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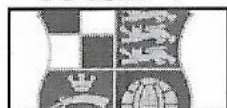
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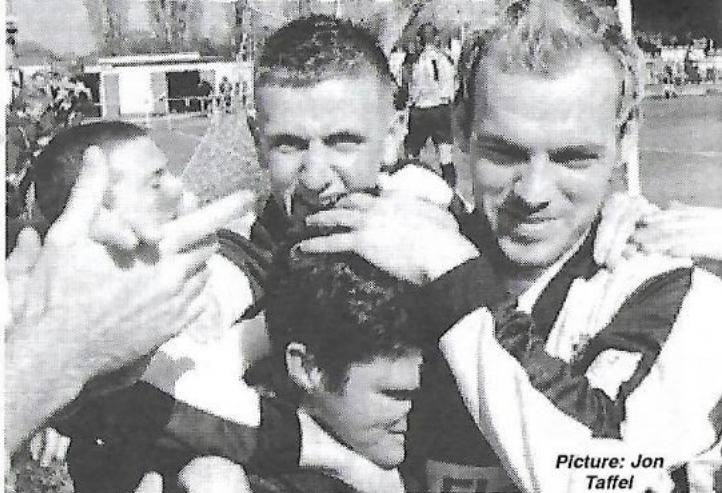
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Jock's 20-yard knock! Gary McKeown's fabulous long-ranger against Enfield is celebrated by Tommy Williams and James Duncan

by tim parks

Well, where do you start?! Writing these notes for the last *Stones Magazine*, just hours after the 3-1 win over Thurrock, it seemed terribly presumptuous to think we could force our way back into contention for a top-six place.

But then.... Stones went to **Arlsey** and stunned the home side with a comprehensive 2-0 win.... then rode our luck to chalk up a hugely-important 3-1 victory over **Wingate & Finchley** on Easter Monday... then, two days later, finally overcame **Harefield United** to lift the Middlesex Charity Cup (our first Cup success for an amazing 19 years)... and then, to complete a run of 11 wins in 12 games, destroyed once-mighty **Enfield** 8-0 away last Saturday.

After that breathless fortnight, the

Stones now stand 6th in the table. And with other clubs' results going our way again last Saturday (plus Harlow losing to East Thurrock on Monday night), we are now very well placed to claim one of the six automatic promotion spots.

Who would have thought it just five weeks ago? We had lost 2-1 at home to Barking with Danny Butler sent off in the final minutes... but the darkest hour (as it turned out) was just before the dawn.

Now the Stones are on the brink of ending a seemingly-barren season with SIX trophies! The 1st XI can add the George Ruffell Shield (otherwise known as the Middlesex Super Cup) to the Charity Cup success on May 3rd; the Reserves (hopefully) won the Middlesex Premier Cup last Wednesday and also have the Suburban League Cup Final to

MANAGEMENT TEAM: 1st XI manager: Gordon Bartlett Assistant: Leo Morris
Coach: Fred Cummings Physio team: Richard Crook, Richard Price Reserve and
Youth Team Manager: Francis Joseph Reserves Assistant: Jim Christian Youth
team coaches: Paul Lawrence, John Smith Therapists: Becky Price, James Smith

look forward to next Thursday (April 29); while the Youth side have already got the Middlesex Under-18s Cup in their locker, are also in the Final of the Allied Counties League Cup and on Monday night clinched the Allied Premier Division title by beating Thame United 5-1.

PLUS... the Reserves clinched promotion to the Suburban League Premier Division by beating Fleet Town 3-0 last Saturday while, of course, the 1st XI are poised to end the season with promotion to Level Three of the new non-League pyramid. (See Pete Worby's promotion run-in on Page 18)

AND.. we've still got a new ground to look forward to!

HELLO HEMEL

TODAY we welcome some familiar faces back to the White Lion ground, in the guise of Hemel Hempstead Town. The presence of Stones old boys like Bryan Hammatt, Brian Jones and Richard

McDonagh (and maybe Ellis Kodra) always adds extra spice to this fixture, and today of course the three points are crucial to both club's hopes of making the top six.

So we don't expect many niceties!

The 'Tudors' have had a very up and down season, with results fluctuating from a 5-1 home defeat to Tilbury to a 4-0 win over Great Wakering in the space of a few days. In this last month of the season, however, Hemel have begun to grind out some solid displays and are currently five games unbeaten after 1-1 draws with Yeading, Leyton and Harlow and narrow wins over Uxbridge and Barking.

We were beaten 2-1 at Vauxhall Road back in December in a game we all remember for conceding two goals softer than a tub of Dairylea. Even Richard Jolly's late consolation was a bit Utterly



Above and below: Joy is unconfined at Enfield last Saturday as Danny Tilbury (centre) salutes the vital opening goal in our 8-0 rout of the Es



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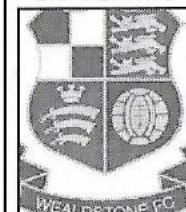
Last season was even worse for the Stones with a grim 2-1 away defeat and a 2-0 reverse at home... there's a lot of making-up to be done today as we push for the two vital wins for promotion.

...AND COMING UP

NEXT Saturday the Stones travel to **East Thurrock United** for the final Ryman League game of the season, and it could be quite an occasion if we are still involved in the shake-up. That part of lunar-landscape Essex is always glorious to visit and next week is not one to miss. Travel Directions: See Page 42.

Two days later, on May Bank Holiday evening (May 3rd) we take on **Hendon** in the Final of the George Ruffell

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Hendon are pushing for runners-up spot behind Canvey Island in the Ryman Premier Division, and earned their shot at the Stones by beating Uxbridge 3-1 after extra time in the Middlesex Senior Cup Final on Easter Monday. The Greens did it the hard way, coming from behind and playing with only 10 men for half of the normal 90mins, and clinching victory in the added period.

WELL DONE BIG DAVE

IF **Dave Ryan** plays against Hemel Hempstead on Saturday he will be making his 100th League & Cup appearance for the Stones. The first of these was on Saturday 31st August 2002 versus Leyton in the FA Cup (Preliminary Round) at the White Lion Ground. His 99 appearances to date have been made up of 81 starts and coming on as a sub 18 times.

.. AND ANDY CARTER!

ONLY a few weeks ago were were bemoaning the fact that we had scored just three of the 10 penalties awarded to the Stones this season, and yet the opposition always scored their's... well, Carts must have been listening for our diminutive keeper pulled off two of the best penalty saves ever seen (in successive

matches) to firstly deny Arlesey a late comeback, and then keep our Middlesex Charity Cup hopes alive with that stoppage-time save in the Final against Harefield.

Andy has now stopped five of the 24 spot-kicks he's faced.. not a bad record, especially as three of the other 19 either went wide or hit the post. In my view, this is easily his best season with the Stones and has chalked up 15 clean sheets so far, only conceding 54 goals in 46 matches. Mind you, Charlie Leary's only let in five goals in eight appearances, including four clean sheets!

THANKS EVERYONE

AS it's the last *Stones Magazine* of the season it would be rude not to mention all the contributors who make our programme what it is (ie pretty dull and uninteresting). **Gordon**.. quite literate for an English teacher.

Tucks... amazed everyone by being both literate and funny, often at the same time... **Steve Paull**, thanks for chasing up our opponents for copy...

Mick Fishman... makes you nostalgic for real nostalgia... **Roge** for a fascinating series of Past, Present and Futures.. **Jon Taffel** (aka Piffle) for his fabulously meandering Alphabet... just knew it would spell disaster... **Roy Couch** for his spot-on statistics.. plus **Fingers, James Smith, Terry McGovern** et al. Thanks fellas.

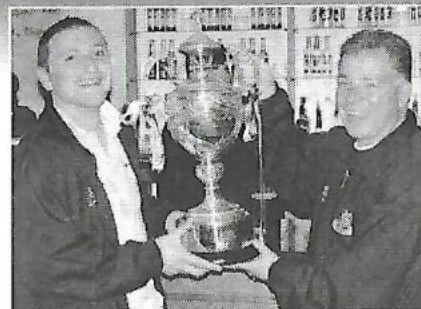
And thanks to you lot for buying it. And pointing out the mistakes! **Tim**



The Chairman and Fingers Fruin discuss the Heart FM music charts

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from the boss gordon bartlett



Who says he never wins anything?

Where has the time gone?! I just can't believe we've got to the last home game of the season, but the good news from my point of view is it's the last time I have to write my programme notes for a few months!

A warm welcome to the many ex Stones players who are currently at Hemel and arrive here this afternoon in a similar position to ourselves in the promotion stakes. Both sides realise the importance of today's game which will add extra spice to this local derby.

I write these notes with less than two weeks of the season to go and the club are in with a chance of collecting eight trophies... and still in touching distance of promotion. The U-18s have already secured the County Cup and are looking to complete a league and cup double. The reserves are in two finals and

looking strong favourites to win the league after their promotion last week. The first team have won the Charity Cup and now play Hendon in the Challenge Cup and of course we've got the important promotion opportunity.

I hope we will all be able to look back with a sense of pride of what we have achieved this season and use it as a major stepping stone for our future, especially with the new ground.

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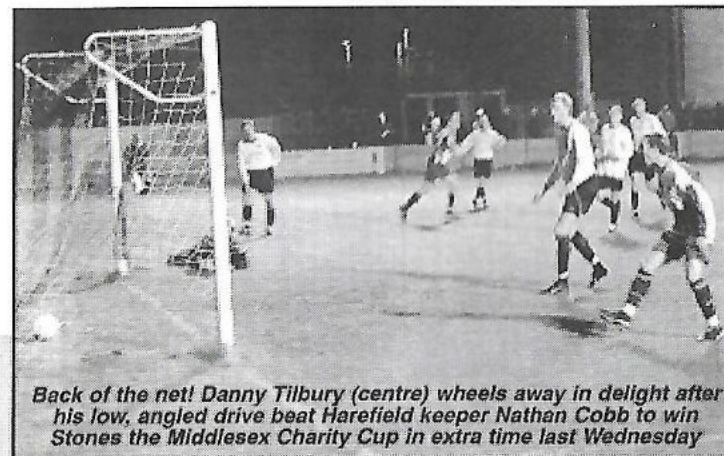
I remember setting a promotion target of 77 points when we played Oxford at the beginning of March. The sum was simple, 30 points from 15 games. We promptly picked up only two draws from the first four games to make the task look almost impossible. Since then we have gained 24 points out of a possible 27 and won 3 Charity Cup games including the final, which has totally turned the season round.

Obviously Arlesey and Wingate were important results, but last Saturday against Enfield proved why this is often called 'a funny old game'. 0-0 at half time, nobody could see what was about to come after a lacklustre performance in the first half. But we exploded into the second period and once Danny Tilbury scored after three minutes, the flood gates opened and we ended up with eight, which was a tremendous boost to our goal difference. Two people do need special mention. Firstly, goalkeeper Charlie Leary for playing with a bad thigh injury after we lost both 'Carts' (due to work commitments) and then David Godfrey pulling his hamstring in the reserves on Thursday.

It was typical of Charlie's attitude and desire to help the cause by going through the pain barrier. We then witnessed

the extraordinary talent of Jermaine Beckford who scored a hat trick in ten minutes after coming on as sub. Ability only takes you so far, he now needs to apply himself, show a better attitude and improve his time keeping in order for him to realise his potential. I hope he realises what he can achieve in the game before it's too late.

Despite victory in the Charity Cup against Harefield last Wednesday, I felt the win was a very hollow one. Maybe it's because we were expected to win, or possibly



Back of the net! Danny Tilbury (centre) wheels away in delight after his low, angled drive beat Harefield keeper Nathan Cobb to win Stones the Middlesex Charity Cup in extra time last Wednesday

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because we had played so many important games recently, we looked flat and but for the last minute penalty save by 'Carts' we may not have won our first trophy for nineteen years. Still, the record books show we won it and who cares about the performance, let's go and win the last two league games and feel the real buzz that normally goes with success.

One disappointing outcome on the night was Rob Courtnage badly breaking his arm. He had an operation last week where it was reset and pinned and will be off work for about six weeks. We obviously wish him a speedy recovery.

Fergus Moore was one of the first people to text me to congratulate us on the cup win the other night... but followed that up by leaving an envelope in the dressing room on Saturday. Typically it contained a newspaper cutting with headlines and a photo of him scoring for Borehamwood the week before! You just can't keep a good character down can you? Sadly though, we received the news that our ex skipper Paul Lamb lost his daughter last week after she had been born

prematurely. Our thoughts are with him at this sad time and I'm sure you will all agree that this puts everything else in perspective.

Organisation

I spent a very enjoyable Tuesday morning down at Kodak with Francis and the scholarship boys. I was very impressed with the organisation, standard of play and the atmosphere amongst the lads which reminded me why I'd love the opportunity to be involved full time and work with players day in day out.

Work has been going on consistently in recent months preparing for the new batch of players for the scholarship scheme. Once again, Fingers has worked very hard promoting the course, attracting youngsters, talking to parents and setting up the trials for the two Saturdays immediately after the season ends on the 9th and 16th May.

Highs and Lows

Well, seeing it's my last notes I suppose I should have a quick reflection on the season.

High Point: Beating Thurrock in the Trophy, but I hope there is a even better one to come!

Low Points: Losing to Maidenhead in the Trophy and the last minute at Yeading.

Funnies: 1. After a ball was

kicked high over the stand on the far side at Edgware, Rick Murphy announced: "It's coming back" ..too late, he realised it was just a pigeon flying over!!!

2. A player was spoken to by the Ref and Becky Price said "Did he get a ticket?" We are still educating her regarding her football knowledge.

3. Danny Butler sliced another ball out of play at Arlesey a fan shouted "Give Robin his boots back Danny!" An indignant Robin just stood up outside the dug out and glared!

