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The Class of '66'

Good afternoon and welcome to THE FREEBETS.CO.UK STADIUM.

Today's programme celebrates the Amateur Cup winning side of 1966 who are joining us this afternoon as part of a very special 50th Anniversary dinner. Forget the World Cup that followed that year, for Wealdstone fans of a certain age these players are the true heroes of '66' and are arguably responsible for shaping the modern club we follow today. Almost all of the surviving players will be with us today, so please take the time to have a chat.

Please welcome today our four match officials, as well as the players, supporters and officials from Maidenhead United. A special mention and best wishes to the Magpie's

manager Alan Devonshire, who celebrated his 60th birthday a few days ago. We hope you all have a pleasant stay with us this afternoon.

Today's game is kindly sponsored by the '66' Amateur Cup Reunion. We also have two ball donors enjoying boardroom hospitality this afternoon. The first in the form of the '1927' Club who, are a group of Cardiff City supporters who stopped going when the club went through the change to Red and now follow other non-league clubs with both Wealdstone and Maidenhead supporters amongst their ranks. The second is serial donor Nicky Burleigh. We thank you all for your continued support and generosity.

So on to the game 3 points please.

Mark

Raider Reaps What He Sows

Some of you may recall the incredible fact that Gordon Hill reached number 2 in the national music charts last Christmas with a charity single under his 'Raider' guise. Some of our regular readers may also recall the fact that a large sum of the singles proceeds were donated by Gordon to the Wealdstone Youth FC. So what exactly did the youth setup do with the cash? Well

This afternoon 16 of our youth players will take their final exams having studied since January to become qualified Referees. The normal cost of the FA course would prove prohibitive to many of them but thanks to the Raider we can look forward to a higher standard of officials in the years to come.

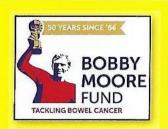
Gordon also chose to sponsor the shirts of our U15b team this season and as a thank you manager Mike Williams and his players undertook a sponsored run to raise funds for a charity of Gordon's choice raising a fantastic £375 which they will present to Gordon on the pitch prior to this afternoons kick off.



This afternoon we will be supporting the Bobby Moore Fund and a collection will take place in and around the stadium. All monies collected will be put towards assisting the Fund with its charitable and research objectives in tackeling bowel

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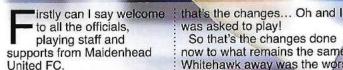
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GROUND REGULATIONS

FROM THE DUGOUT Scott McGleish



It's been a few weeks since I last produced these management notes and much has changed in that time though a few things still remain the same.

We went unbeaten in February with 4 draws and a vital win away at Weston, and then going into March we got some vital points against Concord and Maidstone and two crucial home wins against Hayes & Yeading and also Margate but also two loses to Oxford and Sutton. The Oxford game was a disappointment as we went ahead twice but couldn't hold on and the Sutton match was in the balance until we conceded a penalty late in the first half and from there I feel they showed why they will probably win the league.

Heading into April we came back from 2-0 to beat Havant, and for me showed how good this group of players can be. The fans reaction during the match was excellent and at the end showed how much the performance meant to you with the applause you gave the boys coming off the pitch. We then had a hard fought draw with Hemel.

After all these results we had managed to push ourselves up to 11th in the league and looking upwards not downwards for once. So

was asked to play!

So that's the changes done now to what remains the same Whitehawk away was the worst performance I have witnessed this season we were beaten comfortably, and not by a good team. We gave them all 3 goals and this is where I feel some things remain unchanged. Not many goals against us are from excellent passing moves or build up play, they are generally from a silly mistake or decision by us where I feel we have to work hard to score against

I know it's easy to criticise from watching on the line but if we could limit the mistakes we would be able to push higher up the league.

If we look at the league we are only a couple of wins away from the play off zone so this group of players do have the capabilities to be in and around there if we could cut down on the errors. We have 4 games remaining and we want to go unbeaten to the end of the season to set a platform for next season.

Your support over the season has been first class and I know some of the performances have not been on the same level but we really do appreciate all the effort you fans put into this club and without your continued support the club would struggle. You are a testament to yourselves, the club and to non-league.

Scott

enjamin Disraeli once said "There are three types of lies – lies, damn lies and statistics". whilst Mark Twain chipped in with "Facts are stubborn things, but statistics are pliable" but I will throw some

numbers out there for you. Wealdstone's average attendance is down by 9.58% from last season, showing a fall from 720 to 651, the first drop in gates since we have moved to the Vale. where every year has seen an increase on the previous. Here's some more numbers for you. The final three gates of last season were 711, 901 and 814, an average of 809. The last three home games of 2015 were 602, 545 and 534, an average of 560, a startling drop of nearly 31%. Of more relevance would be the corresponding three home games before Xmas in 2014 attracted an average of 707. so a drop of nearly 21%. I did write this article originally for the Hemel game at Christmas

Today we journey into the darkest corners of EE's statistically based mind.

and appreciate that our gates have shown an increase since then. Gates since the festive break average at 656. You can tell that I am an accountant and love numbers. Here's even more for you. If you take the last three games on which there is quite a bit of focus, then the corresponding three games last season attracted an average of 676, which means that the crowds are 17% lower for the same matches last year. And finally, the trend was clear to see in August when Eastbourne Borough came to town. In August 2014 the gate was 706, this August just 561. Messrs Disraeli and Twain weren't wrong about statistics. were they?

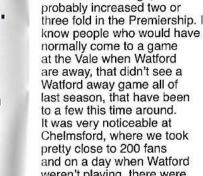
You would be complacent and arrogant to merely shrug your shoulders and just say it is one of those things or to dismiss it as something that was always going to happen, as crowds couldn't keep going up and up. Not only does a bigger crowd provide better finances, it also

enhances the match day experience and, for example, Dulwich Hamlet's gates show no sign of abating.

However whichever way you cut up the cake, there is no doubt that our attendances are down but we aren't alone. Locally Hemel have seen a bigger drop with gates down from 574 to 469 (18.29%), whist just up the road at Clarence Park, St Albans, they are also down from 570 to 545 (4.39%). There is no doubt that all three can point to some of the same reasons why gates are down.

A popular theory is that we, along with Hemel and St Albans, are suffering from second season syndrome. All three sides went up the previous season and were on the crest of a wave. The allure of new teams would have been attractive to the matchday going punter, together with opposition supporters making more of an effort to come to a game as it was a new venue or a team not played for a while.

Another common theme to all three is obviously the Watford factor. There is no doubt that we attract a reasonable proportion of our crowd who are Hornets fans as well who come along to a game when the yellows are away and the same probably applies to the other two teams as well. Watford's promotion has seen their gates unsurprisingly increase and in a bigger stadium to boot. It does not help that



Watford away game all of last season, that have been to a few this time around. It was very noticeable at Chelmsford, where we took pretty close to 200 fans and on a day when Watford weren't playing, there were guite a few Watford fans there supporting Wealdstone. St Albans' crowds may have not fallen so much as they have had less clashes with the Hornets.

their away support, which

at best was average, has

What other reasons could there be? Well, some will point towards entertainment or the lack of this season and making the match day experience fun. It was mentioned on twitter after a previous article that one of the main reasons why Dulwich's gates have soared over the last four years is that it is an enjoyable experience. Have Wealdstone games of late been enjoyable? Have we been entertained? According to the almost unanimous opinion of our forum the answer has been a resounding no, but I would suggest that as long as the team are winning, as Dulwich have been doing, this would trump entertainment. Of course when I wrote those previous words in December that was clearly the case, but since the New Year, home games in particular have become a goalfest and that might be the reason that

gates have recovered from

their previous Christmas

slump. Maybe the most salient reason is that our season has been patchy, as have Hemel's and St Albans.

The reasons to date could

easily be said of all three teams, but there has to be more local factors as well. Wealdstone don't have any local press to speak of since the Harrow Observer died a sorry death, part of Trinity Mirror's axe to local newspapers. The Ruislip Gazette, the last time I picked it up, didn't even give us a mention, whilst the two printed papers still covering the Stones aren't even available in our target area. Harrow Times, a local freebie, doesn't get delivered through my door in Pinner, let alone being available in Ruislip, though it does have a decent online presence. Another newspaper, the Kilburn Times, is actually a Brent newspaper that you can rarely find in Harrow let alone Hillingdon. What about radio? Radio London seemingly ignores non-league football in the same way that the Evening Standard does, whilst HCR is a local community radio station that has a limited listener audience.

Another factor for me, and something that has worked so well for Dulwich is social media. At its height the @Wealdstone fc, the fans twitter feed, was phenomenal at promoting matches in the days leading up to the game and especially on the morning of the match. I have no doubt that this had a real influence on getting waiverers along to matches and through the turnstiles, but people are busy and can not continue to devote the same amount of time that they once did to continue this service. The



Another Benjamin Disraeli quote that fits Wealdstone is 'I am prepared for the worst, but hope for the best'

main club's new twitter feed has only 40% of the "fans" twitter followers and doesn't promote games in the same quirky, funny and imaginative

It does seem strange that I am talking about a worrying drop in gates just a few months after our biggest home gate in thirty years, but you do wonder if our capitulation that day has also had an influence. We haven't had the splash-back that you would have expected from that day in terms of people coming back for more. That is why I am a real advocate of the U16s for free and by hook or by crook, this needs to be continued next season. On the days we have had U16s for free, our gates have averaged nearer 700. I would take it a step further and increase it to U18s. More youngsters coming in, better the atmosphere, more enjoyable the experience.

