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MAIDENHEAD UNITED - MONDAY 21ST APRIL 2025

*Good afternoon
afternoon and a warm
welcome back to
Grosvenor Vale for our
Easter Monday fixture
against our good friends from
Maidenhead United.*

Our race to safety has been an interesting one since my last programme notes in the Boston United / Forest Green Rovers double-header.

Following the York defeat and with the illness in the camp still restricting our ability to name a fully fit bench I think it fair to say that it was only the extreme optimists amongst us who would have predicted a maximum six point return from the leagues form team in Boston and a hugely well funded Forest Green who were sitting in 3rd place in the league table and pushing hard for promotion.

But it was indeed six huge points in our back pockets as we turned our attention to our next game which just so happened to be against our good friends Barnet, away at Prince Edwards playing fields.

A nice easy away trip to the league leaders was not exactly wetting the collective appetites of Stones fans when tickets initially went on sale three or four weeks ago, as many predicted the armageddon scenario of them winning the league and relegating us all in one nightmare early afternoon.

Results and the reality that not turning up at a derby wasn't an option soon kicked in though and a noisy 759 of us witnessed another one of those incredible Wealdstone performances that causes hilarious meltdowns for those with an Amber bent.

Things can only get easier now then.... well no unfortunately, our relegation rivals have annoyingly also thrown results together and not least of all this afternoons opponents Maidenhead.

Today is massive! it's the good old 6 pointer so lets be the mythical 12th man the management call

Written in Stone

BY MARK HYDE

for and drive the team on to another season at National League level.
Mark

THE SHAPE OF THINGS TO COME

As many of you will have noticed, the current online trend is to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to produce Action Figures of friends, family or celebrities with varying degrees of hilarity. The rapid evolution of AI resulted in a pre Barnet pub talk about where it is heading and what jobs it will inevitably replace, so with a theme of the death of the printed programme later in this issue and the longing of the staff here at programme towers to reclaim our midweeks I decided to ask AI to produce an intro for this programme.....

'This weekend, Wealdstone FC welcomes Maidenhead United to Grosvenor Vale for an eagerly anticipated National League clash.

The Stones, buoyed by their passionate home support, aim to build on recent form and climb the table, while the Magpies look to spoil the party with their gritty, counter-attacking style.

With both sides hungry for points, expect a fiercely contested battle under the autumn sun.'

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It's not bad to be fair - expect a secret article in the near future and lets see if anyone spots it...

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THE GAFFER'S COLUMN NEIL GIBSON TALKS ALL THINGS

ON other pages we lament about declining programme sales and people seemingly not having the time to sit down and digest these golden words.

Well you can add Neil Gibson to that number... but at least the Stones gaffer has a good excuse!

"I always grab a programme at every home game and I'm looking forward to sitting down at the end of the season, relaxing and catching up with what's been written" he said when I spoke to him last Monday.

"But at the moment it's 70 or 80 hours a week and I'm constantly talking to people, analysing and thinking about the next game.

"We're working so hard but when you have an occasion like Barnet it makes it all worth it... to have over 700 people standing and singing your name, well it's humbling and also very special. People can see how hard we are trying for them. It was right up there with my top moments in football."

Was there an equivalent in your career with Tranmere or at Prestatyn?

"There are only really four historic clubs in the Welsh Premier: Bangor City, Rhyl, Prestatyn and Caernarvon and when we played our local derby with Rhyl at Christmas there might be over 2,500 in the ground. The only thing that came close to the Barnet experience was when we played Bangor in the Welsh Cup Final at the Racecourse Ground (Wrexham) and both teams took 2,000 fans.

"It was a privilege to be part of the game at Barnet and how loud was the crowd!! It really didn't

Great moment for Mike Renny as Harrison Sohna tells the Stones snapper that he singled him out for his goal celebration picture on today's front cover



To have 700 people singing your name is so humbling... we are doing it all for them

sound like an away game".

Did Barnet win the toss and turn us around because of the volume of away support?

"I honestly don't know, but it can only have been Barnet because they had no benefit kicking that way in the first half. All the sound was coming from the Wealdstone fans and they didn't want us kicking towards them in the second half."