Finally, I'd like to say thank you to some people without whom this club could not function. I'm not going to go into detail, but just a brief recognition of the contribution they have made this season....

Joe and Pam for the food and match day hospitality. **Graham and Pauline** for the kit and general help. **Nick** and the board for their tireless efforts to see into our new home next season. The two **Richards, Becky and James** on the Physio side. **Terry, Graham and Fingers** for the admin' for the Youth and Reserves. In fact, **Fingers** for his tireless work in just about everything. **Francis, Jim, John, Pat, Sakis and Paul** for their success with the Youth and Reserves. **Alan, Roy and Roger** for their efficiency on the admin side. **Fred, Leo and Ricky** for their fantastic support and hard work with the first team.

Tim and Steve for the programme and match reports. The enjoyment the programme has given so many people is fantastic. Our great **supporters**, especially those who have helped out on the playing budget throughout the year. The **players** for their commitment and determination..

Finally.. The positive attitude of the players, supporters and everyone else involved at the club has brought us so close... now let's finish the job and enjoy it together!!!

Gordon



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What a few weeks it's been! No one needs telling how important today's game is. We face a Hemel side one place and one point behind us, a side who have already beaten us this season and who will definitely be up for the game.

There has certainly been a lot to write since my last notes. Four wins, one of them a cup final victory, four opposition players sent off and two penalty saves, this time at the right end. The Arlesey game saw us go ahead early – who else but Jolls – and then faded a bit when we should have finished them off. Fortunately Courts kindly headed two Arlesey player's elbows to assist the cause and they were down to nine men. Dave Ryan popped up with the second, which was surprising as most of his shots had been sailing off in to the clouds all afternoon.

Fortunately for the popular Arlesey manager our fans' banter was briefly directed elsewhere as Danny Butler then shanked the ball out of play and an uneducated member of the crowd shouted "Give Tucker back his boots Butler". Very harsh I felt – the ball had come off his pads not his boots!

The game ended 2-0, Butts picked up the yellow shirt for the Wingate game and we met the Arlesey players in the bar for a pint of discipline top.

Next came Wingate and Finchley on Bank Holiday Monday. We didn't play that well but fortunately Tilbs found his goalscoring tape, wrapped it around his left boot and smashed a beauty into the roof of the net for an equaliser right on the stroke of half time. Back out for the second half and Jolls had scored within five minutes to put us two one up with a sweet finish that bobbled eighteen times before finding the net.

Then in the dying minutes a free kick was charged down by the bulky frame of Marvin Morgan, and we raced up the other end for Tommy Williams (on as a sub having recovered from a bruised back side!) to smash in the third! Good-night Wingate and the run continued.

We then took a break from league action to face Harefield in the Middlesex Charity Cup Final. Although the league games were important we all wanted to win something if not to just stop Gordon



Captain's log by robin tucker

He's been captain for years and the club never won anything ... then Carts takes over and suddenly it's Duraglit time!

and we had finally won some silverware. It was a great gesture from the players to let me lift the cup alongside Martin Carter, although there was only just enough room on the podium. I found out later that Leo is having his winners medal converted to a three-inch sovereign to commemorate the occasion.

Team Talk of the Year Award

That then took us to Saturday's game away to Enfield. Throughout the first half the players looked very nervous and it needed a half time team talk to get them going. What a team talk it was! Eight goals in the second half and again Tilbury was on the score sheet again with another pearler of a strike. Steady on Tilbs you're catching me up now.

Then Gary hit a great strike. He tried to keep it down by placing the wedge over the ball but unfortunately it just sailed on into the top corner. Gary was later replaced by our midfield spray maker Matt Cartel whose hair is beginning to look remarkably like Gordon's! Jermaine stole the show with a quick fire hat trick. Who needs Marvin, Ben and Andy Carter anyway? We could have had nine if Martin Carter hadn't poached Dave Ryan's goalbound shot, having been adjudged offside (by a guts width) by the linesman. Shawry is yellow-jersey favourite, though, for his shout of "pass it to James Fisher" when The Fish wasn't even playing.

Enjoy the end of the season and have a great summer break. See you next season... if selected that is!

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from asking, "hands up if any of you have won something?"

That showed by the strong team selection and a good looking bench (only because Fred was stood up for most of the game!) that included Marv, Tommy, Jermaine, Matt Cartel and Gary Burrell.

Our cause was not helped through the early injury of Courts (who badly broke his wrist whilst waving to the fans) but Gary went on and proved a solid replacement. Dave Ryan was taken off free kicks due to the proximity of Heathrow airport and the very real risk of damage to low-flying aircraft.

Fortunately we stuck in there and Carts pulled off a magnificent save in the last minute to take the tie to extra time. Then came the Tilbury turn and finish

Rewind

by michael fishman

ON THIS DAY 37 YEARS AGO...

24 April 1967: Wealdstone 4 Dagenham 1 East Anglian Cup Semi-final
FOR THE last Rewind we start by dipping into the later amateur years with this comprehensive win against Dagenham. I have no idea why either club should be competing in a cup competition based geographically in East Anglia, but such is the nature of football.

After the magnificent triumph of lifting the amateur cup for the first (and only) time in 1966, this following season had been a real anti-climax. Three of our cup winning side had left during the close season - captain John Ashworth, left back Gordon Sedgley and centre forward Jim Cooley. On the face of it their replacements should not have significantly weakened the side. Centre-half Geoff Riddy had returned to the club from Hendon and had brought forward Roy Drake with him.

The hugely experienced Dave Leonard was a more than adequate replacement for Sedgley. In addition the promising Keith Searle established himself in the first team which proved to be the start of a long and successful career in the non-league game

for him. But we rarely hit top gear and had struggled in the lower reaches of the league for much of the season. There had also been no cup runs to instil some purpose into the campaign. Interestingly, the previous week had seen us hammer Wycombe Wanderers 7-0 at Lower Mead in which substitute Eddie Dillsworth came on at half time to slam in four goals. We discovered too late that our excellent left half was in fact an even better forward. Chelmsford and Bishop Stortford amongst others were to benefit from that knowledge.

At the time Dagenham were an Athenian League side and we had little difficulty in dispatching them. Bernie Bremer (2), Keith Searle and Eddie Dillsworth were our goalscorers. This was a semi-final of the competition and we went on to play Kings Lynn in what should have been a two-legged affair but time constraints limited it to just a one off at the Linnet's' ground. We lost 3-2.

Team v Dagenham: Mickey Blythe, Mickey Doyle, Dave Leonard, Charlie Townsend, Tony Quick, Bob Warman, Peter Anderson, Keith Searle, Frank McCoy, Eddie Dillsworth, Bernie Bremer.

TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO...

24 April 1982: Andover 0 Wealdstone 1, Southern League Southern Section
HAVING been relegated from the Alliance Premier League in 1981, we were striving to bounce back at the first attempt. But this was no easy task, as only the champions from each of the two Southern Leagues would gain promotion.

By the start of April 1982 our Division had turned into a two-horse race between ourselves and Hastings United. This was made additionally difficult by our having to play 10 league matches in April - plus a two-legged final of the Southern League Cup and the final of the Middlesex Senior Cup. On top of this we had in reality a first team squad of 14 players and no reserve side. What we did have were a couple of bit part players.

And it was these characters who played a vital role in the run in to the championship. A difficult away trip to Fareham was settled by the only goal of the game - a deflected shot from the charmingly overweight midfielder "maestro", John Morris.

The match in question at Andover was another tricky one. Again we sneaked it by the only goal, scored in spectacular fashion by the recently-signed Gary Churchouse. Gary only played 6 times for us (including two as a substitute) but his place in our illustrious history is firmly secured by this goal and the overhead kick he scored in the second leg of the Southern League Championship match against the winners of the Northern Section, Nuneaton Borough.

The key to that successful charge to the championship was the near-on impregnable defence that conceded just two goals in the ten league matches in April... no surprise really, just look at the names! We only managed to score 12 goals but that was more than enough given the meanness of our defence.

Team v Andover: Ray Goddard, Steve Perkins, Stuart Pearce, Dennis Byatt, Paul Bowgett, Fred Barwick, Paul Waites, Robin Wainwright, Alan Cordice, Gary Churchouse, John Morris.

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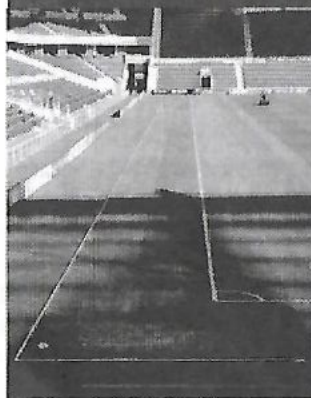
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24 April 1999: Worthing 1 Wealdstone 2, Ryman League Division 1

OH YES, a glorious victory! Just about every season turns up one away game from which you emerge thanking the Good Lord (George Duck) that you had been present. This I venture was one such game.

When we lost 3-1 at Oxford City on 13 February 1998 we were languishing in the middle of the table and had given up any hope of achieving promotion.

What then followed was an amazing run of 17 victories, one draw and one defeat at eventual champions Canvey Island in our remaining 19 matches. This secured us third place in the league and promotion to the Ryman Premier division. Well actually it didn't of course. We were denied promotion on ground grading irregularities. It still hurts.

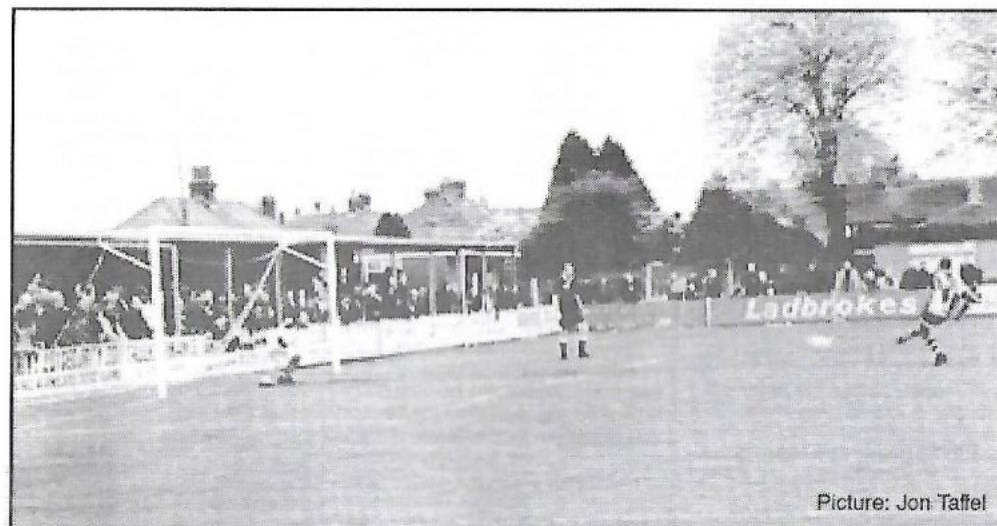
We needed to beat Worthing to secure third position and thus gain a promotion spot. It was a fairly routine sort of match. Carl Holmes had given us the lead which we rarely looked like relinquishing. But not for the first time, and surely not the last, the referee stepped in to ensure the most memorable of finishes. First he invented about three hours of injury time from somewhere, during which he awarded the home

side a very soft penalty. Worthing's equaliser was greeted by the home fans with near on delirium and a great deal of taunting of the large Stones travelling support. And quite right too!

On resumption of play we launched a huge punt upfield which the Worthing goalkeeper, Phil Reid, comfortably collected ahead of the onrushing Brian Jones. But Jonah, in passing the keeper, fell to the ground as if poleaxed clutching his face. Jonah must have been a couple of feet away from Reid when he hit the deck but it obviously confused the referee sufficiently for him to dismissed Reid no doubt for violent conduct, and Phil Dicker for who knows what.

A penalty was awarded which the remarkably laid-back Rocky Baptiste dispatched. The referee then blew for full-time giving us an astonishing 2-1 win. Much taunting of the home side and general celebrations ensued. Worthing understandably were none too pleased and only reluctantly allowed us to celebrate on their premises. How sad that our celebrations were but temporary.

Team v Worthing: Noel Imber, Eddie Boxford, Dominic Sterling, Nathan Copeman, Ian Waugh, Paul Benning, Chris Walton, Carl Holmes, Rocky Baptiste, Steve Bircham, Paul McKay. Subs Brian Jones, Phil Dicker, Paul Lamb



Picture: Jon Taffel

Great moment in history: Rocky Baptiste coolly slots home the last-gasp penalty at Worthing that assured the Stones of "promotion" to the Ryman Premier back in 1999. How strange that, five years to the day, we could take a giant step this afternoon to finally wrap up that promotion....

Hemel Hempstead FC have come on leaps and bounds in the last eight years since new ownership was voted in, headed by local publican Dave Boggins, during the summer of 1997. Cash was immediately injected into the club to improve the ground and clubhouse. A new man was also brought in as first team manager in the shape of Mick Vipond, who had previously been with Leverstock Green. He brought with him his coach successful coach Danny Johnson.

In their first season in charge, Hemel the won the third division championship and the club was promoted at the first attempt, with

Vipond receiving the Manager of the Year award. Conceding only 28

league goals all season, the club finished with the best defensive record in the entire Ryman league. Hemel also had a good run in the F.A Vase and reached the St Mary's Cup final, where they lost with nine men in extra time to Berkhamsted.

For the start of the 1998/99 season, the name of the club changed to Hemel Hempstead Town Football Club. Work was carried out to improve the ground and the old clubhouse was reopened along with new changing rooms. During December, Vipond and Johnson parted company with the club and were immediately replaced by ex-Watford star Neil Price along with Roy Butler as his coach. Within four months Price turned Hemel's season around, guiding the club from 16th in the table to 4th.