Whatever the reasons may be, thought does need to be given to arrest the decline, as in the same way increasing attendances become a self-profiling prophecy as it has done at Dulwich, so can falling gates.



The drop in spectator numbers is becoming more evident as the weeks pass

CAPTAIN'S BLOG by WES PARKER

Royal Blue Review

ello and welcome to todays encounter versus playoff chasing Maidenhead United.

Earlier in the season when we met in the reverse fixture our opponents were on a bit of a downward spiral and in a similar table position to ourselves, we both since picked up and maidenhead have sustained their good run of results as we have started to falter again. We will obviously see a few familiar faces lining up for Maidenhead today, particularly a Stones legend and good friend of mine Alan Massey

Consistency plays such a huge part in football whether that be from a personal players point of view or being able to choose unchanged teams for weeks on end. This for me has been our Achilles heel all season. This may sound contradictory with all the draws that we have amassed but it's the consistent performances and wins that we strive for. Saying that with only a few matches remaining and still the chance to better last seasons league position along with a decent FA cup run we can, so far. class this season as another step in the right direction.

One of the low-lights of the season would have to be last Saturday at Whitehawk. The performance was probably one of the worst this season and to top it off the fuss at the end of the match. I can't comment on what actually happened but it seemed to me that Gordon (Mr Raider as most know him) was unfairly picked out and targeted by certain Whitehawk fans (I say

Consistency plays such a huge part in football

fans loosely). He was certainly upset when I was speaking to him and was obviously provoked. Those who take the time to chat to him will know what a great guy Gordon is and to be unfairly targeted like that is not a great reflection on Whitehawk, who were very quick to release a ridiculous statement on their website.

Anyway with the end of the season fast approaching and I will be ignoring Tim's text to do

the season by Scotty. We wont mention all the failed attempts throughout the season and the law of averages suggests one has got to go in but still, what a strike.

The Colchester match showed what the Vale is truly capable of. The atmosphere was rocking; particularly first half and hopefully they'll be a few more days like that over next few years.

: The Ebbsfleet away fixture

has to be another highlight and celebrating with the fans at the end of the match.

Celebrating Jonny's winner against Havant with little Sam was brilliant.

Northy needing knee surgery and posting pictures on instagram on the slopes was top notch (not sure if that was a secret) and seeing Massa (our Japanese Physio) mounting whoever was on the treatment table

giving one of his deep tissue kneeling massages.

Obviously a personal highlight for me was becoming a father for the first time 4 weeks ago and scoring for my daughter on my return to the team after her birth was special (I'd like to thanks Margate for letting that happen).

Anyway, here's hoping for a strong finish to the season Enjoy the match and COYS



Northy gently eases his knee back to health

the St Albans blog I thought it would be nice to mention a few of the highlights throughout the season (yes I have managed to think of one or two).

Firstly has to be the FA Cup run. The matches against Brockenhurst and Colchester stick out. Brockenhurst, for the day as a whole. It was obviously a massive occasion for the hosts and they really put on a great day for the town and fans and this was topped off by, without doubt, the goal of

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Mark Barton

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Please extend a warm welcome to officials, players and supporters of both sides and I hope you all will enjoy their stay and have a safe Journey home. I hope everyone who attends today's FA Amateur Cup Lunch enjoy themselves.

The Megastore will be open as usual this afternoon, why not give them a visit. They are situated behind the dugouts. We have a variety of merchandise to sell and if it's not in stock, they will

order it for you.

As per usual on match day, Golden Goals are available at the entrance to the ground for only £1 a 'go'. The holder of the winning ticket with the time of the first goal will win £50, and that with the time of the last goal will win £10 (unless there is only 1 goal). Prizes can be claimed at half time (if the score is not 0-0) from the wonderful 'Mim' in the club shop and at the end of the match at the turnstiles.

This afternoon is your final chance to vote for your Player of the Season and Young Player of the Season. Mim will be at the turnstiles

with voting slips to collect your nominee.

A reminder for you all to stay and support The Clubs Presentation Night after next Saturdays home game against St Albans City which will include a questions and answers session with Gordon Bartlett.

Lets hope the lads can bounce back after Saturdays disappointing display at Whitehawk. As supporters we also need to keep up the volume.

Up the Stones!!

Mark

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Nicky Burleigh In Memory of **Doctor Dolittle**

Doctor John Dolittle, an English physician from Puddleby-onthe-Marsh in the West Country, who could speak to animals was created by author Hugh Lofting who was born in Maidenhead in 1886.

mark barton



Big win puts league title back in Wealdstone Ladies hands



fter last weeks disappointing performance against Hampton and Richmond The Stones needed to put in a shift and get back to winning ways to keep alive any chance of winning the league as 2nd was playing 3rd we needed a draw to keep out dream alive. We started kicking up the slope. with ten minutes gone Rosie Watts scores a cracking header from a corner put in from Annie Hewitt. With plenty of chances going a-miss Savana Fearon

made it 2-0. We started the second half with a change of keeper, Katie Chan making way for Courtney Munns. I nipped off to the loo. When I returned I has missed two goals scored by Amy Murphy and another for Savana to go 4-0 up.By now it was all one way traffic. Amy Murphy scored her second as she planted the ball in the top corner. Our sixth came from a great individual goal from Annie Hewitt (which was well deserved). Chloe Jarman had two good chances to go further ahead when she

smashed the ball against the crossbar and another shot was miraculously saved by their keeper. Not to be outdone Storm Burrows added the seventh with her left foot, which was the final score. Proud of everyone's fantastic performance and with our job done, great news begun to filter through that Hampstead drew with West Wickham Swans to send us back to the top of the League. : With the Title is back in our hands we visit Hampton & Richmond next week. Three points please.

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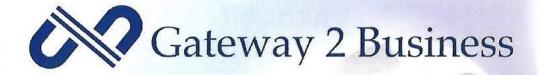
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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?





Today we bring a Maidenhead United slant to proceedings as our subject is former Magpies boss Johnson 'Drax' Hippolyte..

OHNSON joined the Stones at 27 shortly after the club moved into Watford's Vicarage Road in 1991- making a goal scoring debut on 29th October 1991 away to Dartford, though Wealdstone lost 1-4.

He went on to make 71 starts for the club and a further 23 appearances off the bench scoring 24 times. His last appearance for the club was in the last match of the 1992/93 season, the last game Wealdstone played at Vicarage Road, against a young Andover side, Wealdstone winning 5-0. Both Wealdstone and 'Drax' moved onto Yeading, but on alternate Saturdays!

Subsequently Drax played for Yeading, Dulwich Hamlet, Aldershot, Hampton & Richmond Borough and Chesham before returning to Yeading as Manager. In 2006 he took the reins at Maiden- ! Wealdstone.

BY ROGER SLATER



head United resigning at the end of last season. We asked him a few questions....

Drax, where are you based now? And what do you do for a living?

I am based in West London and I am a Facilities Manager for AMEY. My main responsibilities are for Children Services across three boroughs, though I do occasionally get pulled into other projects as well.

Pre Wealdstone, you were at Chalfont St Peter - were there other clubs before?

I wanted, like most boys, to be a Pro footballer. When that didn't happen, I fell out of love with the game in honesty, so I didn't start playing at any senior level until quite late. My first semi-pro club was actually Hounslow Borough - then managed by (a much younger) Gordon Bartlett..... then it was onto Chalfont and

When you look back on those days is there a smile on your face? Any regrets?

I always have a smile on my face unless we have just lost a game! Aside from not making it as a Pro, there are no real regrets as I enjoyed playing and management - being involved. As for highlights, I have been lucky enough to win a couple of promotions, both as a player and manager which is guite rare and of course there have been some big games which leave good memories.

You joined Wealdstone 1991 as the club had moved into Vicarage Road, Watford, Though perhaps not apparent immediately, it was a time of big changes at Wealdstone...what did you think you were joining and what was it like as a player during that period?

Just after the 91-92 season started, I was lucky enough to be approached by a couple of big clubs - Slough Town and Weald-

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stone were both keen to sign me. Wealdstone won out at the end of the day - not just for the chance to call Vicarage Road 'home' but I knew I would be joining a massive club with a great history, a big vocal fan base, and hopefully the chance to push on to the next

I was proud that the club actually paid a fee for me which was strange as only a couple of years earlier I had been

paying subs to play! Wealdstone's record at Watford isn't great - do vou think it was a boost to opponents to play there?

Playing at Watford as you can imagine was great every other week. After growing up playing on Wormwood Scrubs and Gunnersbury Park it was a delight, but it did mean that the opposition would raise their game to another level so yes, certainly a

boost to the opposition and as a result of that, the record wasn't great there. A few seasons later, I experienced exactly the same thing when I played for Aldershot. Big club with traditions, fallen out of the League but still with a League stadium and everyone wanted to come there and beat

Any highs and lows of your time at WFC?

The highs are easy; the ground, and the extremely passionate fans and also some of the great players I played with - Stevie Brown (who is still a great family friend today) and Neil Cordice who I roomed with on away trips I learned a great deal from him. The low point was not getting

promoted. We were good enough but weren't consistent enough in the end...

As I said above, following Wealdstone you joined Yeading and eventually went onto manage them to some great success. Had you always thought you'd go into Coaching / Management?

Actually, starting late in the semipro game I never really thought about coaching or managing, I

Gordon, so maybe I'll wait in the wings just in case he ever retires.....

How would you describe vourself as a player and how do vou use that experience as a Manager?