The other strange thing about the game was the blatant handball immediately leading up to Harrison Sohna's equaliser. Did the referee even see it?

"Well we asked the fourth official and the referee after the game and he claimed to have played an advantage. But how was it an advantage

to deny us a penalty when Harrison had to beat four players in the six yard box with his shot? Luckily it had the right ending".

On the injury front (before last Friday's crunch visit to Boston) there are question marks over Tyler Walker, who has gone back to his parent club Lincoln City for assessment of his pulled hamstring ("which hopefully we've caught before it becomes a full-blown hammy") but good news regarding Josh Grant and Connor McAvoy who has been treated by his club Fulham and should have been fit to face Boston.

"We've been really unlucky with centre-back injuries - we've not seen the best of Cookie, for example, who played against York when he was nowhere near fit but we had no alternatives - but the big bonus has been Deon who has been magnificent since being recalled from loan at St Albans. We saw him play for them, establishing himself at that level and since

WFC TO TIM PARKS



Stones fans celebrate the leveller. Pic: John Taffel

he's been back he's been awesome!"

And what about Alex Dyer?

"He has been such an example to the younger players and performs to such a great level week in, week out. He's been brilliant.

"People have asked about the 'Baller League' situation and he had made the decision to take part before I was made manager... it was no place for me, at that particular moment, to step in and stop him from playing. My focus was on what he could do for the club and, with all due respect, the Baller League is no more demanding than Alex going to the gym and working on his own, as he would have done otherwise".

And finally, is playing two centre forwards going to continue after the injury to Tyler?

"That's the way I like my teams to play and it takes the pressure off Reidy... Micah came in and did well last week and the 3-4-1-2 formation works well for us. Otherwise it's four at the back with a midfield diamond and two up top.

"We have good options in midfield with Harrison, Granty and Muzzy all fit and well and ready to come in. We've just got to keep the positive run going now, when it really matters".



THE No.10 VIEW: MAX KRETZSCHMAR TAKES IT TO THE M_3 A_1 X_8

HELLO everyone and welcome back to the Vale for what is a massive game this afternoon v Maidenhead United.

The visitors today are in 'must win territory' at the time of writing and I believe we'll treat the game in the same vein. Both sides have been in decent form recently, picking up much-needed wins at this most crucial time.

One could be forgiven for thinking we wouldn't pick up too many points from our last four games (before Boston). Trips to title chasers York City and Barnet are tough places to go and get points, and to beat fellow competitors Forest Green at home was a huge result for the team's confidence and our survival in the league. As players and staff we are always checking the latest scores, results and future fixtures and I can guarantee our rivals would've put those three games down as losses. Not only have we gained some much needed points but we have also hurt our relegation rivals psychologically a bit too.

I think that away end at Barnet is my favourite one in the league. The atmosphere our fans create there every season is incredible. It's been nice to pick up a couple of points there in the last two years which has been no mean feat considering the strength of Barnet's home form over that period.

When playing against sides towards the top of the table, you have to accept that they will dominate the ball for large spells of the game and you are going to suffer out of possession. I think we've made great strides in our discipline and shape in our defensive structure.

Don't miss out on my revealing vlog... find it online at [youtube.com/@maxtalksfootball](https://www.youtube.com/@maxtalksfootball)

Even the opposition managers mention the noise you make.. keep it going please!



He ain't heavy.. he's Kallum Cesay

Pic: John Taffel

Credit must go to the gaffer and his staff for the diligent preparation they've done and tactical sessions we've worked hard on in training. As a player I want clarity in my role on a pitch and I think that clarity and detail out of possession is so vital at this level.

Today's game will be a bit different I feel. We want to dominate the ball at home when we can but today will be a fight first and foremost. Maidenhead have always been a hard nut to crack under Alan Devonshire and always seem to string enough results together to retain their National League status.

Forest Green manager Steve Cotterill mentioned in his post match interview our crowd and the noise you make - it makes a huge difference as we all know so I urge you to keep it going for two more home games to help get us over the line. Give it everything and we as players will too!