In a tense finish to the season Hemel narrowly missed out on promotion whilst reaching the



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The closest we came to a goal in the first half at Hemel on that depressing day last November. Richard Jolly (left) crosses low and hard but Marvin is denied by a smart save from keeper Martin Peat

final of the South Midlands Floodlight Cup, losing 0-1 at home to Ryman Division One club Barton Rovers.

Price and Butler's first full season in charge ended with Hemel winning the Ryman Division Two Championship with 101 points, gaining the club's highest ever league finish in the process. But Hemel were refused promotion after Vauxhall Road was not granted the required ground grading for Division One.

The completion of two new stands during the summer of 2000 and the building of a new clubhouse during the following season saw the club gain a Grade B for the ground. Unfortunately on the pitch Hemel could not quite match the previous seasons effort and finished sixth in the league at the end of the season... yet last season, in the re-organised Division One North, Hemel put together a

great late run to finish in third place, just five points behind runners-up Hornchurch. That sort of form made The Tudors one of the pre-season favourites for automatic promotion this time around.

Early history

The Football Club was founded in 1885 as Apsley F.C., and originally played their football in the West Herts League.

In 1921 the Club made the move to Spartan league and joined Division One. League success finally came in 1933/34 when they won the Spartan League Division One Championship, plus promotion to the Senior Division. The Charity Cup was again won in 1934/35 and 1951/52. In between these wins the Club changed its name to Hemel Hempstead Town, as well as becoming associate

members of the Football Association in 1935.

A major step for the Club came in 1952 when they joined the Delphian League and became full members of the Football Association. The Club stayed in that league for eleven years, but unfortunately without any major success.

However in 1962 the senior side reached the first round of the FA Amateur Cup for the first time ever. Although they lost 1-3 to Tooting and Mitcham, the match was played in front of a record crowd of 3,500.

The following season the Club joined the newly formed Athenian League and in 1965 they gained promotion to the Premier Division, courtesy of a runners up spot behind Slough Town. Following several seasons in the Premier Division the Club was relegated in 1969.

In 1972 the Club amalgamated with Hemel Hempstead United from the South Midlands League and changed names to become Hemel Hempstead FC. Also, the Club moved to the current ground in Vauxhall Road and enjoyed success in the West Herts St Mary's Cup competition in 1971, 1976 and 1977.

In 1977 the Club joined the expanded Isthmian League, where they have remained ever since, and during that season they won the Herts Charity Shield, while the following year they went on to win the Middlesex Border League Cup.

During the 1980s, Hemel Hempstead remained in Division Two of the Isthmian League, although never finishing higher than tenth position but the 1996/97 season proved to be disastrous for the Club, with five different Team Managers being appointed during the season and the club was in a dire financial situation. Colin Jones, formerly of Berkhamsted Reserves brought in a number of young players but he could not prevent the club sliding into the Third Division.

meet the hemel players



Popular Bryan Hammatt

years ago after a promising start. Formerly with Boreham Wood, Chertsey, Chesham, Bekhamsted and Ruislip Manor.

Elis Kodra (Defender/Midfield) In his second spell at Hemel, having left for Wealdstone briefly at the start of the current season.

Decent player who didn't quite have the run of games to get into the Stones 1st XI. Previous clubs: Watford, Boreham Wood and Hayes.

Bobby Highton (Midfield) Bright and skilful player who joined two years ago. Formerly with Stevenage, Aylesbury and Boreham Wood.

Carl Levene (Midfield) Joined Hemel from Hampton in Dec 2003. Previously with Wembley, Maidenhead and Yeading.

Ross Perrin (Midfield/Forward) Product of the Hemel Youth team, made his

debut for the 1st XI last season. **Bryan Hammett** (Forward) 31-year-old, well-travelled Bryan signed for Hemel in July 2002 following a second spell at Wealdstone and continues to rattle in the goals. Formerly at Hertford, Boreham Wood, Northwood, Cheshunt, Wembley, Chesham, Hayes and Slough. **James Bent** (Forward) Joined from Chesham Utd last year and was formerly at Yeovil Town. Has also played for the British Universities team.

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Tony Kelly (Manager). Former player here at Wealdstone and in fact scored the last League goal at Lower Mead. Also played for Hemel, Hendon, Hayes, Harefield and Hillingdon. Refused to play for any club not beginning with an H.... thought we were called Harrow & Wealdstone.

Marcelle Bruce (defender) born in Detroit in 1971, previously starred for Baldock Town, Colchester and Spurs.

Gary Fitzgerald (Defender) Tall and powerful defender who signed for Hemel two years ago from rivals Slough Town. Formerly with Watford, Enfield and Hendon.

Nick Jackson (defender) 21 year old product of the youth team.

Glen Parry (Midfield) Joined last year from Edgware, was also with Cheshunt.

Rob Holingdale (Defender/ Midfield) Utility player who joined from Wembley last season. Ex Boreham Wood, Woking and Hendon.

Daniel Grieves (Midfield) Joined from Aylesbury at the start of the season. Began career at Watford but ended up playing in Israel before QPR snapped him up. Then injury struck.

Brian Jones (Midfield/Forward) Began at Yeading and Bedfont before making his name at Harrow Borough and, more spectacularly Wealdstone where he starred for several seasons. Jonah then went to Boreham Wood for the cash, and ended up at Hemel.

Richard McDonagh (Midfield) Another ex-Stone who slipped off the White Lion radar a couple of



Elis Kodra (left) and Grieves



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16/08	League	Boreham W	A D 2-2
19/08	League	East Thurrock	H W 3-2
23/08	League	Cheshunt	H L 3-7
25/08	League	Uxbridge	A D 1-1
31/08	FA Cup	Enfield	A D 0-0
02/09	FA Cup	Enfield	H L 2-3
06/09	League	Leyton	H L 2-4
09/09	League	Barking	A W 1-0
20/09	League	Gt Wakering	A W 3-0
23/09	League	Waltham For	H D 2-2
30/09	League	Yeading	A L 1-6
04/10	FA Tro	Met Police	H W 3-2
11/10	League	Aveley	A D 0-0
18/10	League	Wingate & Fin	H L 1-2
25/10	League	Berkhamsted T	A W 2-1
01/11	FA Tro	Folkestone	A L 1-4
08/11	League	Wivenhoe T	H W 2-1
11/11	League	Oxford City	H L 0-1
15/11	League	Dunstable T	A W 1-0
18/11	Bryco	Yeading	A L 1-2
22/11	League	Barton Rovers	H W 4-0
24/11	League	Enfield	A W 2-1
02/12	League	Chesham U	H W 3-1
06/12	League	Wealdstone	H W 2-1
09/12	League	Thame United	H D 1-1
13/12	League	Boreham W	H D 1-1
20/12	League	East Thurrock	A L 0-1
27/12	League	Harlow Town	H L 2-4
01/01	League	Cheshunt	A L 0-5
10/01	League	Thame United	A W 3-2
13/01	League	Tilbury	A W 3-0
17/01	League	Aveley	H D 1-1
24/01	League	Wingate & Fin	A W 1-0
07/02	League	Dunstable T	H D 3-3
10/02	League	Oxford City	A W 2-1
14/02	League	Wivenhoe T	A D 3-3

21/02	League	Hemel Hemp	H L 0-3
24/02	League	Arlesey Town	A L 0-1
28/02	League	Barton Rovers	A W 2-0
02/03	League	Enfield	H W 3-2
06/03	League	Waltham For	A W 1-0
09/03	League	Tilbury	H L 1-5
13/03	League	Gt Wakering	H W 4-0
20/03	League	Chesham U	A L 2-5
27/03	League	Yeading	H D 1-1
03/04	League	Leyton	A D 1-1
10/04	League	Uxbridge	H W 1-0
12/04	League	Harlow Town	A D 1-1
17/04	League	Barking & EHU	H W 1-0

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Isthmian League

2002-03 (Div 1N) Home L0-2 Away L1-2

2003-04 (Div 1N) Home Today Away L1-2

Premier Midweek Floodlight League

1970-71 Home D1-1 Away L1-3

F.A. Cup

1926-27 (1st Qfy Rd) Home W3-1

1929-30 (1st Qfy Rd) Home W3-1

Mithras Cup

1963-64 (Semi-Final, 1st Leg) Home W2-0

(Semi-Final, 2nd Leg) Home W4-1

East Anglian Cup

1966-67 (1st Round) Away W3-0

Stats by Roy Couch

Are we going to go up?

PETE WORBY looks at Stones chances of making the top six... Current placings, including Monday's very handy 1-0 Harlow defeat by East Thurrock:

4. Chesham (P 44, 75 points) have to play Cheshunt home and Barking away.

5. Dunstable (P 44, 74 points) have to play Thame at home and Oxford away.

6. Wealdstone (P 44, 73 points) have to play Hemel at home and East Thurrock away.

7. Hemel Hempstead (P 44, 72 points) have to play Arlesey at home and Wealdstone away.

8. Arlesey (P 43, 70 points) have to play Uxbridge at home,

Harlow and Hemel away.

9. Borehamwood (P 43, 69 pts) have to play Leyton at home and E Thurrock and Enfield away.

10. Harlow (P 42, 66 points) have to play Arlesey and Wivenhoe at home, Aveley and Enfield away.

Sticking to my theory that teams lose to Leyton and Cheshunt, draw with the "contenders" and win the easy matches we end up with: Dunstable 4th 80 points, Chesham 5th 78 points, Wealdstone 6th= 75 points, Arlesey 6th=75 points, Hemel 8th 74 points,

Borehamwood 9th= 73 points, Harlow 9th = 73 points.

That would leave us 6th but... (1) we're going to get more than two points (2) Dunstable are in free fall having picked up 1 point in last 3 games (3) Boreham Wood are 19th in form table (4) Arlesey are 18th in form table (5) Harlow now have to play 4 matches in 11 days.

If we win our last two and finish with 79 points then only Chesham and Dunstable can possibly finish higher than us. Harlow's defeat on Monday did us a big favour... but we still can't afford to slip up.

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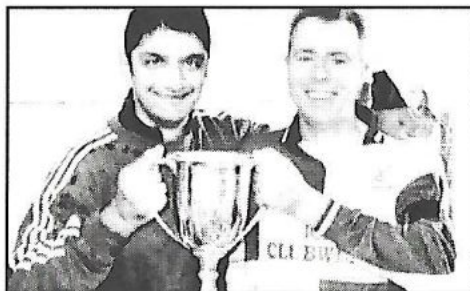
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Trophy winners: Gordon McKay hoists the Middlesex Cup for SFC Reserves at Yeading last year, while a couple more old troopers celebrate in the dressing room



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date for a public meeting where we will bring everyone up-to-date with progress very shortly and this will be communicated through the Soccerline, Internet and *Harrow Observer* and *Times*.

There are so many people to thank at the end of a season for a Club like this that I am bound to leave someone out – apologies if I do. To my fellow directors and company secretary who each give so much time and dedication to making sure this Club has a future, and also to **Patrick O'Neill** and **Ray Kemp** who continue to contribute so much to the PEPF project as well as **Stuart Allen** and **Gordon Bartlett** as members of the Prince Edward Playing Field Trust.

To the many people involved in matchday activities for all our various teams including amongst others the **Smith family**, **Joe McKeever**, **Doug Petit**, **Pete and Drew Worby**, **Terry McGovern**, **Ron Moore**. This voluntary and unsung help continues to ensure that Wealdstone FC is run professionally and successfully.

To **Gordon, Leo, Fred, Francis, John, Rick, Jim** and all the coaching and teaching staff, and to all the **players** at every level who wear the blue and white quartered shirt with pride. To the two **Richards, Becky and James** for the sterling work they do on the pitch and the treatment table for all of our teams. To **Tim, Steve Paul, Mick Fishman** and all the regular programme contributors for the best and most amusing read at our level of football.

To my partner **Pam** for putting up with me and all the slight intrusions that being Chairman of the Stones introduces to one's home life! And most of all to each and every one of you who continue to support this great Club. We are on the verge of a tremendous future, whatever happens today.

Enjoy the summer, come back refreshed... because 2004-5 will be another momentous year in this Club's history. **Nick**

Another incredible season in the history of Wealdstone FC draws towards a close – even though there is still much to play for over the next couple of games.

Although the results from this afternoon and next Saturday will ultimately decide how history judges 2003-4, we can take great pride from what the whole Club has

already achieved. Only a month ago, even the most optimistic of us would not have expected our Ryman League promotion hopes to be alive right up until the final game but all credit to **Gordon, Leo, Fred** and the players for the way they have kept believing and built on the confidence gained from such a run of wins.

Wherever we finish, and whatever we achieve, we cannot forget that it's been done on a sensible budget. Other clubs in our league have paid big money and not come close to promotion this season. All the board members are fans and, like anyone else, want to see the first team be successful. But we'll continue to budget prudently, spending only what we believe the Club can afford.

A Cup at last!

It was wonderful to win a Cup last week, finally, after 19 years without one. In true Wealdstone style nothing is done easily and thanks to **Andy Carter's** last minute save and **Danny Tilbury's** strike we won the County Charity Cup in extra time.

This is not the only silverware the Club have won this season. The Reserves have already won promotion from the Suburban League and hopefully will go up as Champions. They have also



"We've a great future" - Nick Symmons

reached two Cup Finals, playing in the County Cup on Wednesday night and with the League Cup final to come next Thursday, 29 April. The Under 18s have had a great season. Starting with a great run in the FA Youth Cup we continued our good form through the season. On Monday night we beat Thame 5-1 to win the Allied

Counties Premier Division with two games to go, and having already won the Middlesex Youth Cup we still have the League Cup Final to come. Congratulations especially to **Francis Joseph** and his coaching team on a fantastic season. We calculated that Wealdstone FC have probably played well over 130 games at youth, reserve and first team level this season (Fingers has probably seen most of them), whilst operating four groundshares. We are a club with the foundations firmly in place for the move to Prince Edward.