I was always hardworking and passionate about the game as a whole and my game in particular. I have always hated losing at anything and I won't even let my kids beat me at anything we do

together. That attitude and desire helped me and its what I'd like to instil in my players. What else is on the cards? I want to be involved in the game. I still watch matches but I'm hoping to get back into management before

just wanted to play forever and I did till my mid thirties. Towards the end of my career (at Chesham United) I was 'eased' into a Coach-cum-Manager role with the Reserves and that started really well with us winning the league. Shortly after I was offered the Yeading job and the

You are well known to younger Stones fans as the manager at Maidenhead United until the end of last season - are there a few more years in the tank as a Manager given the opportunity?

rest is history as they say ...

Yes, I'd like to think I still have something to offer and I am at least 10 years younger than

too long - but only if the right club or project presents itself. Drax. Is there a story behind your nickname?

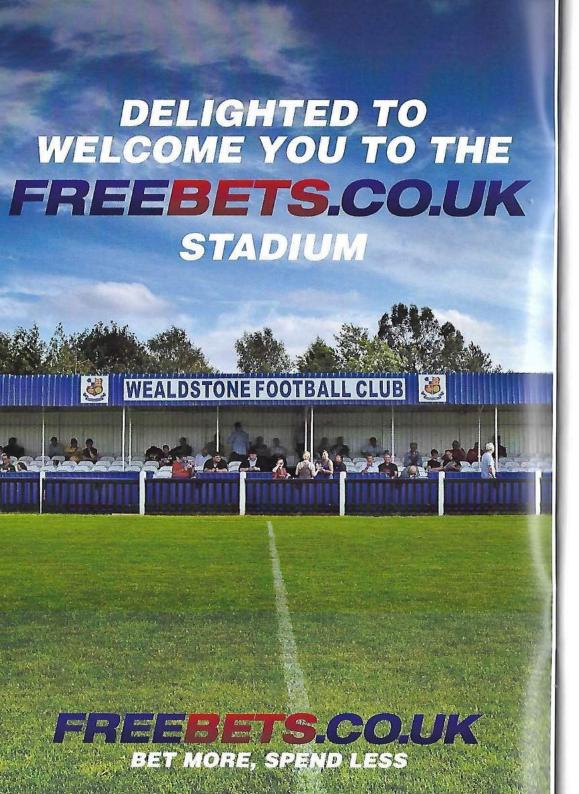
Hmm... there is a story but it's one I only tell after a few brandies, Let's just say for now that I had a bit of a 'Mike Tyson' episode years ago....

Finally, you're a late addition to the voting for the next President of FIFA. What's are the headlines in your manifesto?

Simple. There has to be more money given to the grass roots clubs and money into their coaching to help and continue to develop the game.

Thanks Drax. Brandy is it then







100:400 UPDATE No 4



ealdstone FC Supporters Club are launching an important new fundraising scheme to support the playing budget for next season 2016/17 and provide additional funds in time for the vital end of season period.

The 100:400 scheme has worked very successfully in previous seasons and this scheme will follow a similar plan and is even more relevant now that Stones are playing at a higher level of feather.

The Club is setting a fund raising target of £40,000 but we'd love to beat it! This money will go directly into next season's playing budget; 100:400 is a shorthand for saying we are challenging 100 people or more (there is no limit on numbers!) to pledge £400. However, the club is simply asking fans to pledge what they can afford, so it doesn't have to be £400; it could be £50 or even a tenner, we are all in this together and want to make next season a success.

Anyone donating a minimum of £25 will be entitled to a share purchase in Wealdstone FC (2000) Ltd. Shares will be allocated in blocks of £25 donation value

A donation could also be a lump sum or a weekly/monthly payment over 10 weeks to the end of the current playing season. Payment options and periods will be flexible and standing orders can be set up.

The recent club AGM heard that commercial activities are becoming more successful but we need to do more in the short term to raise additional funds quickly to ensure that we have a competitive playing budget for next season

Howard Krais Chairman of Wealdstone FC said: "With two seasons experience at this level we have a good idea of what is required to fund a competitive team. Although we are bringing in record levels of commercial income, and are looking at every opportunity to increase revenues further while controlling our costs, we still need to do more. Contributions from supporters and others might just make the difference and will help to give us a team we are proud to watch every week. I hope that plenty of people will support this scheme and I will be happy to be one of the first to hand over my cheque this weekend"

HOW TO DONATE YOUR 100:400 PLEDGE

Fans can donate via www.wfcmegastore.co.uk 100:400 page, or contact James Klarfeld on 07979 795414 or see Nick DuGard (email nickdugard@fsmail.net) on match days for more information.

For larger amounts and alternatively, Bank Transfer Payments can be made to WFCSC account - details on application

Cheques should please be made payable to 'Wealdstone FC Supporters Club'

UPDATE

Our FANS 100:400 FUND RAISER continues to make steady progress. As at Monday 28th March we have pledges totaling just under £18,000 against our initial target of £40,000. This target is hugely important as it will help to plug the significant budget gap for next season as announced at the recent AGM. Progress so far is excellent but has slowed a little so we still need more donations and pledges to reach our target by the end of the current season! It's very important that we keep the momentum going strongly and remember, this money is ring fenced and will be used solely for the playing budget for next season

If you have made a pledge please do contact us to get information on how to convert to a donation – we have lots of payment options!

You can pay as little or as much as you want and by a flexible number of ways of paying as below. THANK YOU SO MUCH TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS SO

TODAY we have a special 1966-themed fan feature. Tony Short was in the crowd that day, rooting for the blues with his rosett and rattle. naturally. Let's let him take up the story ...

Y Dad introduced me to Wealdstone FC in 1956/7 when I was approaching seven vears old.

Obviously memories from this are a little vague as I spent most of the afternoon playing with a friend I went with and wasn't really concentrating on the game - though maybe I should have because, according to Roger Slater's history book we played Redhill that day, October 6th, and won 5-2 with goals from Wegzyrk, Evans, Harper and Harrison(2).

I spent most of the next few seasons attending mainly home games with friends, as my Dad rarely travelled away unless we played someone local like Hendon.

It wasn't until about 1960 when the likes of Bill Fowler, Charlie Townsend, Ron King, Hugh Lindsay, Matt Farrelll and the Aldridge brothers started playing that I really started to

concentrate on the proceedings, although I do remember Ted Culver and George Mowle (who played in the late 50's), and whom I played with/for at Hatch End in my late teens/early twenties.I also played for Parkfield and Wealdstone Wanderers. I did acyually have a trial for Wealdstone, along with fellow fan Ray Kemp in my early teens but

their early days when we played behind Harrow Weald Bus Garage in the Marathon League. ■ WAS at the Amateur Cup final in 1966 but didn't manage to go to the previous two games against Alvechurch and Barking.

I was still only 16 at the time so

getting the OK from the parents

wasn't good enough - although I

did make the Supporters side in

Tony Short, 2016 vintage (above) while (left) we have some exclusive footage of Shorty at the 1966 Amateur Cup Final (courtesy of Pathe News). Teenagers looked older in those days

was a little difficult for travelling, although they allowed me to go to the Final on my own (to this day I don't understand why) where I had some great memories, not only the game itself but an incident that I was involved in at the game has always stuck with me.

The day before the final I'd bought a new rattle. I paid two pound ten shillings (£2.50p), which at the time was a lot of money for me. I had a seat almost on the halfway line and when Bobby Childs equalized for us out came the rattle! I was giving it a good old swing when suddenly it seemed to became very light. I was left holding the handle but the rest had flown off and flew into the back of a poor female Hendon supporter's

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head. I spent the next few minutes retrieving my damaged acquisition and profusely apologizing to the said supporter, who I have to say was badly shaken by the assault and did bleed a little.

Needless to say the next week I took the offending weapon back to the shop and got a refund!

At that time Hendon were probably our greatest rivals.

the games were generally close affairs and the Final was no different. It was all very close up to half time, but in the second half Wealdstone upped the pace and their superior fitness got them to the win. The celebrations for me were long lasting not only in the Stadium but enjoying the walk down Empire Way afterwards which seemed to be owned by Wealdstone fans, with the Hendon support seeming to have melted away.

WO seasons later, another match that was memorable for me was an away match in the FA Cup against Torpoint, the far side of Plymouth. We travelled by coach overnight arranged by Barbara Robson (whom I understand might be attending today) and her mother, and at some point on the journev our coach, one of five

or six making the journey "I seem to recall, ran over a wheel in the middle of the road and was damaged. Another coach had to be called out locally for us to complete the iournev.

When we finally arrived at Torpoint it was raining hard and the playing area had still to be roped off. From memory the game was played in very wet conditions which didn't make for great football but we won 4-2 and with-

1 Bill Fowler 2 Mickey

4 Tom 5 Paul Hamblin Bowgett 3 Stuart Pearce \

7 Alan Cordice

6 Scott Davies

11 Britt Assombalonga

Doyle

8 Jermaine Beckford 9 Simon Garner 10 Richard Jolly

TONY'S FAVOURITE ALL-TIME WEALDSTONE LINE-UP

out any incidents on the way back : regular as in the professional the supporters had a great time.

ootball today at National League level is, I believe, greater fitness levels. I don't think the skill factors have improved that much, we still see a lot of misplaced passes and some bad decisions made by the players. Refereeing also hasn't improved much either.

That said I don't know how some of the referee's put up with the comments that supporters make nowadays and that includes me!