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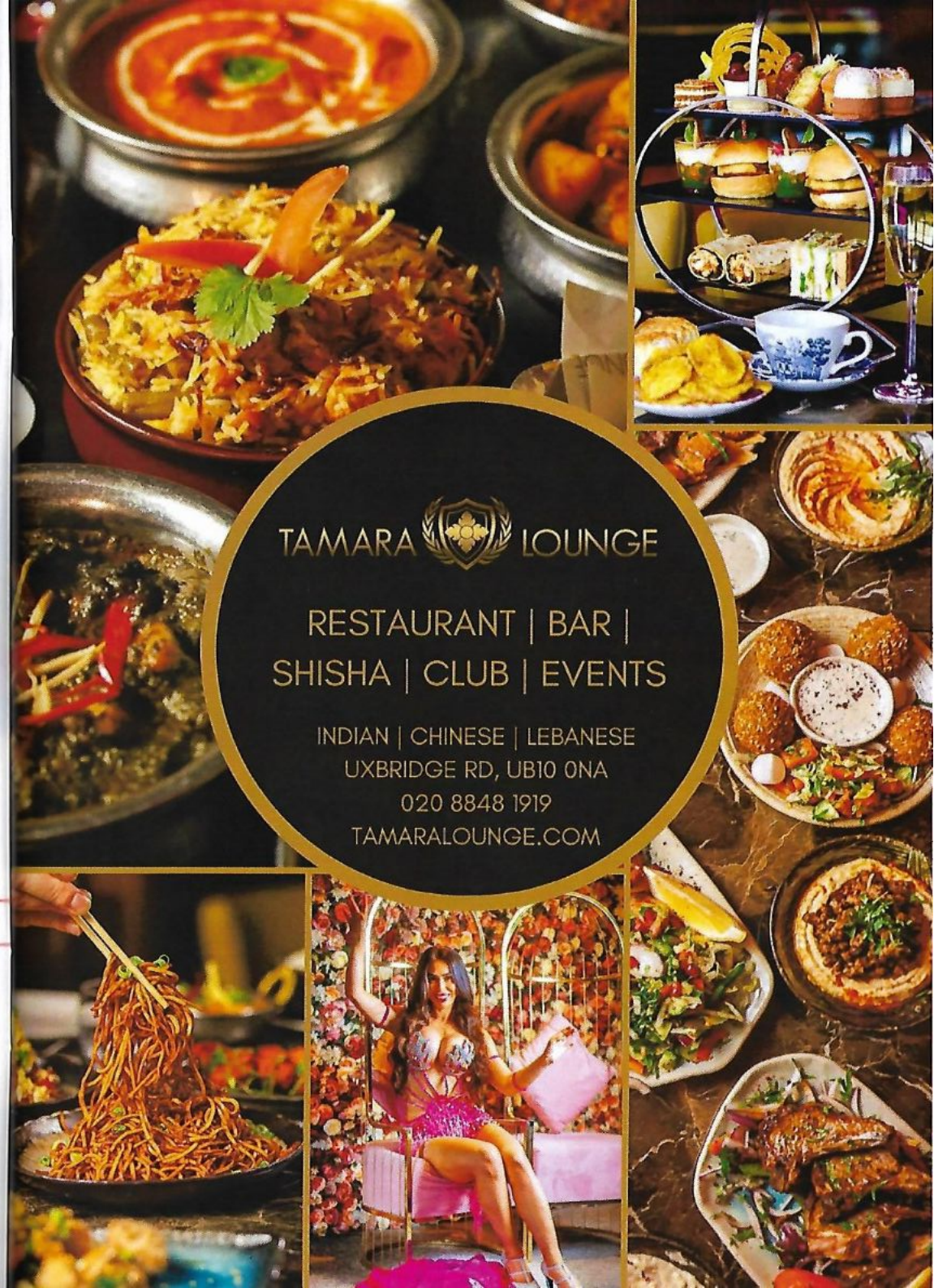
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Meet the Stones

FINALLY IT'S THE TURN OF ALEX

'I see myself as a goalscorer.. give me enough games & enough minutes and I will always get 20 goals in a season. I also have an ego thing of wanting to score goals for every club that I play for'

Alex, you are the first Stones striker to hit the magical 20 goal mark for over a decade... how have you enjoyed this past season? And why have the goals flowed so readily for you?