Excitement

Off the field, the focus for all of us has been on the steady progress of the Prince Edward development. The current delay is of course extremely frustrating. We have seen the excitement rise in all quarters as the PEPF has gone up – both inside and outside the Club, with interest from all aspects of the community, press, potential sponsors and former supporters growing all the time.

Negotiations remain ongoing with several meetings happening this week. We realise that it is now unlikely that we will be able to start next season at Prince Edward, but rest assured, we are doing everything we can to get works restarted so we can be in as soon as possible. We hope to announce a

Aug	16	YEADING	RL	H	L	1-2	249	16th	A.Carter	Fisher	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	Shipp'ley
Aug	19	Tilbury	RL	A	W	2-0	172	6th	A.Carter	Fisher	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	M.Carter
Aug	23	Chesham Utd	RL	A	W	3-1	339	7th	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	M.Carter
Aug	25	ARLESEY T	RL	H	D	0-0	297	7th	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	M.Carter
Aug	30	Brook House	FAC	A	W	4-1	223	-	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	M.Carter
Sep	6	Thame United	RL	A	W	3-0	270	3rd	A.Carter	Attwood	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	M.Carter
Sep	12	UXBRIDGE	FAC	H	L	0-1	326	-	A.Carter	Attwood	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	M.Carter
Sep	20	Barking & EH	RL	A	W	4-1	144	4th	A.Carter	Attwood	Courtage	Tucker 1	Carvell	M.Carter
Sep	23	BERK'MSTED	RL	H	D	2-2	287	7th	A.Carter	Fisher	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	M.Carter
Sep	27	WIVENHOE T	RL	H	L	0-2	268	8th	A.Carter	Attwood	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	M.Carter
Oct	1	Aveley	RL	A	L	1-3	119	9th	A.Carter	Attwood	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	M.Carter
Oct	4	Leatherhead	FAT	A	W	3-1	232	-	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage 2	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Oct	11	Uxbridge	RL	A	W	3-1	255	8th	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker1	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Oct	18	G.WAKERING	RL	H	W	5-0	282	9th	A.Carter	Fisher	Courtage	Tucker1	Amartiefio	Carvell 1
Oct	21	Staines Town	MX	A	L	0-1	122	-	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Oct	25	Waltham Forest	RL	A	D	1-1	148	8th	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Oct	28	Kingsbury T	Bry	A	W	8-0	117	-	Leary	Fisher	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	Carvell
Nov	1	E.THURROCK	FAT	H	W	5-0	264	-	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Nov	8	CHESHUNT	RL	H	L	0-4	306	9th	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Nov	11	DUNSTABLE	RL	H	W	5-0	244	8th	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Nov	15	Barton Rov	RL	A	D	1-1	203	7th	A.Carter	Shaw	Burrell	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Nov	18	Wingate & F	Bry	A	L	0-2	116	-	Godfrey	Fisher	Delahunty	Aden	Carvell	Butler
Nov	22	Harlow T	RL	A	W	1-0	149	6th	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Nov	25	Oxford City	RL	A	W	3-1	135	6th	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Nov	29	HITCHIN TOWN	FAT	H	W	1-0	262	-	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Dec	2	Leyton	RL	A	L	0-1	96	8th	Godfrey	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Dec	6	Hemel Hempstd	RL	A	L	1-2	226	9th	Leary	Shaw	Courtage	Butler	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Dec	9	ENFIELD	RL	H	W	2-0	201	7th	Leary	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell 1	M.Carter
Dec	13	Yeading	RL	A	L	2-3	255	8th	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Carvell	M.Carter
Dec	16	BOREHAM WD	RL	H	L	1-2	232	10th	Godfrey	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Dec	20	TILBURY	RL	H	W	1-0	257	6th	Leary	Shaw	Courtage 1	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Dec	26	Wingate & Finch	RL	A	L	0-2	280	6th	Leary	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Jan	9	THURROCK	FAT	H	W	3-2	365	-	A.Carter	Shaw	Hemmerdinger	Tucker	Butler	M.Carter
Jan	17	UXBRIDGE	RL	H	W	2-1	317	9th	Leary	Shaw	Hemmerdinger	Tucker1	Butler	M.Carter
Jan	24	Gt Wokingham	RL	A	D	0-0	198	10th	Leary	Shaw	Hemmerdinger	Tucker	Amartiefio	M.Carter
Feb	3	Maidenhead U	FAT	A	L	1-5	425	-	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Tucker	Butler	M.Carter
Feb	7	BARTON ROV	RL	H	W	2-1	294	10th	A.Carter	Shaw	Hemmerdinger	Tucker1	Butler	M.Carter
Feb	10	Dunstable T	RL	A	L	0-2	180	10th	A.Carter	Fisher	Hemmerdinger	Tucker	Butler	M.Carter
Feb	14	Cheshunt	RL	A	L	2-3	179	10th	A.Carter	Fisher	Courtage	Tucker1	Butler	M.Carter
Feb	17	Boreham Wd	RL	A	L	2-3	226	10th	A.Carter	Fisher	Courtage	Amartiefio	Butler	M.Carter
Feb	21	WALTHAM FOR	RL	H	W	1-0	271	10th	A.Carter	Fisher	Courtage	Amartiefio	Butler	M.Carter
Mar	2	OXFORD C	RL	H	D	2-2	225	10th	A.Carter	Fisher	Freeman	Cumberbatch	Butler	M.Carter
Mar	6	Berkhamsted	RL	A	D	0-0	233	11th	A.Carter	Hemmerdinger	Freeman	Cumberbatch	Butler	M.Carter
Mar	9	HARLOW T	RL	H	L	0-1	216	12th	A.Carter	Shaw	Freeman	Cumberbatch	Butler	M.Carter
Mar	13	BARKING	RL	H	L	1-2	251	12th	A.Carter	Shaw	Freeman	Cumberbatch	Butler	M.Carter
Mar	16	RUISLIP M.	MCC	H	W	4-0	79	-	A.Carter	Fisher	Freeman	Kidson	Butler	M.Carter
Mar	20	Wivenhoe T	RL	A	W	1-0	174	12th	A.Carter	Fisher	Freeman	Ryan	Butler	M.Carter
Mar	23	CHESHAM UTD	RL	H	W	3-1	250	11th	A.Carter	Hem'dinger	Courtage	Ryan	Butler 1	M.Carter
Mar	25	NORTHWOOD	MCC	H	W	4-1	144	-	A.Carter	Shaw	Freeman	Ryan	Butler	M.Carter
Mar	27	AVELEY	RL	H	W	1-0	238	10th	A.Carter	Shaw	Freeman	Ryan	Kidson	M.Carter
Mar	30	LEYTON	RL	H	L	1-2	236	10th	A.Carter	Shaw	Courtage	Ryan	Butler	M.Carter
Apr	3	THAME U	RL	H	W	3-0	232	10th	A.Carter	Shaw	Freeman	Ryan	Butler	M.Carter
Apr	6	E.THURROCK	RL	H	W	3-1	200	10th	A.Carter	Duncan	Courtage	Ryan	Butler	Carvell
Apr	10	Arlesey Town	RL	A	W	2-0	315	9th	A.Carter	Duncan	Courtage	Ryan 1	Butler	M.Carter
Apr	12	WINGATE	RL	H	W	3-1	321	6th	A.Carter	Duncan	Courtage	Ryan	Butler	M.Carter
Apr	14	Harefield	MCC	N	W	2-1	-	-	A.Carter	Duncan	Courtage	Ryan	Butler	M.Carter
Apr	17	Enfield	RL	A	W	8-0	221	6th	Leary	Duncan	Freeman	Ryan	Butler	M.Carter
Apr	24	HEMEL HEMP	RL	H	-	-	-	-	KEY: RL: Ryman League Div One	FAC: FA Cup	FAT: FA Trophy	Bry: Bryoo Cup	-	-
May	1	E.Thurrock U	RL	A	MX:	Middlesex Senior Cup	-	-	MCC: Middlesex Charity Cup	-	-	-	-	*Match played at Ruislip Manor FC

Williams	M.Carter	Morgan 1	Jolly	Julienne	Swaysland*	Shaw	Beckford	Tilbury*	Amartiefio*
Williams1	Amartiefio	Morgan 1	Jolly	Julienne	Tilbury	Swaysland*	Shaw	Kodra	Alexander*
Williams1	Amartiefio	Morgan2	Jolly 1	Julienne	Swaysland	Tilbury*	Kodra	Alexander*	Attwood
Williams	Attwood	Morgan	Swaysland	Julienne	Tilbury*	Ryan*	Kodra	Alexander*	-
Williams	Attwood	Morgan 1	Jolly 2	Julienne	Swaysland*	Tilbury*	Ryan	Kodra*	Alexander
Williams	Ryan	Morgan 1	Jolly 2	Tilbury	Shaw	Swaysland	Fisher	Alexander	Graves
Williams	Fisher	Morgan	Jolly	Julienne	Tilbury*	Swaysland*	Shaw	Graves	Alexander*
Williams	Ryan	Swaysland 2	Jolly	Julienne1	Tilbury*	Graves	Shaw	Fisher*	Alexander*
Williams 2	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly	Julienne	Tilbury*	Swaysland*	Shaw	Graves	Alexander
Williams	Ryan	Morgan	Swaysland	Julienne	Tilbury*	Jolly*	Shaw	Fisher	Graves*
Williams	Ryan	Morgan1	Jolly	Julienne	Tilbury*	Shaw*	Fisher*	Graves	Alexander*
Williams1	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly	Tilbury	Carvell*	Swaysland	Fisher*	Graves	Attwood
Williams	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly 2	Julienne	Swaysland	Carvell	Fisher	Duncan*	Gediking
Julienne	Ryan 1	Morgan	Jolly 2	Shaw	Swaysland*	Attwood*	Alexander	Duncan*	Leary
Williams	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly	Julienne	Swaysland*	Carvell	Attwood	Fisher	Duncan
Williams	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly1	Julienne	Swaysland*	Carvell	Fisher*	Attwood	Alexander
Shaw	Ryan 1	Swaysland 2	Alexander 2	Duncan2	Holland 1*	Morgan	Martin*	Beckford*	Sparrowhawk
Williams	Ryan2	Morgan	Jolly 3	Duncan	Julienne*	Swaysland	Carvell*	Alexander*	Attwood
Williams	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly	Duncan	Julienne	Carvell	Butler*	Alexander*	Beckford*
Williams	Ryan	Morgan2	Jolly 1	Duncan1	Julienne*	Butler	Carvell*	Alexander1*	Beckford
Williams	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly	Duncan1	Butler	Carvell	Julienne	Beckford*	Alexander*
Julienne	Ryan	Morgan	Alexander	Duncan	Shaw*	Jolly	Williams*	Burrell*	Beckford
Williams	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly	Duncan	Julienne	Carvell	Butler	Alexander1*	Burrell
Williams	Ryan	Morgan 1	Jolly 1	Duncan 1	Julienne*	Carvell	Butler*	Alexander*	Burrell
Williams	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly 1	Duncan	Julienne	Carvell	Butler*	Alexander*	Burrell
Williams	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly	Duncan	Butler*	Carvell	Julienne*	Burrell	Alexander*
Williams	Ryan	Morgan	Jolly 1	Duncan	Julienne	Carvell*	Burrell*	Alexander*	
Williams	Butler	Alexander	Jolly	Julienne	Morgan*	Ryan	Amartiefio	Duncan*	Burrell
Williams	Butler	Alexander 2	Jolly	Julienne	Morgan*	Fisher*	Duncan*	Amartiefio	Ryan
Williams	Butler	Morgan	Jolly 1	Julienne	Alexander	Fisher	Duncan*	Burrell*	Ryan*
Williams	Duncan	Morgan	Jolly	Julienne	Ryan*	Hemmerdinger*	Alexander*	Burrell	Fisher
Williams	Duncan	Morgan	Jolly	Julienne	Butler*	Fisher	Gediking*	Ryan*	Burrell
Williams	Duncan	Morgan 1	Jolly	Alexander 2	Ryan*	Fisher	Burrell	Amartiefio	Tilbury*
Williams	Duncan	Morgan 1	Jolly	Alexander	Ryan*	Courtngae*	Amartiefio	Tilbury	Julienne
Williams	Duncan	Morgan	Jolly	Courtngae	Ryan*	Alexander*	Burrell	Tilbury*	Julienne
Williams	Amartiefio	Beckford	Jolly	Duncan	Ryan*1	Julienne*	Fisher	Tilbury*	Burrell
Burrell	Fisher	Morgan 1	Jolly	Tilbury	Williams	Courtngae*	Amartiefio	Ryan*	Callum Martin
Williams	Burrell	Morgan	Jolly	Tilbury	Courtngae	Ryan*	Duncan*	Agyemang*	
Williams	Hem'dinger	Morgan	Jolly	Tilbury	Amartiefio*1	Ryan	Burrell	Duncan*	Gediking
Kidson	Hem'dinger	Morgan 1	Jolly 1	Ryan	Duncan*	Burrell	Gediking*	Hunt*	
Kidson	Tilbury	Morgan	Jolly 1	Ryan	Hem'dinger	Burrell*	Beckford	Hunt	Gediking
Kidson	Hem'dinger	Morgan	Jolly 1	Tilbury	Courtngae	Ryan*	Alexander*	Duncan	Burrell
Williams	Shaw	Alexander	Jolly	Ryan	Courtngae*	Fisher*	Kidson	Morgan*	Leary
Williams	McKeown	Morgan	Alexander	Courtngae	Jolly*	Hem'dinger	Ryan*	Fisher	Beckford*
Tilbury	McKeown	Morgan	Jolly 1	Courtngae	Hem'dinger*	Ryan*	Fisher	Carvell	Alexander*
Shaw	McKeown	Alexander 1	Jolly 1	Beckford 1	Ryan*	Hem'dinger*	Morgan*1	Courtngae	Tilbury
Shaw	McKeown	Morgan	Jolly 1	Alexander	Courtngae	Tilbury	Kidson	Hem'dinger*	Williams
Shaw	McKeown	Morgan	Jolly 1	Alexander1	Williams*	Tilbury*	Kidson	Arhin	
Williams 1	McKeown 1	Morgan	Jolly 1	Tilbury 1	Beckford*	Kidson	Holland	Burrell*	Alexander*
Williams	McKeown	Morgan 1	Jolly	Tilbury	Alexander*Sparrowhawk	Courtngae	Hem'dinger	Duncan	
Williams	McKeown	Morgan 1	Jolly	Tilbury	Alexander*Sparrowhawk	Freeman	Hem'dinger	Duncan*	
Williams	McKeown	Morgan 1	Jolly 1	Tilbury	Alex'der*1Sparrowhawk*	Courtngae	Hem'dinger*	Kidson	
Shaw	McKeown	Morgan	Jolly 1	Tilbury 1	Alexander*	Hem'dinger	Fisher	Kidson	Burrell
Shaw	McKeown	Alexander	Jolly 1	Tilbury	Carvell*	Williams*	Morgan*		
Shaw	McKeown	Alexander	Jolly 1	Tilbury 1	Morgan*	Hem'dinger	Williams* 1	Burrell	Carvell
Shaw	McKeown	Morgan	Jolly 1	Tilbury 1	Williams*	Alexander*	Carvell	Burrell*	Beckford
Williams1	McKeown 1	Shaw	Jolly 1	Tilbury 2	Carvell*	Hem'dinger	Burrell	Beckford* 3	Holland*