I wouldn't want to be a referee no matter how much I was paid. However I do believe football at our level is far better value than that in the Premiership. We do get to see some extraordinary skills, but they may not be as

game. For me I do want to see Wealdstone win, but I do appreciate watching good football and can appreciate the opposition skills as well as our own.

HAT is my favourite
Wealdstone game of
all time? It would have to be the 1965/66 3rd Qual round FA Cup match against a semi-pro Stevenage side which we won 6-5, with Hugh Lindsay hitting his fourth in the dying seconds of the game after we trailed 5-3. I was right behind that ball as it absolutely flew into the net. This was a match that had everything, drama, goals and good fast unrelenting football. don't think I'll ever see a game that good again, although the night at Dulwich in the play-off in 2004 came close.

If I had to pick one Weald-

stone player as a favourite it's tough - we have had many great players go through our ranks too may to pick out just one really. But someone who was a great asset to the club from an all round perspective - not so much on the skill front it would be Sean Cronin - If we were in trouble player wise, and we were on a regular basis, it seemed as though Sean could fill

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WEALDSTONE TRIUMPH AT TORPOINT

(Attendance: 1,500)

WEALDSTONE battled through appalling conditions to land a worthy 4-2 F.A.

Amateur Cup first round win against equally determined South Western League champions, Torpoint Athletic, on Saturday. The goals came from Dave Swain (two), Bernie Bremer and Johnny McCormack, against a penalty by Barrie Stephens and a 51-minute score by Dave Underhay

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any position and not let you down. Sean is still playing and doing well since leaving us but I do admire his professionalism and ability. I hope he doesn't get to see this comment!

I've also been asked to name my favorite current line up. I still think we are a work in progress. We have several very good players but there are one or two positions that I don't believe we have the right players and therefore have not chosen to name a squad.

As for my all time squad, that's difficult as well but here goes....Bill Fowler(GK), Micky Doyle (RB), Stuart Pearce (LB), Paul Bowgett (CH), Tom Hamblin(CH), Alan Cordice (M), Scott Davies (M), Britt Ossombalonga (M), Richard Jolly (F), Jermaine Beckford (F), Simon Garner (F). There are many others that could have been picked but these players have just thrilled me with their skill.

y favourite away grounds? I like old-style venues, I'm not one for modern grounds, so the likes of Bromley, Bath and Havant are the sort of ground I like to visit. The likes of East Thurrock, Concord and Hornchurch or any ground with a running/dog track around the outside that have no or allow no atmosphere to be built up are on my *dislikes' list.

I usually watch our games, home and away from about half way inside the half we are attacking, this gives me the chance of a good view at the goals we score but allows me to have a good view of any talent on the pitch.

Fortunately the eyesight isn't failing yet! I usually get into position 10 or so minutes before the game to have a quick browse through the programme. Although I haven't been to every away game this season we seem to have the best programme on offer throughout the

league - the only other one close to our standard this season was Ebbsfleet's.

It's fair to say they had more statistical data than our's which is one area that I think our programme could improve on, although with the improvement of technology in the past few years some of this data could be made available on line to allow more room for all the articles that our numerous excellent contributors seem to keep coming up with.

DO read some of the comments made on our Forum and in general choose not to join in and comment. That said I do feel that this is a positive step forward and should allow the club officials to understand the underlying good or bad things that the supporters feel and help them to make the right decisions in taking our club forward.

For my sins I try to help Leo Morris run the Social Club Bar and usually spend half to one day in doing any job - including some pretty dire maintenance to help keep the Social Club operating!

I've also run the Predict-ascore competition for quite few years now which helps with the Commercial income for the Football Club but really I just want to come and watch GOOD FOOTBALL AT A GRE

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As to where we'll be in five years, I do care, as long as we are still going and playing at a good level, preferably National League South or better would be success for me. Too many clubs have been lost or reformed in the past few years and I don't want us to be one of them.

We're at the crossroads of change what with new a Chairman and Lease negotiations ongoing, but whatever happens we should get behind who comes along to run the club and make sure it survives for many years to come. UTS!

Torpoint in '66 was when the singing started!

TONY'S mention of Torpoint in the rain in 1966 - and then Ray Kemp - reminded me of a chat I had with Kempy during our game at Maidenhead earlier this season. Ray doesn't get to many games these days but is his usual voluble self when he does... and as we joined in with a few lusty verses of the Stones songs I asked him when that phenomenon first appeared at Wealdstone games.

'That's a good question!'
he enthused. 'And you know,

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Torpoint. The week before, me and Peter Fuller were talking about

copying some of the songs that were sung at Liverpool, and making up our own ones, and with the enthusiasm of youth we actually duplicated loads and loads of copies of song sheets and distributed them on the coaches. And we had a good old sing song!"

I remember Ray starting the singing back in the 1970s when Beatles songs were the vogue - as "Hey Jude" still is today.

Wealdstone will forever be known for its passionate singing and long may it continue! Tim Parks

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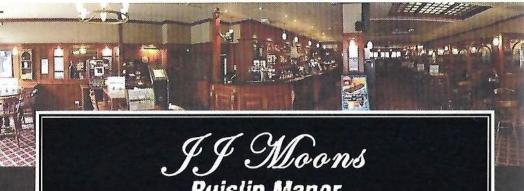
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Steve Marshall, Matchday Ops



UEFA's formula for football fixture forecast failure

ook, I'l tell you this up front. Do you have an interest in spreadsheets? Good, then please read on. Alternatively, do you find spreadsheets a repulsive topic for a matchday magazine? OK, duly noted — feel absolutely free to flick the page over. Everyone happy? Then I'll begin.

So anyway, Euro 2000 changed my life in the most pathetic, nerdy way imaginable. It was in the run-up to that competition that someone sent me one of those spreadsheet-based prediction competitions. I'd previously run such competitions over fax (I absolutely kid you not) but suddenly, not only was I invited to predict all 31 games in the Belgium / Netherlands finals competition that summer, I was also able to watch as my predicted scores changed the

make-up of the group tables. Fantastic! Well, near magical at the very least.

So it was that I ended up picking the file apart, finding a way to get to the Excel formulas, working out how they'd been written and setting out to write some of my own. Soon I was able not only to replicate a European Championship finals tournament, but a 32-team World Cup Finals tournament too. I'd send out the spreadsheet to a bunch of players, who'd fill in their predictions and send a copy of the file back to me. I'd then enter their predictions into a giant master spreadsheet which calculated the results. And of course, each player also had the benefit of filling in what is now called a 'predictor', working out the likely later-stage knock-out fixtures.

You'd get a point for a win without a correct scoreline; another point if you got the scoreline right - and points for each goal in that correct scoreline.

Tedious beyond compare

This ultimately became a regular season competition too. Players were invited to predict the results of forty matches each month, so we had both a Champion of September as well as an overall Forecast League Champion come the following May. All good, clean fun for any office-based worker to enjoy.

In fact, it taught me plenty more than just Excel formulas. For one thing, did you know that the likelihood of anyone guessing the result of any football match only rarely goes above 40%. So when you

> predict whether a game's a home win, away win or draw, for every ten such predictions you're likely get just four right. That's just how it is.

I tested this against the Pools Panel once, when Gordon Banks (then on the

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pools panel, and we - with just less than 43% accuracy - were better than the paid-for Pool Panel celebrities. We, a group of guessers comprising insurance agents, journalists, car parts salesmen and chefs were just as likely as the pools panel, if not more so, to accurately predict football results. (I offered to take the panel's work off their hands for half what they were being paid, but sadly never heard back from

panel) had been criticised in

the press for getting so many

games wrong when the panel had been convened over a particularly cold "snap".

I matched our players' predictions for the games in

question against those of the

Why am I telling you all this? Partly because, sadly, I have no memory of our club's extraordinary Amateur Cup triumph in 1966 and can thus

the authorities.)

"We, a group of guessers comprising insurance agents, journalists, car parts salesmen and chefs were just as likely as the pools panel, if not more so, to accurately predict football results"



not comment on it. But it's also because, having run plenty of full-season predictor competitions as well as one for every Euros and World Cup tournament since 2002, I feel compelled to tell you I'm not doing one this year. Why? Because UEFA, in their most assuredly finite wisdom, have gone for a 24 team competition format. There are other reasons to query the move away from the sixteen-country format, but this is just as important.

Appallingly dull

For the World Cup, it's fairly easy to organise group tables on a spreadsheet, first by goal difference and then goals scored via a range of if/or statements and the odd vertical lookup.

As for UEFA's way of calculating team order in the groups for the European Championship finals? My oh my. Firstly, they go with the head-to-head result between the two tied teams; then goal difference, then goals scored. It's bloody tricky working it out based on the head-to-head, and that would have been close to a deal-breaker anyway. But let

me tell you this: trying to write a spreadsheet formula that takes into account the best third placed team from groups C, D or E in one instance or A, D or F in another instancewell, that way madness lies.

So there you have it. I'd love to have offered up a nice revenue-generating predictor competition to the club this summer but I have neither the time nor inclination to work it out around UEFA's rules. All I can hope is the actual Euro 2016 competition makes up for the lack of a prediction competition appetiser. So, that's Nerd Corner over. If you made it through to this sentence, my sincere thanks...

HAVE YOUR SAY

Think you could write something better in 'World of Ball'? We wouldn't be in the least surprised.