That is very interesting to know as I am big fan of records and stats etc... it's been a couple of reasons really I'd say. Without sounding big headed I always look at myself as a goalscorer and believe that, given enough games and minutes I will always score 20 goals wherever and whatever team I play in... as I think all strikers should. That mixed in with us playing at times some free flowing attacking football - and having players that suit my playing style putting balls in the box and getting me running in behind - I believe that's all added to it!

Do you prefer playing up top on your own or with a second striker? Do you feel

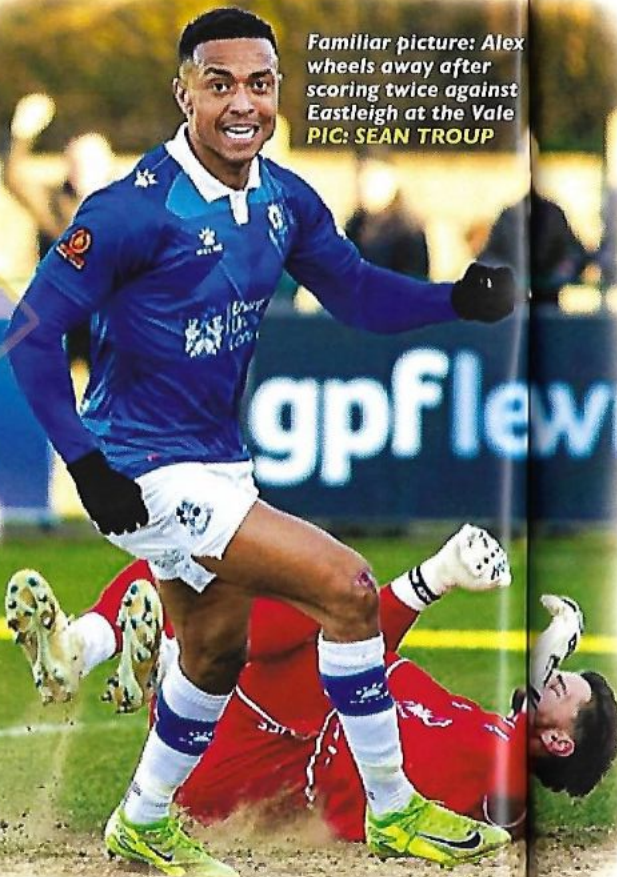
you are striking up a relationship with Tyler Walker? Personally I like to play up front in a pair, so I am very thankful for this new trend of having two strikers up front again... for a while it seemed everyone was going mad on 4-3-3 or 4-2-3-1 and having the lone striker which doesn't suit me as such. I can play alone but if you ask any striker it is a much tougher task. Yes, Tyler and I have struck up

a nice little partnership as he has such pedigree and experience at higher levels (pictured left together)... it hasn't been too hard.

But to be fair for the first part of the season I also had a great partnership with Sam Ashford!

Looking back over your career, you must have the reputation of being the most prolific on-loan striker in all of football! Why do you think this is? Do you find it more moti-

Familiar picture: Alex wheels away after scoring twice against Eastleigh at the Vale
PIC: SEAN TROUP



STRIKER ALEX REID. TIM PARKS ASKS THE QUESTIONS

vating when clubs have brought you in as the man to get them out of a mess?

Yes, I mean if you are on loan first of all it's for a couple of reasons: You either aren't getting played, aren't in another club's plans or are young and need the experience - so having been through all of those stages in my career I've always gone on loan and seen loans as a chance to prove people wrong and prove myself right. Also I do have an ego thing of always going to a club and wanting to be able to say I scored there.

We know you live in Manchester and have family in Solihull - so how do you cope with all that driving? I don't.

In short, it is very very very very tough some evenings after we've lost by three or four. It is a frustrating drive home - don't get me wrong- but the club has been unbelievable with me in terms of letting me stay in hotels some Fridays to break it up for me if we've had mid-week games too. If we win on the weekend the journey definitely flies quicker!

How does the travelling impact on your family life?

Well again, in short my girlfriend isn't a fan at all of the travel as sometimes (especially if we have a mid week game and I stay at my Mom's in Birmingham to break up the journey) she only gets to see me once or twice a week.