Ryman division one north table including Tuesday, April 20

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Yeading	43	30	7	6	102	48	54	97
2 Leyton	44	28	9	7	87	50	37	93
3 Cheshunt	44	26	10	8	116	53	63	88
4 Chesham United	44	22	9	13	99	60	39	75
5 Dunstable Town	44	22	8	14	82	58	24	74
6 WEALDSTONE	44	22	7	15	79	49	30	73
7 HEMEL HEMP	44	20	12	12	72	72	0	72
8 Arlesey Town	43	21	7	15	91	69	22	70
9 Boreham Wood	43	19	12	12	74	52	22	69
10 Harlow Town	42	19	9	14	67	44	23	66
11 Wingate & Finch	44	18	12	14	65	62	3	66
12 East Thurrock U	43	18	10	15	56	49	7	64
13 Uxbridge	43	15	12	16	58	54	4	57
14 Aveley	44	14	14	16	61	63	-2	56
15 Thame United	44	15	9	20	67	78	-11	54
16 Barton Rovers	44	16	6	22	52	74	-22	54
17 Oxford City	43	14	9	20	51	60	-9	51
18 Wivenhoe Town	44	14	9	21	74	102	-28	51
19 Waltham Forest	43	13	13	17	55	53	2	49
20 Berkhamsted T	44	12	9	23	64	84	-20	45
21 Great Wakering	44	10	11	23	46	96	-50	41
22 Tilbury	44	9	9	26	51	95	-44	36
23 Barking & EHU	44	8	6	30	35	94	-59	30
24 Enfield	43	5	7	31	40	125	-85	22

Waltham Forest deducted 3 points for fielding an ineligible player

1st XI appearances and goals

2003-4 League and Cup matches only. Substitutes who played are in brackets (Up to & including Saturday April 17th)

Player's name	Apps	Goals
MARTIN CARTER	53	5
RICHARD JOLLY	52(2)	34(1 PEN)
MARVIN MORGAN	47(6)	19
ANDY CARTER	46	
ROB COURTNAGE	43(3)	3
JASON SHAW	43(2)	
TOMMY WILLIAMS	42(5)	7(1 PEN)
ROBIN TUCKER	37	6
DAVE RYAN	35(14)	8(1 PEN)
DANNY BUTLER	28(5)	1
BILLY AMARTEFIO	24(2)	1
JAMES DUNCAN	22(9)	5
DANNY JULIENNE*	20(5)	2
DANNY TILBURY	17(13)	6
MATT CARVELL	17(6)	2
JAMES FISHER	15(7)	
GARY MCKEOWN	14	2
BEN ALEXANDER	13(24)	12
ALON HEMMERDINGER	10(5)	
BRETT FREEMAN	8	
CHARLIE LEARY	7(1)	
CHRIS ATTWOOD*	5	
MATT KIDSON	4(8)	6
MICK SWAYSLAND	4	
MARC CUMBERBATCH*	3(6)	
GARY BURRELL	3	
DAVID GODFREY	2(6)	5(1 PEN)
JERMAINE BECKFORD	1	
GULED ADAN	1	
ALAN DELAHUNTY*	1	
JAMES SHIPPERLEY	1	
ALEC GEDKING	(2)	
LEE HOLLAND	(2)	
PAPA AGYEMANG	(1)	
MATT GRAVES	(1)	
CARL HUNT	(1)	
ELIS KODRA*	(1)	
CALLUM MARTIN	(1)	
JOE SPARROWHAWK	(1)	
OWN GOALS		3

*Asterisk denotes that the player is no longer at the club

Daley Palmer and Darren Raymond: 1 goal each in friendlies

Suburban League South table including Tuesday, April 20

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	GD
1. WEALDSTONE	32	23	5	4	79	26	74	53
2. Walton & Hersh	32	22	6	4	93	40	72	53
3. Fisher Athletic	33	21	7	5	84	41	70	43
4. Tooting & Mitch	33	21	4	8	73	41	67	32
5. Havant & Water	32	17	6	9	98	43	57	55
6. Croydon Athletic	31	17	6	8	68	45	57	23
7. AFC Wimbledon	31	16	6	9	68	40	54	28
8. Tonbridge Angels	32	13	11	8	92	50	50	42
9. Epsom & Ewell	33	14	6	13	69	65	48	4
10. Molesey	33	12	7	14	76	70	43	6
11. Bracknell Town	30	10	8	12	55	48	38	7
12. Chipstead	33	10	8	15	61	77	38	-16
13. Corinthian Cas	32	10	6	16	53	68	36	-15
14. Walton Casuals	33	7	7	19	48	90	28	-42
15. Godalming & G	31	4	8	19	35	101	20	-66
16. Chertsey Town	32	3	10	19	53	101	19	-48
17. Fleet Town	33	5	4	24	35	120	19	-85
18. Camberley Town	32	4	5	23	25	99	17	-74

reserves' results and fixtures

Aug 16	Havant & W'ville	(A) W 6-0	Younsam 2, Perry
2(1p), Burrell(p), og			
Aug 18	Chertsey T	(H) W 2-1	Younsam, Hunt
Aug 23	Tonbridge Ang	(H) W 2-0	Younsam, Burrell
Sept 1	Epsom & Ewell	(A) W 4-1	Beckford 2, Perry, Raymond
Sept 6	Walton Cas	(H) W 5-0	Beckford 2, Raymond, Gedking, Perry
Sept 13	Fisher Ath	(A) L 1-2	Beckford
Sept 20	AFC Wimbledon	(A) L 0-1	
Sept 22	Walton & Hersh	(H) W 3-1	Aden (pen), Tilbury Hunt
Sept 27	Tooting & Mitch	(A) W 2-0	Joseph 2
Oct 4	Molesey (LC 2)	(A) W 4-1	Alexander 3, Gedking
Oct 7	Hanwell (MxP1)	(A) W 4-1	Walker, Aden, Gedking, Pilgrim
Oct 13	Camberley Town	(H) W 9-0	Alexander 2, Swaysland 2,
Gedking 2, Burrell 2, own goal			
Oct 18	Tooting & Mitch	(H) L 0-1	
Oct 25	Molesey	(H) D 3-3	Beckford, Myhill, Fitzgerald
Oct 28	Chertsey	(A) W 3-0	Gedking, Hunt, Myhill
Nov 1	Croydon Ath	(A) W 1-0	Walker
Nov 8	Bracknell	(H) W 2-1	Joseph, Hunt
Nov 15	Havant & W'ville	(H) L 0-2	
Nov 22	AFC Wimbledon	(H) W 3-1	Agyemang, Fitzgerald,
Beckford			
Nov 29	Epsom & Ewell	(H) W 3-1	Beckford, Agyemang,
Pilgrim			
Dec 6	Tonbridge Angel	(A) D 1-1	Gedking
Jan 5	Wembley (McP2)	(A) W 3-0	Tilbury, Ryan, Gedking
Jan 10	Abingdon (LC3)	(H) W 2-1	Hunt 2 (1 pen)
Jan 19	Bedfont (MxP3)	(H) D 1-1	Tilbury (After extra time)
Stones win 3-1 on penalties			
Jan 24	Godalming & G	(A) W 4-0	Agyemang 2, Callum
Martin, Phillips			
Jan 31	Chipstead	(H) W 2-0	Wilkins, Kidson
Feb 7	Molesey	(A) W 2-0	Agyemang 2
Feb 14	Chipstead	(A) W 4-2	own goal, Kidson,
Agyemang, Tzikas			
Feb 28	Croydon (Lge Cup)	(A) W4-2 (aet)	Beckford 2, Hunt, Alexan
Mar 1	Godalming & G	(H) D 1-1	Hunt
Mar 6	Walton Casuals	(A) W 3-1	Beckford, Tracy, Tzikas
Mar 13	Wingate (LC s/f)	(A) W 2-1	Hunt 2 (2 pens)
Mar 23	Bracknell Tn	(A) W 2-1	Beckford, Morley
Mar 27	Corinthian Casuals	(A) W 1-0	Holland
Mar 29	Walton & Hersh	(A) D 1-1	Agyemang
Apr 10	Fisher Athletic	(H) D 3-3	
Apr 15	Croydon Ath	(H) W2-1	Phillips, Morgan
Apr 17	Fleet Town	(H) W 3-0	Joseph 2, Morley
Apr 21	Hayes (Middx Pr Cup Final)	(A) at Northwood, KO 7.30	
Apr 24	Fleet Town (Lge)	(A) 3pm	
Apr 29	Marlow (Sub Lge Cup Final)	(A) at Met Police, KO 7.30	
May 1	Camberley Town (Lge)	(A) 3pm	

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wealdstone fc predict-a-score

compiled by Roy Couch

Blimey it's close! As the Predict-a-Score season reaches its final fortnight Nick Woolford is desperately holding off Little and Large challengers Dave Parish and Trevor Davies by one and three points respectively... but Beanie and The Wisp (we hope) have the more likely scorelines for the final games.

Anything could happen in the next three hours....

Here's the current P-A-S table, with forecasts for both today's Hemel game and next week's Thurrock clash in brackets....

40 PTS: Nick Woolford(2) (0-0,0-1).

39 PTS: Dave Parish (3-1,3-1).

37 PTS: Trevor Davies (3-1,2-1).

35 PTS: Christopher Lane (2-1,1-0), Nick Symmons (1-0,1-0).

34 PTS: W.Cornor (3-3,0-1), "Rat Boy" (1-1,3-0), P.Rumens(1) (1-1,2-1), B.Stimpson (2-1,3-2), "Wee Nil" (2-3,1-2), D.Whyley (1-0,1-1).

33 PTS: "Comrie Chris" (3-0,0-0), R.Matthews (3-2,4-2), P.Rumens(2) (1-2,3-1).

32 PTS: R.Cornor (2-2,2-0), T.Drew (1-2,2-2), B.Hall (2-0,1-0), P.Photanapong (1-2,3-0), "Spud" (4-2,2-1).

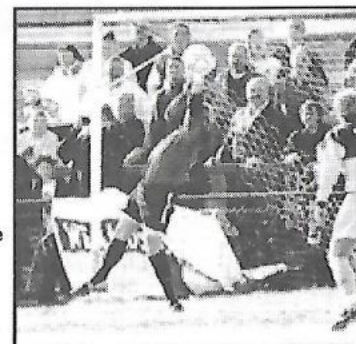
31 PTS: C.Andrews (4-1,0-3), N.Conway (2-1,2-0), "C.U.Jimmy" (3-1,4-0), P.Jefferson (0-4,0-5), M.Pullin (3-2,1-1).

30 PTS: R.Couch(2) (1-0,1-2), G.Edwards (2-2,1-1), D.Fox (0-2,0-1), R.Horne (0-1,2-2), S.Paull (1-1,0-2), J.Smith (2-2,1-0).

29 PTS: D.Albert (0-1,3-1), J.Comfort (3-2,2-0), J.Curtin (2-1,2-1), N.DuGard (1-0,2-2), E.Hibbs (2-2,0-2), D.Horgan (4-3,2-2), S.Yearley (2-0,3-1).

28 PTS: K.A.DuGard (3-0,0-1), "Hughie" Marshall (1-3,1-1), M.Tonna (3-3,1-2), "Wealdstone Youth" (1-1,2-0), K.Wiggins (2-2,2-1).

27 PTS: P.Drew (0-1,1-1), A.Edwards



Enfield keeper Rob Munn prevents Miriam Goodman's 10-0 prediction last Saturday coming true. Phew!

(0-2,3-0), D.Goss (2-1,1-1), R.Hawkes (4-1,2-1), "JJ" (1-1,1-3), K.Ranger (3-1,2-2), P.Roney (2-1,1-0), T.Short (2-0,1-1), R.Slater(1) (1-1,2-1), D.Towell (1-2,2-1).

26 PTS: M.Bennett (2-1,1-2), G.Clark (2-1,2-1), A.Jenkins (2-1,1-2), A.Lane (0-2,3-1), I.Ransom (0-2,2-1), A.Rogers (3-2,1-0), T.Syer (1-0,2-0), "Wee Jock" (3-1,2-1).