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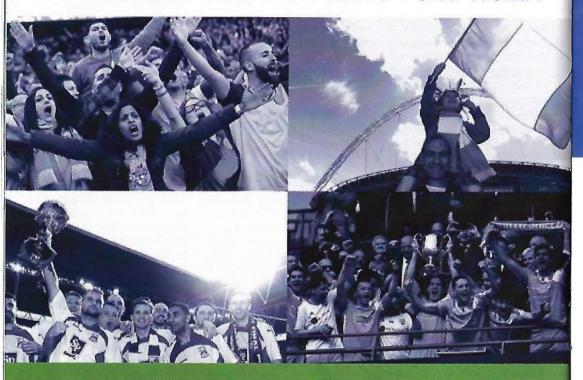


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IN THE BEGINNING...

he origins of senior football in Maidenhead can be traced back to October 1870 with the formation of Maidenhead Football Club, who subsequently played their first ever fixture on December 17th. 1870 against Windsor Home Park at Bond's Meadow near Maidenhead bridge. On Thursday, February 16th 1871 the club played their first game on the York Road site against Marlow. This ground, which was then shared with the cricket club, is now officially acknowledged as the oldest continually used football ground by the same club. Maidenhead were one of the original 15 entrants for the first ever FA Cup competition in 1871-72 and the following season reached the last four before losing to Oxford University, Maidenhead reached the quarter-finals in the next two seasons, but in 1876 did not enter, although this was the only season they failed to participate. The adopted club colours were Red & Black. initially worn as hooped shirts, then halved shirts, before stripes were adopted in 1904. THE EARLY YEARS

Maidenhead FC merged with three sides before the Great War, Maidenhead Excelsion were founded in 1877 and joined forces with the Red & Blacks in 1885. Maidenhead Temperance - originally known

as Maidenhead Band of Hope amalgamated with the club in 1891 and Boyne Hill FC did likewise later that year. After many seasons of playing friendlies and Cup matches, Maidenhead FC were founder members of the Southern League in 1894 but competing in Division 2 with the likes of Watford, Brentford, Fulham and Brighton proved too demanding and the club consistently struggled. Eventually in 1902, after eight years of membership, they resigned and joined both the West Berkshire League and the Berks & Bucks League. In 1904 Maidenhead became members of the Great Western Suburban League where they remained until the outbreak of the Great War.

SPARTANS AND CORINTHIANS

After the Great War the two remaining town clubs -Maidenhead and Maidenhead Norfolkians (founded 1884) decided to join forces. The conflict had meant that it was unrealistic to run two senior clubs, so after a meeting in April 1919, the Norfolkians were incorporated into the Maidenhead club, and soon afterwards a kit of black and white stripes was adopted as club colours. There was immediate success in the first season of structured league football as Maidenhead FC won the Great Western Suburban



League. In August 1920 the suffix "United" was added but, more importantly, the freehold of York Road was purchased for £1,450 from William Grenfell, later to become Lord Desborough. Two years later the club joined the Spartan League and the 500 seater grandstand- at the time considered one of the best of its kind - was opened by Club President, Ernest Dunkels.

Maidenhead United won the Spartan League title three times during their nineteen year stay. In 1936, Maidenhead reached the semi-final of the FA Amateur Cup losing 4-1 to Ilford at West Ham in front of 18,000 spectators.

In 1945 the club were founder members of the Corinthian League. After many seasons of relative mediocrity, fortunes changed under the guidance of ex-Brentford forward, Len Townsend, and then former Slough Town manager Jimmy Price, and the Magpies enjoyed the first real "purple-patch" in their history. In seven seasons between 1956 and 1963 the club won the league three times, were runners-up twice and also reached the third round of the FA Amateur Cup in 1960, losing to West Auckland at York Road in front of a post-war record

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attendance of 5.597. ATHENIANS AND ISTHMIANS

In 1963, United joined the Athenian League finishing a best placed 3rd in 1965-66. In 1973, the Magpies were elected into the newly created second division of the Isthmian League. They made a concerted effort to achieve promotion to the Premier Division in 1979 and 1980 when managed by Geoff Anthony (finishing 3rd on both occasions), and then again in 1985 under Brian Caterer and Colin Lippiatt. when they finished 4th. They remained in this division until 1987 when the Club suffered relegation for the first time in its history, and the dark days were made worse with the destruction of the main grandstand by an arson attack in December 1986. It took four seasons to get out of Division Two South, and this was achieved under the guidance of Martyn Spong in 1991. An Isthmian League record of 13 straight wins at the start of 1990-91 season was the springboard to success, but the club lost out on the title to Abingdon Town on the last day of the season. During this season, however, the team established a club record of 19 league games without defeat. Following the unexpected departure of Spong to Enfield in the summer of 1991, Garv Goodwin, John Clements and then John Watt took on the manager's job with generally moderate results and the club regularly finished in or around mid-table.

THE DEVONSHIRE YEARS. PART 1

Following John Watt's dismissal in the summer of

1996, the Club appointed a new management team of Martyn Busby, the former QPR and Notts County midfielder, and Alan Devonshire the former West Ham and England midfielder. Although Busby left midway through the first season. After coming agonisingly close to promotion in 1997-98 season, two years later in 1999-2000 United made another concerted effort to reach the Isthmian League Premier Division. A new 700 capacity covered enclosure at the Canal end of the ground was completed in May 2000 together with new terracing on the railway side. In the summer of 2002 Chairman Roger Coombs announced that he would step down at the end of 2002-03 season and, in April 2003, Manager Alan Devonshire followed suit by announcing intention to leave the club at the season's end. Conference South and a return to the Southern

The summer of 2003 saw new manager John Drever have to bring in virtually a new squad of players and, despite an uninspiring start, United secured Conference South football on the last day of the season. In 2004-05 season, an indifferent start saw Drever replaced by Dennis Greene but the club still finished in a relegation position only to be reprieved following the demise of Hornchurch. Following a somewhat dismal start to the 2005-06 season Greene was dismissed and replaced by Carl Taylor and the club were to finish adrift at the bottom of the table. However, in As the club returned to the Southern League after a 102 year absence a mediocre start to the season saw

Taylor left the club. Former Yeading manager Johnson Hippolyte, known as "Drax", was appointed in October 2006 and had immediate success guiding the club to their first FA Cup First Round proper appearance in 35 years. The Magpies eventually lost 2-0 at home to Stafford Rangers in a replay in front of 1,934 people. Improvement in their league form took a little longer and in January 2007 the club occupied 18th place. However an amazing run of 12 wins from the final 14 league games saw the Magpies finish fourth and qualify for the play offs. The winning run then continued in the semi final at Kings Lynn with a 1-0 triumph and, in the final played four days later, the Magpies beat league runners-up Team Bath 1-0 at Twerton Park. Bath to return to the Conference South just a year after relegation. **BACK IN CONFERENCE** SOUTH...

Returning to Conference South in 2007-08, Maidenhead finished in 17th, 6th, 16th and 19th positions in their first four seasons. In March 2011, the club celebrated its 140th anniversary with a match at York Road against Oxford University. Last season ended with the club again just finishing above the relegation zone and Johnson Hipployte's nine year tenure as manager ended with his 445th match as manager at the 2015 Berks & Bucks Cup final against Aylesbury United which Maidenhead won 4-0. Hippolyte was replaced by Alan Devonshire, who rejoined the Magpies after twelve years as Manager of Hampton & Richmond Borough and

Braintree Town

Maidenhead United line-up

CARL PENTNEY

Signed in the close season from Braintree Town. Carl started his career at Leicester City alongside Maidonian Andy King and has experience with a variety of non league clubs including Bishops Stortford, Bath City and Hayes & Yeading United, Carl, who runs his own goalkeeping academy. spent last season deputising for Nick Hamann at Cressing Road, but will be familiar to Vanarama National League South fans from his time at Chelmsford City the previous

JOSH HUGGINS

Signed in the close season from Havant & Waterlooville. He also has experience with Crawley Town, Didcot Town, Hampton & Richmond Borough and Farnborough. Played at right back for the Hawks last season but is expected to be used in midfield this season.

RENE STEER

Signed in the close season from Boston United, Rene is a left back who began his career with Arsenal. gaining Football League experience with Gillingham Town and Oldham Athletic before dropping into non league with Staines Town. After a brief spell at Woking he established himself at St. Neots Town. Whilst at St. Neots he sprang to fame by scoring from 40 yards in the FA Cup. Last season he was virtually ever present for the Pilgrims in the Vanarama National League North.

RYAN UPWARD

Promising young local central midfielder who joined the Magpies from Burnham in the summer of 2014. Also has experience with Flackwell Heath and Beaconsfield SYCOB.

ALAN MASSEY (C)



Joined manager Alan Devonshire in moving from Braintree Town to York Road in May. Alan is a commanding centre back who was at Cressing Road for almost three seasons, making over 100 appearances. He has also played for Wealdstone and Wycombe Wanderers. Appointed Maidenhead United club captain in July 2015.

DEAN INMAN

Central defender Dean made the short move from Hayes & Yeading United to the Magpies in May 2015. 24 year old Inman was club captain for Maidenhead's tenants, and won the HAYU supporters' player of the year award last season. The move sees him reunited with manager Alan Devonshire for whom he played for at Hampton & Richmond Borough. He spent his youth

and
early years with the
Beavers, moving to HAYU
two years ago where he was
virtually ever present.

JAMES MULLEY

Followed manager Alan Devonshire in the close season to York Road from Braintree Town, for whom he made over 100 appearances over the last three seasons. Prior to joining the Iron he was a member of the successful Wimbledon squad which won promotion back to the Football League in 2011. He started his career at Hayes & Yeading United and has also turned out for Chelmsford City and Wealdstone.

