25th November Vanarama National League	Adam Rossington	
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 FC HALIFAX TOWN Saturday 27th January Vanarama National League	Toby Jackson (Lapels Badges)	
 ALDERSHOT TOWN Tuesday 30th January Vanarama National League	Wealdstone FC Supporters Club	
 MAIDENHEAD UNITED Tuesday 6th February Vanarama National League	Steve, Megan & Rebecca Wood	
 HENDON Saturday 10th February FA Trophy 5th Round	In memory of Brian 'Kat' Kelly and Les 'Ranter' Brookes	Alan Rickman
 SOLIHULL MOORS Saturday 9th March FA Trophy Quarter Final	In memory of Tony Drew	Steve Tuckwell MP & Councillor Richard Mills
 BROMLEY Tuesday 12th March Vanarama National League	Wealdstone FC Supporters Club	
 KIDDERMINSTER HARR. Saturday 23rd March Vanarama National League	in Memory of Rowland Edwards	
 SOLIHULL MOORS Monday 1st April Vanarama National League	Terry Hissey	
 CHESTERFIELD Saturday 13th April Vanarama National League	Peter & Steve Drew, Ron Moore & David Edwards - in memory of fans no longer with us	
 EASTLEIGH Tuesday 16th April Vanarama National League	Sponsor 1 Available	Sponsor 2 Available



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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE AS AT TUESDAY 9/4/2024

	ALL						HOME					AWAY					GD	PTS	RESULTS			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L			F	A	(H)	(A)
1 Chesterfield	43	30	5	8	102	60	22	18	3	1	62	27	21	12	2	7	40	33	42	95	3-3	
2 Barnet	44	24	8	12	85	59	22	15	4	3	46	22	22	9	4	9	39	37	26	80	3-2	1-1
3 Bromley	43	20	15	8	66	46	22	12	6	4	42	26	21	8	9	4	24	20	20	75	0-1	1-1
4 Solihull Moors	44	20	13	11	70	59	22	9	6	7	33	24	22	11	7	4	37	35	11	73	0-1	0-1
5 Altrincham	44	20	11	13	81	59	22	13	4	5	53	26	22	7	7	8	28	33	22	71	0-0	1-1
6 Gateshead	41	20	9	12	83	57	20	10	5	5	43	25	21	10	4	7	40	32	26	69	2-4	1-2
7 Halifax Town	42	18	12	12	53	46	20	8	8	4	28	23	22	10	4	8	25	23	7	66	2-0	0-1
8 Aldershot Town	43	19	8	16	70	77	22	12	7	3	43	30	21	7	1	13	27	47	-7	65	3-3	1-3
9 Southend United	44	20	12	12	67	43	22	13	3	6	43	19	22	7	9	6	24	24	24	62	1-1	1-1
10 Oldham Athletic	43	15	16	12	59	55	22	6	9	7	31	27	21	9	7	5	28	28	4	61	1-1	
11 Rochdale	43	15	12	16	66	62	21	9	6	6	36	25	22	6	6	10	30	37	4	57	3-2	0-3
12 Hartlepool United	44	16	8	20	65	78	22	11	2	9	33	32	22	5	6	11	32	46	-13	56	4-4	1-2
13 Maidenhead United	44	14	13	17	56	63	22	8	8	6	29	24	22	6	5	11	27	39	-7	55	0-1	2-0
14 Dagenham & Redbridge	44	14	12	18	65	59	22	8	2	12	34	31	22	6	10	6	31	28	+6	54	0-2	2-0
15 Eastleigh	43	14	11	18	71	84	22	8	6	8	40	42	21	6	5	10	31	42	-13	53		0-0
16 Fylde	43	14	10	19	72	77	21	7	7	7	36	36	22	7	3	12	36	41	-5	52	3-2	2-1
17 Woking	44	14	10	20	46	53	22	7	5	10	26	29	22	7	5	10	20	24	-7	52	1-0	1-1
18 Ebbsfleet United	43	14	10	19	59	72	22	10	4	8	32	24	21	4	6	11	27	48	-13	52	2-1	0-2
19 York City	44	11	17	16	53	68	22	5	9	8	30	33	22	6	8	8	23	35	-15	50	2-1	3-2
20 Wealdstone	42	12	11	19	52	67	20	8	6	6	32	30	22	4	5	13	20	37	-15	47	--	--
21 Boreham Wood	43	11	14	18	56	73	22	7	8	7	31	28	21	4	6	11	25	45	-17	47	1-1	0-1
22 Kidderminster Harriers	44	11	13	20	39	54	22	4	8	10	19	27	22	7	5	10	20	27	-15	46	1-1	0-1
23 Dorking Wanderers	43	12	8	23	48	76	22	6	4	12	25	36	21	6	4	11	23	40	-28	44	1-1	1-1
24 Oxford City	43	8	8	27	53	90	21	6	3	12	28	36	22	2	5	15	25	54	-37	32	3-1	0-1

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