25 PTS: D.Edwards (2-2,1-2), "4-4-3 Formation" (1-0,3-2), M.Goodman (3-2,1-2), "Grim"(1) (0-2,1-1), "Grim"(2) (2-1,0-2), R.Hartless (3-2,0-1), H.Krais (1-2,2-1), M.Lane (1-3,2-2), J.McKeever (3-0,0-0), R.Oke (1-3,0-1), T.Parks (1-2,1-1), T.Platt (1-1,2-2), R.Slater(2) (1-1,1-3), P.Smith (2-1,1-1), "The Flying Turds" (0-2,2-2), M.Vincent (1-3,1-1), A.Waller (0-2,1-0), K.Williams (0-2,4-1).

24 PTS: D.Balderstone (2-0,0-2), B.Benveniste (1-1,2-2), "Cynical"(1) (2-0,2-0), "Doctor Death" (2-2,2-0), C.Hawkes (2-2,3-1), A.Hibbs (2-1,1-1), J.Kemp(2) (2-2,4-1), S.Khanna (1-1,0-2), J.Knight (2-0,1-0), "Large Grouse" (3-1,4-1), T.McGovern (3-0,1-1), M.McManus (2-1,2-1), R.Moore (3-1,1-1), I.Paull (2-1,1-0), K.Turner (2-0,2-0), L.Wiggins (2-1,

3-1).

23 PTS: J.Albert (1-1,3-1), "Bluenose" (2-0,4-0), G.Brown (2-1,2-0), G.Farr (2-2,2-1), M.Fishman (2-0,1-1), B.Robson (2-1,0-1), K.Schmitt (3-1,1-0), "Tenerife Supporters" (2-0,2-2).

22 PTS: S.Bird (0-1,1-3), R.Couch(1) (2-1,2-2), D.Free (0-0,1-1), O.Harvey (0-2,3-0), "Lew's Blues" (2-0,1-0), "Preston Pete" (2-1,1-2), "Two Burgers" (1-1,2-0), R.Watson (1-1,2-1).

21 PTS: C.Barker (2-1,1-1), "Brent Cross Utd" (2-1,2-0), C.Craft (2-2,2-0), Q.Fox (3-2,2-0), E.Fry(1) (1-2,2-2), G.McAlister (0-1,1-1), "Mick the Dobe" (2-2,1-2), A.Moore (2-0,1-1), L.Rumens (2-1,1-2), P.Sheldrake (2-2,1-0), J.Taffel (2-1,1-1), N.Woolford(1) (4-1,2-1).

20 PTS: B.Bangs (2-1,1-0), A.Couch (1-4,1-1), E.Crane (1-0,0-0), T.Jackson (2-2,2-1), S.Miller (2-2,0-3).

19 PTS: R.Couch(3) (4-1,3-1), D.Cross (1-1,4-1), E.Fry(2) (2-1,3-2), C.Kemp (1-3,3-2).

18 PTS: B.Cowan (3-2,2-2), "Cynical"(2) (4-0,4-0), G.Jacobs (2-1,0-0), "Me and Graham Jones, Graham Jones" (0-45,0-46), "Rab C.Nesbit" (1-0,0-1).

17 PTS: F.Gallagher (1-0,0-2), S.Hartland (0-1,2-1), J.Stevens (2-0,1-0).

16 PTS: M.Gloor (2-0,2-1), J.Kemp(1) (3-3,1-3), "The Much Over Used Attic Delete Button" (0-45,0-46).

15 PTS: C.Fowle (2-1,3-1).

14 PTS: D.DuGard (0-1,1-0), J.Harvey (1-0,2-1).

Wealdstone score given first. All predictions were made prior to the start of the season. Prize money at the end of the season will be:- Winner £200; Runner Up £100; Third Place £75; Fourth Place £50.

today's Ryman division one north games....

Arlsey Town v Uxbridge
Aveley v Harlow Town
Barton R v East Thurrock Utd
Berkhamsted v Barking & EHU

Chesham United v Cheshunt
Dunstable Town v Thame Utd
Enfield v Boreham Wood
Great Wakering v Wingate & F

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Wivenhoe v Waltham Forest

Only 26 letters of the alphabet.. but 27 home games. What's a boy to do? Run through *The*

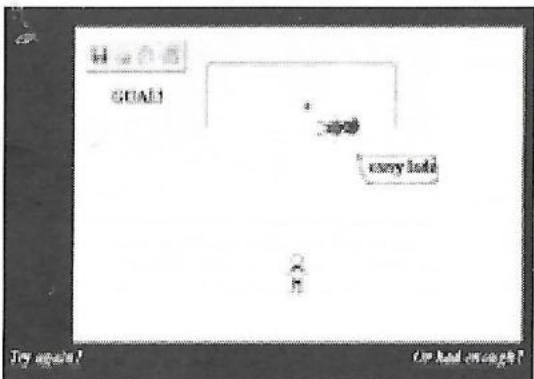
tom piffle's alphabet

Ones That Got Away in the final episode of your fabulous A-Z of Wealdstone Football Club, that's what....

I was shocked, horrified even, a few weeks back. I had completed my Vs and passed them on in good time to meet the editorial deadline. I was quite pleased with myself, and as usual had enjoyed a few private chuckles as I put pen to paper.

However, the smiley face turned to a look of disbelief when I realised that I had inadvertently missed out on one of my trump cards, for there really is only one **CHRIS VAGG**.

The semi Dave Beasant lookalike (well, I think he had a perm and was a fair size) arrived in the summer of 1990. Over the years, Wealdstone had always been quite lucky with goalkeepers, but whereas Ray Bullen had only ever been a stopgap, Vagg's signing appeared to be serious, starting the season as our No 1. With Alan Gane at the helm, big money was no doubt involved as well. Vagg only lasted until December; hopelessly inadequate and out of his depth, it was with some irony that one of his few kit sponsors was the Paul Cotter Fan Club. Vagg made his mark on me however, and is immortalised on www.wealdstone.net for his goal-keeping "heroics" in the Larchimage Cup 1st Round 2nd leg match against Burnham at Lower Mead. With the scores 4-4 on aggregate after extra time, it was penalty shootout time. The image of Vagg's performance in diving and falling over



Chris Vagg's penalty heroics, immortalised by Jack's Wealdstone website stick men

hopelessly in the wrong direction without fail still lives with me today.

I remain convinced that had the opposition taken 500 penalties that night that they would have scored the lot, even if they'd possessed a Jolly, a Williams, a Carter, a Ryan, and a Morgan...

Recalling that Lower Mead night leads me onto the **LITTLE FULL BACKS**. Our opposition included a fine full back in Tony Anglin, indeed our programme described him as a player who could play in any position. The same could be said of Nigel Reed, of course, but I digress.

It was some three years later that we signed Anglin along with his fellow Burnham diminutive full back Peter Augustine. In that dreadful 93-94 season, we had to wait until April 13th for our first away win, but what a night we had at Canterbury City.

Against our fellow strugglers, we turned in a magnificent performance and a Vic Schwartz brace gave us the points. Our Little Full

Backs played their part, and no doubt still look back with fondness and bemusement at the night that the chant, "Hello, Hello, Little Full Backs, Little Full Backs" reverberated around deepest Kent.

Sometimes in life memories can play tricks, and that's exactly what I thought when I checked the statistics on my next choice. **SEAN ADAMSON** had the physique and the look of Lennox Lewis.

Regrettably, his footballing ability was on a par with Lennox's charisma. I was stunned therefore to read that he had allegedly scored 11 times for us, although it transpires that the majority of these were in the Capital League. Remarkably, this included a hat-trick against Brentford, such a shame therefore that we lost 6-3. Sean is therefore in distinguished company, my only ever hat-trick for SFC Wealdstone (Reserves) – one with the head, one with the left, one with the right – was in vain as we were beaten 8-4 by 108 Sports Reserves.

At last.. the end!

Finally, to end this series, I thought I would share with you some stunning correspondence that I received some years ago from a former player. However, to preserve anonymity, let us call him **Player A**. He may or may not have already featured in the Alphabet. (Bit of a clue there. Ed) He reacted to a match report

that I had posted on the internet as follows...

"Jack (or whatever you call yourself), thank you for your kind words on the match report, they really helped to finalise two points in my head.

1) You're one of those p***ks who knows bugger all about football and I'm glad to have left a club who has a***holes like you as so-called supporters. Your defence was s***t when I arrived and its still s***t now that I'm gone.

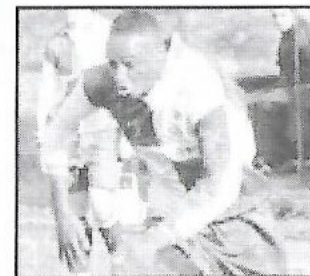
I just feel sorry for the decent fans that your club remarkably still possess, Attic and Grim for example. To them I say good luck for the season and I mean it sincerely. To you I say wipe the s***t out of your eyes. You've attacked me personally even though I've left the club amicably and felt I had no enemies.

Now I realise I have at least one (probably more), but at least I know who you are. I know I didn't play to the best of my ability in a Wealdstone shirt – something I've apologised to decent fans for – but I always gave 100% and I will rediscover my form (hopefully in a far better organised back line) somewhere else. All I can say to an a***e like you is look at the Wealdstone games I played in as opposed to the ones I didn't play in and you'll see a difference in the goals against column. 'Nuff said."

If you think you know who **Player A** is, send your answer to evenmoreidiculouscompetitionthanusual@wealdstone.net. The first answer drawn at random from those received by the end of the month will receive a Fat Stones T-shirt.

Enjoy the rest of the season and have a great summer... another prize awaits anyone who can capture a picture of Martin Hirst on a beach. **Jon**

reserves' promotion party!



Marvin...scored last Thursday

Wealdstone Res 3 Fleet Town 0
STONES second string are up!

The three points from last Saturday's win over bottom club Fleet earned promotion to the Suburban League Premier Division next season... very important as it means a much better standard, both for our youth players stepping up and 1st XI players stepping down to regain match fitness.

However, the Stones didn't do it the pretty way at Chalfont. The first 35 mins of this game was a shambles as the poor Fleet side dragged us down to their level. However we scored twice!

In the 24th minute a corner by Carl Hunt to the far post was nodded back across the box where **Darren Joseph** headed in from about 6 yards.

On 29 minutes we got another corner... again Carl crossed it to the edge of the box level with the near post where **Darren Morley** popped up to and whack in probably the best headed goal from us all season. Darren caught it so sweetly the ball went in like a rocket. The Fleet keeper had no chance at all.

So we went in 2-0 up and after the restart we got a penalty (47 minutes) and up steps Carl Hunt to take it... but the keeper saved it well to keep the score at two-zip. Then Fingers started to phone me to see how we are doing. It was 0-0 in the first team game at Enfield... then it seemed that every couple of minutes he kept phoning to tell me another goal or two had been scored.

Anyway back to the Reserves. On about 63 minutes Francis had to make a change, Darren Morley coming off injured with Guled

moving back to sweeper and Aaron McGovern on in centre midfield with Laim Tracy. After a few minutes things got back to and on the 75-min mark Carl got free in the Fleet penalty area about 15 yards out. His shot was pushed out to the right by the Fleet keeper but following up was **Darren Joseph** to score from a very tight angle.

Our forwards seem to get all the praise but we have the best defence in all the Suburban League – only conceding 26 in the league plus Mo Adam in goal looking very secure.

Stones Reserves: M Adam, D Morley (63), C Phillips, M Kidson, S Ahlin, L Tracy, G Adan, C Hunt (cap), M Holland, D Joseph, P Angyemang (67). Subs both used: A McGovern (on for D Morley 63 mins), J Watson (67 mins for P Angyemang).

THE PREVIOUS Thursday night a strong-looking Reserve side (with Marvin Morgan and Ben Alexander both playing 90 mins) moved a step closer to promotion with a 2-1 win over **Croydon Athletic** at Chalfont. Marvin nodded the second goal after Chris Phillips had given Stones the lead. Croydon netted a penalty before half time.

Reserves: Adam, Morley, Kidson, Phillips, Ahlin (70 mins off for M Holland), Adan, Hunt, Burrell (off for J Watson 84 mins), Tracy (80 mins off for A McGovern), Alexander, Morgan. Unused sub: D Joseph.

There are still a vast number of our past players yet to contact (or yet to reply) for inclusion in this *Past Present and Future* programme feature, and with another new intake for the Wealdstone Scholarship scheme ready to supply a new batch for the Future stars, this season we have actually managed to cover almost all of the current first team squad.

From the **PAST PLAYERS** there seems to have been a far greater team ethic... many of our former play-

ers are still in touch with their old team mates and often their opponents – perhaps this is something that was lost when the game stopped being an Amateur Sport. Certainly, since money became involved, players move around much more.

The old players' general consensus is that the game is now far faster and the players far fitter, but also that this is not always a good thing as it has taken characters out of the game and limits the "flair" players.

One thing they all had was an affection for Wealdstone and their time with us, and a wish that the club prosper in the future.

From the **FUTURE** players in the Scholarship Scheme, the chance to be involved in Sport and to continue with their Academic studies has given these boys a whole new range of opportunities and we have already seen a number progress into the Reserves and First team – long may it continue.

For now, however, we'll look at the **CURRENT** squad.... These include a player for whom most of his answers were invented as, in his words, he

Past, Present & Future

every issue, **ROGER SLATER** has raked up a wealdstone name from the past, got the low-down on one of our current squad and talked to a star in the making. In this final programme he sums up what the series has revealed..



Mullet-tastic: Another look at Gary McKeown's picture... probably the most popular in this feature

couldn't be a***d, having only completed two questions himself. Yet he didn't notice the additions when the article was featured in the programme! And there was another current player who actually collected five forms – all apparently, in various stages of completion – before he managed to return a completed one.