JAMES COMLEY

Well regarded central midfielder who signed from St. Albans on loan for the remainder of the season in February. Twenty-five year old Comley started his career at Crystal Palace and went onto play a leading role in the Saints resurgence as part of their Southern League Premier Division promotion winning team of 2014. Last season he was capped twice by Montserrat in their World Cup campaign.

JAKE REID

Signed in the close season from Dover Athletic. He has also played for Weymouth, Bath City, Newport County, Telford United, Hayes & Yeading and Bromley. Standing over six feet tall, Jake is bound to provide a physical presence up front for the Magpies this season.

DAVE TARPEY Signed from Hai

Signed from Hampton & Richmond Borough in the summer of 2014, Reading based Tarps had a fantastic first season with the Magpies scoring 22 goals from his left wing berth, sweeping the board at the end of season awards evening. receiving recognition from the manager, players and supporters as well as the inevitable golden boot. He has also turned out for Farnborough and Basingstoke. This season Dave is reunited with manager Alan Devonshire, whom he played for in his first spell at Hampton earlier in his career.

HARRY PRITCHARD

Local left sided player who started his career at Flackwell Heath before a brief spell at Burnham saw Harry ignite the interest of a host of clubs before he signed for the Magpies in February 2012. Has now made over 100 appearances for United, Harry is a versatile player spending much of last season playing at left back though is known chiefly for his wing play. October 2015 National League South player of the month..

BEN WRIGHT

Signed in July, Wright spent the latter half of last season at Havant & Waterlooville having started the campaign at Eastleigh. Born in Basingstoke, Ben began his career with his home town club, but it was a free scoring spell under Alan Devonshire at Hampton & Richmond Borough which saw him spring to prominence in

2008. His form caught the eye of Roy Hodgson who was then managing Fulham in the Premier League, only for the move to Craven Cottage to fall through. Instead it was Peterborough United who gave Wright his Football League debut in 2009. Wright was reunited with Devonshire at Braintree in 2011, and again enjoyed a productive season in front of goal. Since then he has also featured for Forest Green Rovers and Salisbury City. **KIERON FORBES**

Versatile central midfielder signed on the eve of the season following a successful trial outing for United against Reading Under 21s. Kieron started his career at Watford, moving onto Wealdstone when he was released by the Hornets. After a couple of seasons with the Stones, Kieron signed for Forest Green Rovers for whom he made over 100 full appearances in the Conference National. Whilst at Rovers he was capped four times by the England C team, being selected as their 2012/13 player of the year by the Non League Paper, Kieron spent most of last season on loan at Aldershot Town.

SAM BARRATT

Highly rated local teenager who signed for the Magpies

from Bracknell Town in the summer of 2014. A left sided striker who showed much promise coming off the bench last season, and marked his full debut with a brace of goals at Hungerford in the County Cup.

CHRISTIAN SMITH

Signed from Bishop's Stortford in November 2015, Christian marked his debut in impressive fashion, coming off the bench to score against Bideford in an FA Trophy tie. He started his career at Port Vale and went onto play for Clyde, Wrexham, York City, Chester, Nantwich, Stafford Rangers and Telford before arriving in Maidenhead's division with Chelmsford City in 2013.

He spent time earlier this year with United's tenants Hayes and Yeading, and has filled in at centre back when required.

MARK NISBET

Central defender signed in 2006 from Flackwell Heath. He made his debut at Gloucester City. Later that season Mark wrote his name into the United history books by scoring the only goal of the game in the play-off semi-final at King's Lynn, Already a key member of team Mark soon settled into his familiar position at the heart of the Maidenhead defence. Admired by the fans for his absolute commitment to the Magpie cause, he has faced frustrating spells on the sidelines through injury but nevertheless was named for the 300th time in the starting line-up in October, and now stands eighth in the all time list of Maidenhead United appearances.

ALAN DEVONSHIRE

Alan returned to York Road in May 2015 for his second spell as United manager. He enjoyed great success with the Magpies in his first senior managerial post over seven seasons from 1996-2003 which saw an historic promotion to the Isthmian League Premier Division, and the end of a twenty seven year silverware drought with wins in the Isthmian League Full Members Cup and four Berks & Bucks Senior Cup triumphs. Since leaving United in

2003, Alan's managerial career has gone from strength to strength. Firstly taking Hampton & Richmond Borough from the Isthmian League to the brink of the Conference. then defying the odds to not only consolidate Braintree Town's place in the Conference but also to mount a push towards the play offs.

As a player Alan was a much loved midfielder at West Ham United where he made over 400 appearances including the famous 1980 FA Cup Final win. Initially rejected as a youngster by Crystal Palace. Alan was then plucked from non league Southall by the Hammers and went on to win eight England

caps. Injury hampered his career from the mid 80s and he finished his playing days at Watford in 1992. After success as a manager in junior football with Osterley, Alan was appointed joint manager of Maidenhead United in the summer of 1996 alongside Martyn Busby, taking sole charge in March 1997.



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'Cool and inspiring ... this man made it

all possible in 1966'

TIM PARKS was delighted to discover that two of the mainstays of the 1966 Amateur Cup-winning team - centre-back and skipper John Ashworth and full-back Mickey Doyle - live only half a mile apart, and just round the corner from himself in Harpenden. The three met up for a couple of pints and a bag of crisps at the White Horse pub in the leafy Hertfordshire town....

ou know, if that man had not been around we wouldn't have got anywhere near the Amateur Cup Final in 1966, let alone winning it'.

Mickey Doyle, Wealdstone's right back that glorious day at Wembley, leaned in conspiratorially. His fellow defender, team captain Johnny Ashworth, had gone up to the bar to get the next round in.

way he got the whole team behind him, the way he played, absolutely dominating games from his centreback position. And especially on the day of the Final itself.

"We all met up at Lower Mead that morning and you just had to look around - everyone was a bit nervous. Not surprising really - the club had never played at Wembley in an Amateur Cup Final before,

along those lines. "This is our day, we're going to do it!" There was a lot of effing and blinding as well of

"But that set the tone for the whole day."

Johnny Ashworth then returned from the bar, still the tall and commanding figure he'd been half a century ago.

"So did you really feel that confident, John?" I asked him. "Or was it all a show to get the others up

and pumping? He laughed. "Oh yes. Yes, there was a bit of bravado but if you looked around that group.. well, we had some magnificent players. It all revolved around Hughie and Charlie really (Lindsay and Townsend) - they were our 'go-to' men. We mixed it up a bit, sometimes playing the ball long to clever lads like Bernie Bremer and Bobby Childs, or the hold-up players like Jim Cooley, but often we'd just play in in to the feet of

They could make space where it didn't exist. And Hughie of course had that amazing shot".

'Crikey, yes' said Mickey. 'There was one game, against Stevenage I think, in the FA Cup that same season, when we were trailing by a few goals and got it back to 5-5 in the last moments...'

> I didn't want to interrupt. Here were two of the greatest, humblest players in Wealdstone history, recounting possibly the

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THE SUNDAY EXPRESS LONDON APRIL 17 1906

WEALDSTONE OWE TRIUMPH TO HUGH

LINDSAY

Hendon 1 Wealdstone 3: by DENIS COMPTON

MY OLD club Hendon (then Hampstead Town), for whom, I am reluctant to divulge, I played 30 years ago, failed in their efforts to retain the Amateur Cup. They can, however, have no recriminations or excuses, for Wealdstone won in the most decisive manner.

Wealdstone, very definitely the underdogs before the start, gave a display of magnificent and intelligent of otball which Hendon were look possession on the left wing power able to compete with. The man of the match was fine the line of the match was fine man of the match was fine the line of the match was fine the line of the match was fine the wealth of the line of the prompting of the prompting of the prompting of the prompting of the line of th

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Above: The Wembley Final drew extensive coverage in all the national newspapers. Former Hendon player (and England cricketer) Denis Compton wrote in the next day's Sunday Express that 'Wealdstone thoroughly deserved their triumph'. Right: the Stones' Cup Final strip was supplied by Don Goodman of Goodman Sports in Southgate. The invoice states: No charge.

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CANTWELL SALUTES WINNERS

By LESLIE NICHOL

HEADS nodded in the Hendon dressing-room after The Amateur Cup Final at Wembley when captain Bobby Cantwell summed up Wealdstone's great 3-1 victory.

"Losing when you get this far can be one of the toughest experiences," he said. "But it's not quite so bad when you know you have gone down to a fine side."

Wealdstone, the "no-hopers" of this delightful match and a goal down in five minutes, went on to win not only a Cup but also the acciaim of the 45,000 crowd.

For this Final proved that footballers do not have to earn \$5,000 a year to raise a Weinbley Cheer.

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25.000 a year to raise a Wembley Cheer.
At the end, John Ashworth, the big Weadstone captain and the police haif, siepped through the police half is experience and handed the police has bunch of his supporters. Ad in that moment you sensed what it meant to Wealdstone after waiting 66 years to win the trophy. Proud John told me: "We played as a team, il of the best. But if you had to single out anyone, you must give credit to Hughle and Charlie." "They were the vital link men, and our 4-2-4 tacties rested upon them, if they failed, then the whole scheme may have hopped."

LETHAL

Schoolmaster Hughie Lindsay, 27, 5ft. 7im., proved that he is indeed the finest inside forward in amateur football.

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Townsend for 7im., provided a lethal non-store 3im., provided a lethal non-store 3im.