There was only one player who joined and left before he'd completed the form: Mark Cumberbatch. He returned to Barnet with an injury. There was also one player who claimed he suffered an injury completing the form!

As you'd expect there is a fair sprinkling of Arsenal and Man Utd fans in the squad and one or two Spurs fans as well – only one claimed not to support anyone in the UK at all, but then he also asked if more of the squad could speak Hebrew to help him out....

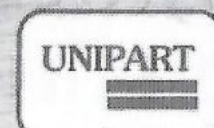
There is (as you would expect) a mixture of those who drink if it's in front of them, and those who have developed a particular taste, but can you remember the three current players who don't drink at all?

Different attitudes to food also feature quite strongly and can almost be categorised based on

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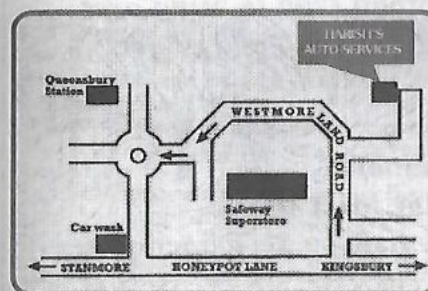
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age – Nando's, KFC and McDonalds at one end of the age scale and a preference for Pasta or a Curry at the other end.

There were also some interesting thoughts on the travelling companions – no real groups emerged, though Jolls and Rob Courtneage seem popular as the jokers in the squad, and Marvin also featured – forwards it seems stick together. Most of the other selections were from outside the club... the choices mainly female, mainly in their twenties and mainly with an apology that they may be a bit late turning up for

the game...

There were also some common factors in the dislikes: namely the Pitch, the Socks and in general a ground of our own, and a common thread with regard to changes in football. The offside rule causes concern and the removal of the physical side of the game being two areas where the players would like to see things changed.

To put the whole squad on the Analyst's Couch would read like a MORI poll before a General Election, but these are a fairly close knit set of lads who will work for each other – both successes and failures are shared.

They are also far more capable as a unit than as individuals and

they have matured as the season has developed. There is a good sense of fun that at times is a little restricted but can be brought to the fore once their inhibitions are lifted.

So do we do to improve them as a unit? Judging by the answers, ensure Becky stays as Physio, Pam continues the pre match massages and we get sponsored by Jack Daniels!

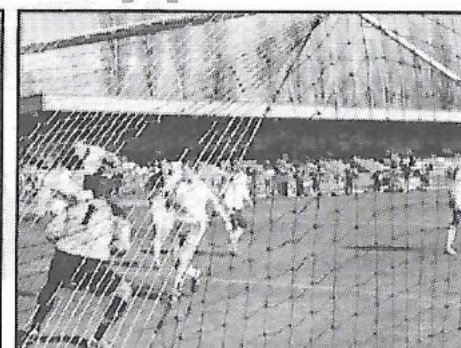
On a serious note, there will be some changes to this article for next season, so what questions would you like to see asked?

Please reply to Tim's e-mail on page 42 of the programme, or write to the club at the address on Page 4.

enfield 0 wealdstone 8 ...yes, it really happened!



2-0! Lucy Taffell captures the moment that Gary McKeown's 20-yarder beat keeper Collier all ends up



4-0! Jon Taffell captures Danny Tilbury's 5-yard strike from a Tommy Williams cross

IF YOU are old enough to have enjoyed Enfield 0 Wealdstone 1 (Conference top-of-the-table clash, January 1983) and Enfield 0 Wealdstone 2 (FA Trophy Semi-Final, 1st leg, April 1985), how did Saturday's 8-0 whitewash of the Es compare?

Pretty favourably, actually, was the general opinion among the old lags on the Meadow Park terraces. Maybe the game was not quite as important (although the rampant scoreline was as good as an extra point in our promotion quest) and clearly this Enfield side weren't quite as good as Eddie McCluskey's mid-1980s vintage but it still extraordi-

narly satisfying to thump ANY Enfield side.

For the record, after a goalless 1st half, **Danny Tilbury** cracked a glorious left-foot opener on the volley; **Gary McKeown's** 20-yarder made it 2-0; **Richard Jolly's** Thierry Henry-like strike made it three; Tommy Williams whipped-in cross set up **Tilbury** for 4-0; **Tommy** himself saw a 25-yard shot bobble under the unfortunate Collier for five; then substitute **Jermaine Beckford** came on and promptly scored three smart goals to wrap it up.

Most extraordinary hat-trick ever? See Page 42

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stones under-18s champions!

Wealdstone FC under 18's were crowned Allied Counties Youth

League Champions on Monday evening when they thrashed Thame United 5:1 at home to claim the championship... with two games of the season still to go.

Already winners of the Middlesex Senior Youth Cup, the Stones have the chance to complete a unique treble on Wednesday 5th May when they play Hayes in the Allied Counties League Cup Final.

The Stones were always on top against a Thame side needing points to avoid relegation from

the Premier Division. Any early nerves were settled in the opening exchanges with **Milan Marusic** converting a penalty in the 8th minute after a handball offence in the Thame penalty area. The lead was doubled three minutes later when **Alex Augustine** found himself with time in the penalty area to fire home.

Thame reduced the arrears after 22 minutes, but the Stones never looked in danger of conceding the lead. The game as a contest was over by half-time when **Javan Hilton** restored the Stones two

goal advantage after 31 minutes.

The second half was one way traffic as the Stones scored further goals though **Hilton** again after 58 minutes and a **Nick Beltran** header in the 64th minute wrapped up a comfortable victory for the Stones.

Stones Under-18s: Swain, Holland, Cahill, Marusic, Allison, Carl Martin, Hilton, Sparrowhawk, Beltran, M Thompson, Augustine. Subs Used: Hicks for Augustine 60 mins, Lynch for Cahill & Strugnell for Hilton both 75 mins. Unused: Canning

stones youth section round-up

SUNDAY 18TH APRIL

Under 12s (Manager: Carl Blair) W4-1 v Pinner Albion (A) Lge. Goalscorers: Nathan Barnes, Sam Burkett, Stefan Khalil and Riten Patel. M.O.M: Nathan Barnes.

Under 13s (Manager: John Moran) W18-1 v Kodak B (H) Lge Goalscorers: Mark Zoel (7), Sam Blennerhassett (3), Daniel Marsden-Jones (3), Rob Blennerhassett (2), Jacob Traquair (2) and Ciaran Corr. M.O.M: Paul Meddes.

MATCH REPORTS

Wealdstone under 13s produced a fine performance to thrash Kodak B 18-1 at Broadfields on Sunday! Prolific striker Mark Zoel took his season tally past the 50 mark with an amazing seven goals. **The under 12s** completed their season in third place with a fine 4-1 win over Pinner Albion. Goals from Sam Burkett, Riten Patel, Stefan Khalil and man of the match Nathan Barnes gave them their win in what has been a very productive season.

SEASON REVIEW:

OVERALL it has been a very successful and productive season for the majority of the youth teams. The development of some of the younger age groups has been the highlight.

The under 11s, 12s and 13s all

look like finishing in the top three of their respective divisions with the 11s confirmed as runners up and promoted in their first season in 11-a-side football.

The under 12s have done superbly well under the management of Carl Blair. Carl took over mid-way through the season after Chris Hardcastle left and took his two sons with him. At times it left Carl with a bare eleven players.. but he managed to recruit a couple of players and has proved that his side are capable of being a force to be reckoned with in the future.

The under 11s, as previously stated in a recent edition, gained promotion to Division One in their first season, which is a fine achievement by the boys.

Considering they have only been together for one season at 11-a-side and one at 7-a-side, the quality of performances were on the whole superb. **The under 13s** have also enjoyed a very productive season and look towards a top three finish. The highlight must be their 18-1 trouncing of Kodak B on Sunday. This took their season's total against them to just 25 goals and have scored near on 120 goals in all during the season. As mentioned in the match reports above, Mark Zoel has achieved a remarkable tally of goals. Scoring 50 goals

at any level is a fine achievement and he probably should have had a lot more! John Moran has done a fine job and if it hadn't been for a few inconsistent games the boys may well have finished in the top two. Depending on how the Harrow Youth League structures its leagues next season, both the under 12s and 13s may well be promoted if they are confirmed as finishing third in their divisions.

For the **under 14s** it has been a season on consolidation after their promotion last season. After a slow start they have progressed well and have finished around mid-table which can be seen as a successful campaign. **The under 16s** will finish around mid-table but will probably feel with a little more consistency they could have finished higher. The under 17s will also finish in a mid table position. Despite losing a few players through suspension, the boys have done well, especially in the second half of the season.

The youth set up now look forward to their **annual awards evening** at The Tithe Farm Social Club at Rayners Lane FC on 22nd May 2004 at 7.30pm. Should be a great night!

Finally, thanks for the coverage of the youth teams in the programme. It is a major part of the club and needs to be recognised. **James**



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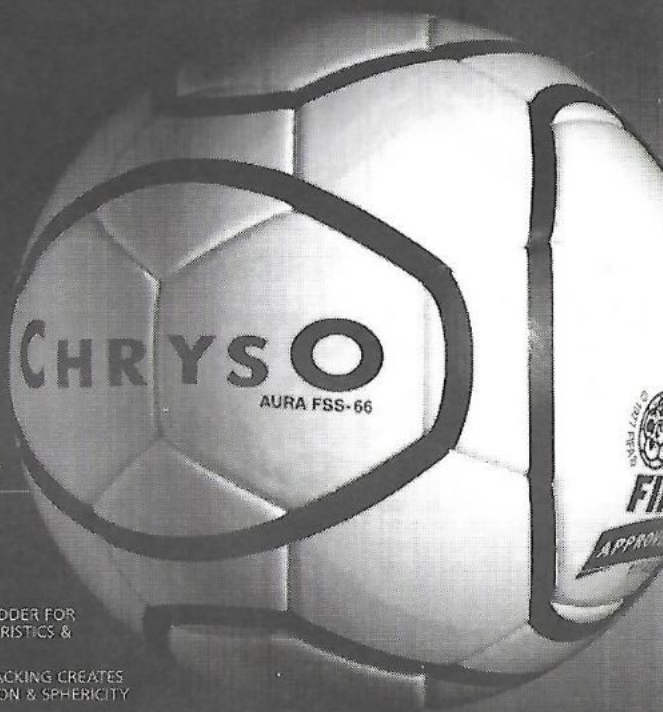
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So here we are... the day we have waited for for so long... our last-ever home league game at the White Lion ground before we move into our new home at PEPF next August!

Well that's how I was hoping to open these final supporters club notes of the season. However, the delays over the past few weeks means that it looks like we won't be moving into our new home until sometime in the Autumn.

It certainly wasn't the news that we wanted to hear, but everyone on the board remains confident that the ground will open and hopefully this is the final blip on what has been a long and winding road. Keep the faith, it will happen but just not as quickly as we all would like.

The season is coming to a climax on many fronts on the pitch.

Saturday's win over Enfold and the three more points has kept us in the top six and on course for a place in the new look Premier Division next season.

Congratulations to Gordon, Leo, Fred and the players for winning the Middlesex Charity Cup for the first time for many a season and we now look forward to the Middlesex Super Cup tie on bank-holiday Monday with Hendon.

As mentioned elsewhere, the Reserves and Youth teams are also on course to stack up several more cups... quick Nick, order a bigger trophy cabinet for PEPF!

On to Supporters Club business and today is your last chance to vote for your Player of the Season, The Junior Stones Player of the Season & to nominate your Supporter of the Season.

We are still hoping to hold the presentations during the summer at one of the planned events for the opening of PEPF, however if this does not take place we will hold the presentations over until the opening home league fixture of next season.

Golden Goal sales have picked up again in recent weeks and I must congratulate John Comfort,

Steve Corner & Edgar Fry... all three gentlemen have won the £50 first goal timed at recent games.

May I take this opportunity

to say a few thank yous....

Thank you to Terry McGovern who has done a tremendous job with the reserve team secretary job this season and has seen every game they have played.

Thanks to Patrick O'Neill, Ray Kemp and the rest of the PEPF team for all their hard work in making sure it will finally happen. Not only do these people have full time jobs to do they also are hands on the project every day and I think a lot of supporters forget the time these gentlemen give up for the club.

Nick Symmons & Pam... what more could I say about Mr & Mrs Wealdstone other than A **BIG THANK YOU** for all your work 24/7.

Thanks to Graham & Pauline Smith for all their hard work on match days and non match days.

Just to give you some idea of the work load, between the First, Reserve and Football Scholarship teams we have played somewhere near 200 games this season. An average kit takes three-four loads to wash and then there are the warm up tops and bench kit to wash as well.

Between Graham & Pauline, Nick & Pam and myself this job gets done. Then of course there are the repairs, which are taken care of by Mick Fishman and his lovely wife Pailvi.

So this football club really is 24/7.

Finally I must thank my committee for their efforts during the season and close by wishing you all a long and happy summer... and look forward to seeing you all back here next season.

Come on you Royals !!