These midfield twins, sharing 50 England caps. reshaped the 3minutes lead, given Hendon a too-casy fourthminute lead.

The equaliser, a long shot from Bobby Childs, 35 minutes later, was inevitable, following Wealdstore 5 released services a shot from 1 released 1 release



More complimentary reporting with Leslie Nichol reckoning it was right up with the best finals ever played at the old stadium. Below: Wealdstone's amateur internationals Townsend, Ashworth and Lindsay





The Iconic trophy picture - John Ashworth lifts the Amateur Cup with Mickey Doyle (ringed)

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greatest moment in Wealdstone history: The 6-5 comeback win against Stevenage. The game EVERYONE has heard about.

Mickey went on: 'Well, we won a freekick just inside the centre-circle, in their half of the field, and it was possibly the last kick of the game and the crowd were celebrating an unlikely draw. Then Hughie, who was on fire that day, put the ball down and I looked over at John and he gave me that funny little look that meant he knew exactly what Hubert was going to do.

"I was beside Hughie and just said; 'Go on Hughie, have a go, why not?' He was capable of shooting with astonishing force, oven with the big puddings of footballs we had in those days, striking across the ball... but this was over 40 yards out.

'We just watched as he smashed the ball goalwards. Next thing was, the ball was in the net and it was pandemonium!"

If I'd had an extra hour with those gentlemen I'd have asked them all about the FA Cup run that year, which ended in a 3-1 defeat at Millwall. But we were here to talk about the Amateur Cup, and how Mickey and Johnny came to be at the club.

Both were 'Northerners' - Mickey from Barrow in Furness and John from Nottingham, so how did they end up in Wealdstone blue? And how did their career progress afterwards?

John went first . "Well, my story is a long one but basically, I grew up in Nottingham in the Tommy Lawton era - he was playing for Notts County - but I was a junior at Forest until I went into the Royal Navy. It was the days of National Service, just after the Second World War and I played a lot for football for the RN. Portsmouth spotted me and I signed on as a professional, in the days of

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the maximum wage... I only played once for Pompey, at Fratton Park against Sunderland in the old Division Two ... we won 2-1 but the professional life wasn't for me.

"I'd met Ann, my wife (they recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary) and we wanted to settle down. There was a lad I'd played with in the Navy, Jimmy Coates, who was skipper of Kingstonian in the Isthmian League so I signed for them in 1959ish, and had three good years there."

"Did you play in the 1960 Amateur Cup Final for the Ks then, John?" I asked him.

"Yes, I did. And so did Hughie Lindsay, who joined Wealdstone a vear before me, in '62. But that day wasn't a happy memory. Hendon beat us 2-1 in the final that year and that was definitely a motivating factor for me, when we found ourselves in the Final again in '66. I didn't want to experience losing a final again."

ICKEY Doyle chimed in. "You know, we were all a bit nervous before the the big game, as I've already said, and it seems funny but the moment I just knew we were going to win the game was when we went 1-0 down after just two minutes!

"There I was, picking the ball out of our net after Geoff Riddy had put Hendon into the lead and I knew in my guts that we were the sort of team that thrived on a knock-back, especially so early in the game.

"We were all up for it. The skipper went around our team. motivating everyone and we played so well that day. It took a long time to get the goals we deserved but 3-1 was a fair result in the end."

Mickey looked fondly across at his captain. "You know, Hughie and Charlie were absolutely brilliant but this man was the glue in that



Little known fact: Wembley was covered in thick snow just two days before the final, when the Stones players turned up to get the feel of the stadium. Luckily the pitch thawed out in time. Orange ball weather!

team. Held us all together in good times and bad."

"You weren't bad yourself!" laughed Johnny. And indeed our energetic, attacking full-back Doyle won rave reviews right through his initial three year spell before 1964 and 67, and again when he returned to the club in 1969 for another 30-odd games.

"We were unique. The club was unique. The social side was fantastic' said Mickey, who was working all hours in a variety of jobs but spending every Saturday night (and quite a few after training) in the Lower Mead social club with his team-mates.

He had come travelled south from Barrow to join Fulham as an apprentice. A certain Jimmy Hill was the big cheese at the Cottage (the Cottage cheese even) and Mickey remembers Hill telling the young lads that if and when when they turned pro, they'd have to join the PFA. The days of the £20-aweek maximum wage were drawing to an end (smashed by Hill and his revolutionaries) and Fulham's Johnny Haves was the first beneficiary as the club hiked his wages ten-fold. But there was

no such munificence for teenagers like Mickey, who saw no future in competing with First Division Fulham's internationals - and was asked along to Wealdstone for a trial.

"I loved Wealdstone the first time I walked in. It wasn't easy establishing myself as they had some terrific players but this man (he said, gesturing across to big John) let me in that team. He really did. He saw something in me and that led to the best years of my football

EITHER men really hit the heights again after '66. I asked them: 'What happened? Surely that should have been the springboard for a tilt at the Isthmian League title?'

"I don't really know", said Mickey. "Maybe the club lost focus a bit. I ended up going to St Albans and Hendon for a couple of seasons, but in the 1970s my working life sort of took over."

He had been an apprentice electrician at AEI in Willesden, and then moved into the oil business for Exxon. BP and Mobil, graduating to

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senior level after working offshore for many years. "The buzz of finding oil, getting the first discovery on a platform after months of preparation, was the closest thing to the buzz of playing football" enthused Mickey, who bought a house in the sought-after West Common area of Harpenden (just round the corner from Jack Wilshere) with his wife Teresa in the seventies, and retired aged 69 four years ago.

"It's ridiculous we've not kept in touch better!" said John. "We sort of bump into each other in Sainsbury's sometimes, with our wives, but I don't think we've met up properly for about 20 years.

"This 50th anniversary gettogether is a good excuse to get back in touch with all our friends and teammates from that time".

Skipper John is now 79 and retired in 1999 at the age of 62, after a career in the pharmaceuticals business.

Both men have undoubtedly done all right for themselves and their families. But they'll never forget 1966.

"What a year it was, with Wealdstone winning the Amateur Cup and England winning the World Cup. We know where Bobby Moore & Co they got their inspiration from!" laughed Mickey.

MICKEY DOYLE is definitely the junior partner among Wealdstone's parade of Amateur England internationals but he holds the honour of being the last Stone to be capped - coming on as substitute for Sutton's Ted Powell against Iceland at Slough Town's Dolphin Stadium in 1970. Johnny Ashworth, Charlie Townsend and Hughie Lindsay of course total around 70 **England and Great Britain caps** between them.

Right-winger Brian Allen, CONTINUED OVERPAGE

Hendon retreat lets lets in Lindsay

Hendon 1, Wealdstone 3

By JOE HULME

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

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



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

A jubilant Lindsay said afterwards: "The space left by Hendon's defensive tac-tics was fine. I always play it by ear, though sometimes I'm a bit off-tune."

It was sweet revenue for Lindsay, too, He was in the Kingstonian side beaten by Hendon in the final six years

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previously featured in this programme after the longwinded search to track him down for today's celebratory lunch, has flown in from Spain (where he now lives) but the second-longest trip award goes to centre forward JIM COOLEY, Jim has lived in Guernsey, in the Channel Islands for 42 years. Amazingly he met his wife Margaret on a WFC club trip following the Amateur Cup triumph and they were married in October that year... which means the happy couple are celebrating their 50th anniversary this

'Quite an eventful time for me!' said Jim, who said that the team were more relaxed on final day than the semifinal."We had already played Hendon three times that season and knew an awful lot of their players socially and also from playing against them in Sunday League games (although that was frowned upon).

"It was a great day playing at Wembley - the pitch was heavy but a lovely to play on."

Jim started his career at Hounslow, before moving on to Finchley and then the Stones, finishing his career at Staines Town in 1974 when he moved to Guernsey with his

He goes to watch the island side (who play in the Ryman Div One South) a few times a season with his daughter but Guernsey, who joined the English football pyramid three years ago, are struggling with the travelling at the moment and will finish the season midway after two successive promotions.

Not much chance of meeting the Stones in the National League South for a few seasons, unfortunately!

..while, two years earlier, Stones beat Maidenhead to lift another trophy...

MITHRAS CUP SUCCESS FOR WEALDSTONE

FIFTY TWO years ago this week, on April 23 1964, many of the stars who went on to savour success at Wemblev had a foretaste of glory by lifting the Mithras Cup at the expense of today's visitors Maidenhead. For young winger Bernie Bremer it was a foretaste of the many years of reading his name spelled wrongly - as 'Bremner' - in nearly every programme and match report over the coming decade. Blame Leeds and Scotland star Billy Bremner for the confusion!

Also that week, to prove that things never really changed throughout our time at Lower Mead, was this report about the club considring cashing in its

prime asset.. Wealdstone 3, Maidenhead United 2

WEALDSTONE became holders of the Mithras Cup by beating Maidenhead 3-2 at Lower Mead on Thursday to make the aggregate 4-3 for the two games. It was the third time they had beaten Maidenhead, previously their "bogey" side, in four meetings this season.

For their goals Wealdstone had to thank their two latest recruits to their side, Terry Haydon (2) and Bernard Bremner, the latter snatching a late winner after Maidenhead. against the run of play, had wiped off a 2-0 defice

On a near-water need pitch Wealdstone, unrecognizable as the side so humiliatingly beaten at Finchley two days earlier, were in control from the start and should have had the game won by the interval.