Fingers



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Shorts: James Smith
Leek: Polly Parks



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Extra long Shirt:
Shorts:
Stilts: Jessica Parks



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Shirt:
Shorts: Graham Smith
School cap: Katy Parks



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Shirt: Ian Howard
Shorts: Graham Smith
Socks: Daisy Kraiss



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Shirt: John Jefferson
Shorts: Pauline Smith
Socks: Chloe Acres



Rob Courtneage's boots:
Shirt:
Shorts:
Socks: Holly Kraiss



Martin Carter's boots, shirt, shorts and hair weave:
MICK FISHMAN



Dave Ryan's boots: Ray Corner
Shirt: John Jefferson
Extra large shorts: Terry Stern
Socks: Akhil Rawal



Jason Shaw's boots:
Shirt:
Shorts: Terry Stern
Philosan: Joseph O'Neill



Tommy Williams' boots:
Shirt: Pauline Smith
Shorts: Graham Smith
Equity card: Nikhil Rawal



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KEVIN FACER



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THE STERNS & THE LACEYS



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MATTY SNEEL



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NICK SYMMONS



Danny Tilbury's boots:
Shirt:
Shorts:
Knee bandage: Matilda O'Neill



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ROGER SLATER is today's matchball sponsor and it would be wrong to welcome him to the club as he practically sleeps here anyway! The work "Roge" does for the Stones is invaluable, whether it's administration, ferrying players around, writing features for the programme or bringing out weighty tomes on the history of the club. I've known Roger since the mid-80s and there's no more generous or thoughtful guy in football.. This is his Wealdstone story

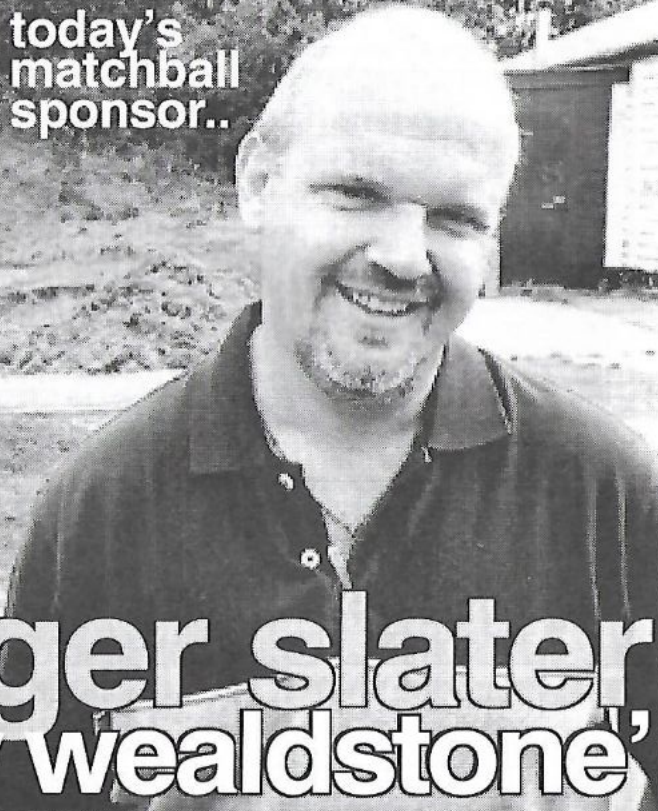
Passion. Emotion. Expectation. Frustration. Elation. Five words that we all feel every season, some times in small doses, some times in larger doses and generally without any forewarning

of the power, the height or the depth that may apply.

Look at this season. Every regular follower, whether in person or distantly following the reports

and the results will have felt all of the above at various times in greater or lesser quantities. Whatever happens today or next week will no doubt bring about at least one more dose, one way or another, yet we still come back for more. In two weeks this season will be over and the results consigned to the records. Eleven or twelve weeks further on we make new judgements and new opinions during pre-season for next year....

My dad started my interest in football in about 1965 with a Football Combination match between QPR and Leyton Orient – the family was from Shepherds Bush and Rangers were the local side. I was seven and considered too young to go regularly – in fact the first time I saw the QPR first team was in March 1967, at Wembley when they beat West



roger slater 'my wealdstone'

Brom 3-2 in the League Cup Final, but this was preceded by my first visit to Wealdstone.

MY FIRST STONES GAME

Friday August 12th 1966. Wealdstone had won the Amateur Cup, England had won the World Cup and my first visit to Lower Mead was for a public trial on my birthday, against Watford. I recently bought a copy of the programme as mine had been long lost and it shows the Stones team as Goymer, Doyle, McKurk, Allen, Stanley, Dillsworth, Messenger, Bremer, Childs, Searle and Patmore – Stones lost 2-1 with Bobby Childs scoring, but I have to confess I found that out from the history, not from memory!

Visits to Wealdstone were sporadic to say the least over the next few years, as Dad was a regular at QPR and I used to go

along as well, later working at the club until about 1983/84, when I started to drink in the Elmslie Tavern. I got to know a few of the SFC lads – all regular supporters at the time and started to join them on the terraces at least when QPR were away, playing for SFC on the Sunday mornings.

HIGHLIGHTS

I suppose 1985 ought to be a highlight, but for me it isn't. I saw Wealdstone in all or part of 19 games that season, saw them score no more than half a dozen goals and I think I only actually saw three wins. Dennis Byatt and Paul Bowgett offered me money not to go to Wembley and I didn't! I was at QPR v Man Utd. I left after the game, drove to the Elmslie to be followed into the Car Park by Gary Waddock

whom I had just left at QPR – he too had come to help celebrate as a friend of the Byatts. In fact it wasn't until I was ill last year that I actually watched the whole of the Trophy Final video tape.

A few years on and Lower Mead was sold, I was following the Stones home and away, and home was to become Vicarage Road. About ten days before the season started, Pete Worby and I were called by Hughie Marshall and asked if we wanted a 60ft electronic scoreboard and 2500w PA System to play with! I have to say I enjoyed it. I'm not sure quite how many of the fans were happy to be subjected to the contents of my record collection, but at least the Stones can claim a couple of probable firsts to add to their long list: there cannot be many sides that have come running out to *Sex and Drugs and Rock and Roll* by Ian Dury or, a little while later *White Punks on Dope* by The Tubes.

Even better, at Yeading the team left the field at various times to *Embarassment* by Madness, *Send in the Clowns*, *Bring on the Dancing Horses* and *Mercy, Mercy* but the most telling was the silence as nothing was played after a 6-0 home defeat to Newport IOW. Yet I still travelled often on the team coach! It was the start of my involvement as more than a supporter, subsequently becoming Club Secretary and a Director and much as there is a cost – both financial and in time – both are positions I am proud to hold. Most of the time anyway.

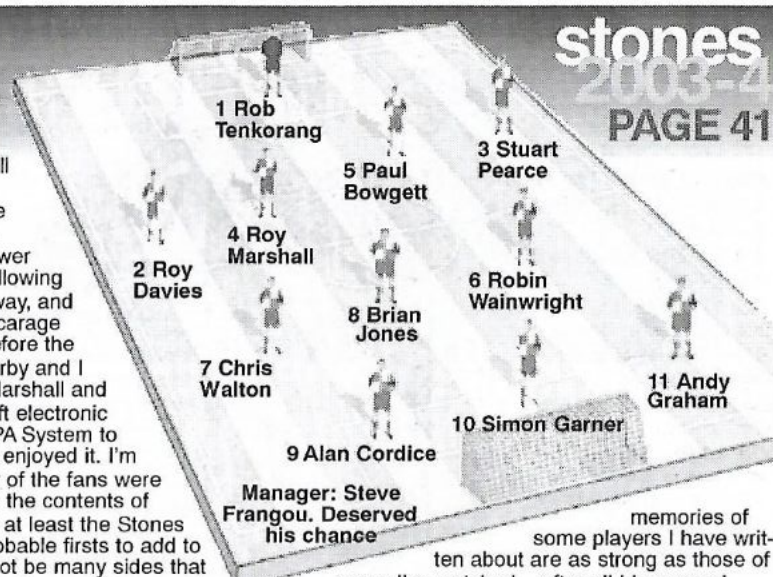
THE BOOK

Then came the book. I thought that something should be written to celebrate the 100 years and (thinking it would be easy) I said I'd do it... thankfully Pete Worby offered to do the majority of the Statistical Records as well, so we set about the task. Of course, as with all things Wealdstone, things were not quite as they seemed and that the accepted date of foundation was in fact some thirteen years into the Club History and Chapter One soon became Chapter Three!

Don't ask me the actual date the club was founded though – there is a case for October 1st 1887 as that is the oldest link backwards to The Oaks. Another for September 27th 1895 when the club broke away from a merger with Harrow Athletic and re-formed, September 10th 1898 when as Wealdstone Albion the club first entered a league (dropping the "Albion", in 1899, October 7th originally seen as the formation). Or finally, September 5th 1908 when the club re-formed again after playing under the banner of Wealdstone Church Athletic. Perhaps we should celebrate them all!

MY FAVOURITE WEALDSTONE XI

It all makes picking a team very difficult as the



Manager: Steve
Frangou. Deserved
his chance

memories of
some players I have writ-
ten about are as strong as those of
many I've watched – after all I have read

every match report in the *Harrow Observer*, *Gazette*, *Chronicle* and a number of other short-lived local papers from 1887 to 2002!

Maybe a team of One Game Wonders, some of those players long forgotten... Seth Sim let in six in his only game in goal, and Nick Bettuccini let in five in an hour before he broke his leg. There were so many one-offs during Fred Callaghan's reign the rest of the side are names all but a few will have forgotten: Brownlie, Webb, Euckley, Waitman, Devitt, Eddie Johnson... the list goes on, so excluding our current crop, I'll settle for a team of personalities (4-3-3 formation) on or off the field, but most of all players I've enjoyed watching:

1 Rob Tenkorang. Athletic, Quick and competent...and capable of the occasional major cock-up.

2 Roy Davies. Great Full back. Complete nutcase – did he ever get his shoes back from the roof of the stand in '85?

3 Stuart Pearce. Everything every player at this level should strive to be, and such a genuine guy.

4 Roy Marshall. Solid, controlled, competent – the sort of player you could build a team around.

5 Paul Bowgett (Capt) An assassin at centre half and an inspirational leader.

6 Robin Wainwright. Class. A player who would do everything you asked and more – and is always the first to say yes when we have a Past XI match!

7 Chris Walton. Great engine, great ability on the ball and he chipped in a few goals too.

8 Brian Jones. In skill alone worth the admission, in bookings worth about £120 a year.

9 Alan Cordice. Electrifying pace & a great finish.

10 Simon Garner. His ability to move so little yet be involved so much showed his class and a great football brain, even at the end of his career.

11 Andy Graham A match winner...I don't remember him scoring from close range even once but he always knew where the goal was.

and finally...

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Dec 16 Boreham Wood: Charlie Walker

Dec 20 Tilbury: Roy Couch

Jan 9 Thurrock (FAT) Steve and Mark Corner

Jan 17 Uxbridge (Lge): Jon Taffel

Feb 7 Barton: Jeremy & David Albert

Feb 21 Waltham Forest: "Fingers"

Mar 2 Oxford City: Graham Jones and Peter Worby

Mar 9 Harlow: Quentin Fox

Mar 13 Barking: "Greedy Pig"

Mar 23 Chesham Utd: Graham Clark

Mar 27 Aveley: Ken Wiggins

Mar 30 Leyton: Terry Stern, in Remembrance of Barb

April 3 Thame U: David Free

April 6 East Thurrock: Ken Wiggins (again)

April 12 Wingate: Ron Moore Dave Edwards & The Drews

April 24 Hemel: Roger Slater



I've got three! Becks signals his delight on Saturday.

Picture: Jon Taffel

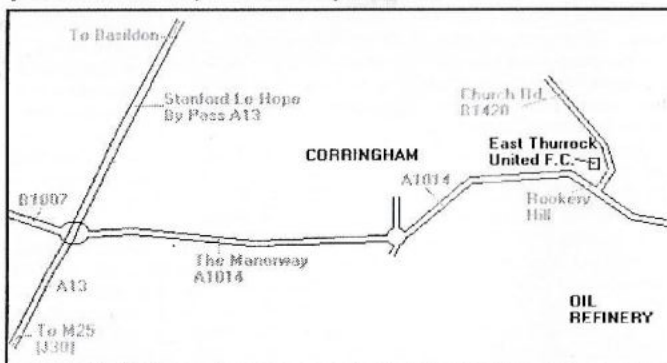
Was Jermaine Beckford's stunning hat-trick against Enfield last Saturday – scored in the space of nine minutes after coming on as a late substitute – the most sensational in the history of Wealdstone FC?

In January 1973, the great George Duck scored a 1st half hat-trick against Bexley United on a Saturday, and repeated the feat against Salisbury City three days later. And in January 1975 our Dutch winger Adriaan Eglite scored three goals in (I think) 20 first half minutes against Tonbridge. But they weren't scored in such rapid succession as the "Becks" trio at Meadow Park.

His first, timed at 77 minutes, was a quick dart into space and a stroll around the onrushing Michael Collier, before rolling the ball into an empty net. Seven minutes later Brett Freeman crossed brilliantly from the left, just beating Collier to the ball, and Jermaine finished tidily from four yards out.

Collier was stretchered off, injured in that collision with Freeman – but his replacement Rob Munn was fishing another Beckford strike out of the net just two minutes later when he was beaten to the ball on the edge of the box and Jermaine had another open goal to shoot into. Fabulous!

On Saturday we travel to East Thurrock United for the final – and crucial – game of the season. Three points will be vital to ensure a place in the new Ryman Premier set-up for 2004-5 and no doubt you'll want to be at Rookery Hill to shout the Stones to victory. By car, the best bet is to take the A13 (Junction 30 off the M25) and turn off at The Manorway (A1014) to Corringham. Then just follow the map below. See you there!



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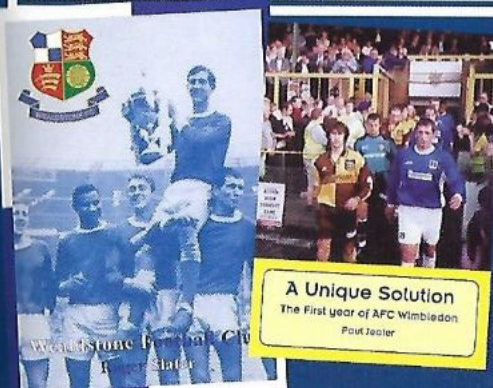
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