Haydon's two

They took the 'cad after 17 minutes when a delightful hrough pass by Townsend found Farrell who toe-ed the ball up for Haydon, moving in fast, to lash it into he not with a powerful drive.

Seven minutes later Farrell, returning after a long spell of absence through injury, against stopped a pass, this time from Bremner, just right for Haydon to slide it into the

Haydon almost managed to complete his but-trick troom afterwards but this time Brown managed to paim the ball on to a post.

Maidstone seemed to have lost hope as Wealdstone launched attack after attack but three minutes after the interval a sudden breakway found the Wealdstone defence hesitant and Way raced through to heat. Durdle to the half and to beat Durdle to the ball and slip it into the net.

Penalty

Although Wealtstone con-tinued to dominate the game in the second half their finishing lacked nower up! Maiden-had got the equiliter fund Richards had his name taken from a penalty which Fous converted.

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Battle was now jorned with more mutual enthusiasm than at any previous stage of the game and justice was done when Linday crosser the ball to his protege Bermier who, provide the property of the provide the right worms, sured John of the right worms, sured John of the property of the prope

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been made by a property
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they can accept the offer and
become one of the richest become one of the richest clubs in the country. "We would be feelish to ignore

this offer but the big diffi-culty is finding another site within easy reach of our spectators," said Weald-

stone secretary Ken Wilt-shire to-day. "At the moment we are in-

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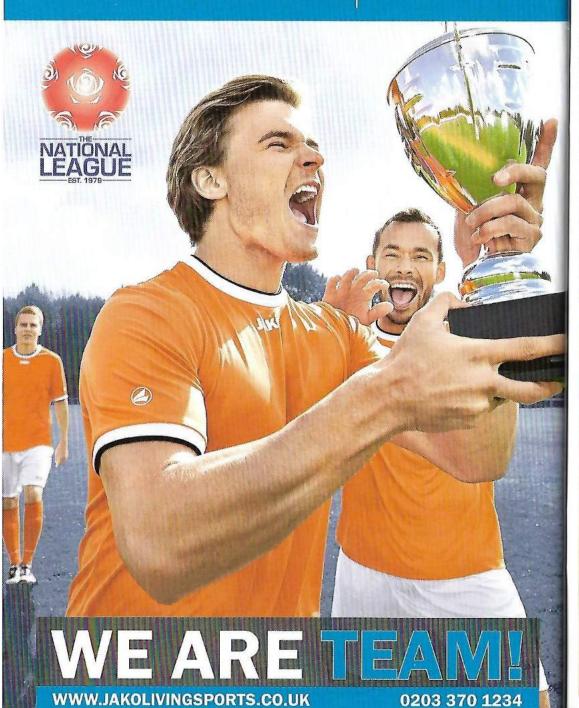
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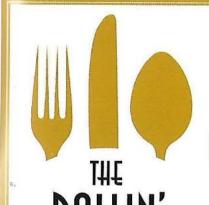


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- NICKY BURLEIGH IN MEMORY OF CECIL THE LION

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SO SATURDAY, 12TH SEPTEMBER

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BIGGLESWADE TOWN

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- NICKY BURLEIGH IN MEMORY OF THE LAUGHING POLICEMAN

DARTFORD

VAHARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 3RD OCTOBER

- ANTHONY RICKMAN IN AID OF PROSTRATE CANCER UK
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BOGNOR REGIS TOWN

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- BARRY BENVENISTE

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COLCHESTER UNITED

FA CUP 1ST ROUND PROPER SATURDAY, 7TH NOVEMBER

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- DERRICK GARRAWAY
- 438 MARKETING

BATH CITY

NARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER

- BOB AND SANDY BOOTH
- MIKE PULLIN
- NICK BURLEIGH IN MEMORY OF LEV YASHIN

WHITEHAWK

WARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH MONDAY, 23RD NOVEMBER

- BARRY BENVENISTE
- NICK BURLEIGH IN MEMORY OF GEORGE BEST

WESTON-SUPER-MARE

VANARAMA HATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 5TH DECEMBER

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GOSPORT BOROUGH

WAHARAMA HATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH MONDAY, 18th JANUARY

BOB BANGS

HAYES & YEADING UNITED

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 30TH JANUARY

- GRAHAM CLARK
- NICK BURLEIGH IN MEMORY OF EUSEBIO

TRURO CITY

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 6TH FEBRUARY

ALAN COUCH

SUTTON UNITED

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH MONDAY, 8THE FEBRUARY

- IN MEMORY OF ROY COUCH
- DMS LANDSCAPES

OXFORD CITY

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY

MICK GILL & PETE EDWARDS

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD TOWN

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

- NICK YOUNG
- TOBY JACKSON

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUT SATURDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY

IN MEMORY OF JIM KLARFELD

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SATURDAY, 12TH MARCH

- ALAN PALMER
- GORDON MCKAY

MARGATE

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 26H MARCH

- ALAN COUCH
- PETER WILKINSON

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VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH-SATURDAY, 2ND APRIL

- MARTIN & SYL ALLEN
- HOUGHTON INSURANCE BROKERS

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VAHARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 16TH APRIL

- SUE BALL
- IN MEMORY OF DOCTOR DOOLITTLE

ST.ALBANS CITY

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE SOUTH SATURDAY, 23RD APRIL

- RON MOORE IN MEMORY OF ALL FANS WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY
- CASCO FOREIGN EXCHANGE



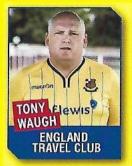
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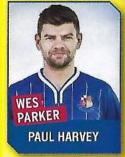


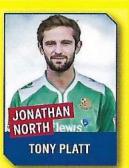






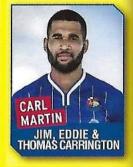






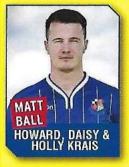












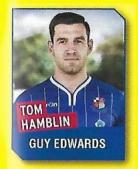


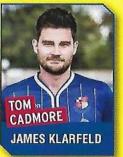
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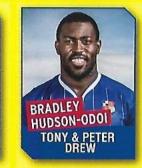


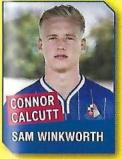
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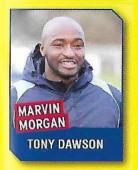




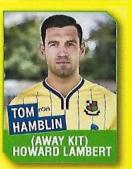
















LEAGUE TABLE & upcoming games



Vanarama National League South - Table at Wednesday 13th April

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts	
1 Sutton United	19	9	8	2	38	19	20	14	4	2	40	13	39	23	12	4	78	32	46	81	0-2 2-5
2 Ebbsfleet United	20	10	6	4	36	20	20	13	6	1	33	12	40	23	12	5	69	32	37	81	1-2 3-2
3 Maidstone United	20	12	1	7	28	21	19	11	3	5	23	16	39	23	4	12	51	37	14	73	2-2 0-1
4 Truro City	18	10	3	5	31	26	18	6	9	3	26	20	36	16	12	8	57	46	11	60	4-4
5 Hemel Hempstead Town	19	6	7	6	30	26	20	9	6	5	36	32	39	15	13	11	66	58	8	58	0-0 2-2
6 Maidenhead United	20	11	6	3	34	19	19	5	3	11	30	39	39	16	9	14	64	58	6	57	1-1
7 Dartford	19	8	5	6	33	25	20	8	4	8	23	25	39	16	9	14	56	50	6	57	2-1 2-1
8 Gosport Borough	20	8	6	6	29	29	19	7	5	7	21	20	39	15	11	13	50	49	1	56	1-1 1-1
9 Oxford City	20	6	9	5	36	29	19	7	5	7	31	25	39	13	14	12	67	54	13	53	2-2 2-3
10 Concord Rangers	19	6	4	9	28	29	19	9	4	6	33	32	38	15	8	15	61	61	0	53	1-2 2-2
11 Whitehawk	20	8	3	9	31	23	17	6	6	5	34	37	37	14	9	14	65	60	5	51	2-2 0-3
12 Chelmsford City	19	8	2	9	36	32	20	6	5	9	24	27	39	14	7	18	60	59	1	49	0-0 2-0
13 Wealdstone	19	6	8	5	36	30	19	5	7	7	23	30	38	11	15	12	59	60	-1	48	
14 Bishop's Stortford	19	8	2	9	24	24	20	5	7	8	25	36	39	13	9	17	49	60	-11	48	3-1
15 Eastbourne Borough	20	6	8	6	29	25	19	6	3	10	26	33	39	12	11	16	55	58	-3	47	0-1 0-3
16 Weston-super-Mare	19	7	3	9	28	36	20	6	5	9	31	37	39	13	8	18	59	73	-14	47	2-3 2-1
17 Bath City	18	6	5	7	22	23	20	5	6	9	22	35	38	11	11	16	44	58	-14	44	2-0 1-2
18 Margate	20	6	4	10	21	31	19	6	4	9	25	33	39	12	8	19	46	64	-18	44	4-1 0-0
19 St. Albans City	19	7	5	7	31	26	20	4	4	12	16	38	39	11	9	19	47	64	-17	42	0-1
20 Havant & Waterlooville	19	10	2	7	29	24	19	1	7	11	21	44	38	11	9	18	50	68	-18	42	3-2 2-1
21 Hayes & Yeading Utd	19	3	8	8	23	40	20	7	4	9	21	29	39	10	12	17	44	69	-25	42	3-0 0-0
22 Basingstoke Town	20	5	6	9	22	27	19	2	4	13	20	42	39	7	10	22	42	69	-27	31	4-4 1-1

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