But she is super super supportive and she knows it's something I have to do, and will only benefit us hopefully in the longer run!

Do you think Oldham will want to keep you in the summer or is another move on the cards? I think it will be on to a new challenge in the summer.

Are there any other members of your family who played professional sport? No... I always say this, my Mom or Dad won't mind me saying but they aren't very naturally sporty. The only real memories I have with her is going on runs with her with a small ball when she was keeping fit but in terms of football I don't think my parents have ever kicked a ball (not properly anyways)

You made a dramatic debut for Wealdstone with a hat trick against Gosport Borough, but which of your

20 goals so far (21 including one for Oldham) this season has given you the greatest satisfaction?

Well if I had to pick a favourite, it would probably be Grimsby away just because of the occasion for the club and for me personally... my girlfriend was watching me play for Wealdstone for the first time, as well as her family, plus my Nan all in the crowd - and just the way it went. A goal in the 89th minute (best scuff you'll see) and against a League Two team who no one would have backed us to beat. So yes: Grimsby!

Have you scored against the Stones? I seem to remember one, when you ran from the half-way line, when playing for Oldham! Yes I have scored a few times against Wealdstone... from memory, I scored for Oldham when I ran and chopped Charlie Barker... plus I scored a brace against the Stones for Stockport County to take my tally to 21 for the 2020-21 season (the Covid season) which is why I remember it!

Not many people would know that you played at Wembley Stadium twice in May 2019 when at AFC Fylde. The FA Trophy Final against Leyton Orient, which you won, and then the National League play-off final against Salford City when you were beaten 3-0. What do you remember of those games?

I remember being so up tight and nervous for the Salford game because I know how much it meant to everyone at AFC Fylde and it was my first time at Wembley and first time in a play off final. We ended up losing 3-0 and I just felt from that day forward that I wasn't ever going to go into any other game with nerves and adopted a more laid back and relaxed attitude to games. The second game speaks for itself, Leyton Orient were already promoted as NL Champions so there was a party atmosphere - they brought 30,000 fans and we brought nearly 12,000 so it felt like a proper game. From there it was just a blur... we

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Not a bad debut! Reidy salutes his sensational FA Cup hat-trick against Gosport Boro
PIC: SEAN TROUP



Meet the Stones ALEX REID CONTINUED...

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won 1-0 (Danny Rowe with the goal) and it was just unbelievable. My best day in football!

And how dramatic was the FA Trophy semi-final against one of your later clubs, Stockport County which you won 3-2 (3-2 on aggregate)?

Very very dramatic again... this was probably my favourite goal I have scored in my career just down to the manner in how it happened. We scored; they scored; we scored; they scored; and then in the last minute I scored the winner to send the club to Wembley for the first time ever! It was just amazing, little did I know I'd play and get promoted with Stockport a couple of seasons later!

Do you have other memorable moments in your football career? Do you regret not having played more games in the EFL, or breaking through as a youngster at Aston Villa?

One of my memorable moments in football is probably when I was back down in the lower leagues, playing with Rushall Olympic and just having that belief in myself after falling out of the academy system. I just got that love back and enjoying playing again really... in terms of the EFL I probably would have liked to play a little more but I do feel the levels between our league probably up to League One (which I've played in) is surprisingly little, so I've always known I am more than good enough to play there. I just didn't want to sacrifice going to the EFL for the sake of going to the EFL if that makes sense... I've played for big teams like Oldham and Stockport who have a much bigger following than a lot of EFL clubs anyways!

Do you support any club? When was the last time you paid to watch a game? Aston Villa



The winner at Grimsby PIC: SEAN TROUP

have always been my team and will always, however it is annoying living in Manchester I haven't had chance to see them a lot as we both play Saturdays. And I'm just not in Birmingham during the week.

How did the loan deal to the Vale come about? There must have been many other clubs closer to home? Yes there were different clubs but honestly I just felt in this loan that what was essential was minutes - and I just felt the position that Wealdstone were in, mixed with the reputation I had already in this league for going straight in, playing straight away and getting those minutes - plus to be playing in a style that I felt I would thrive in!

How are the players adapting to the new management team? Good! It has been positive so far we are just all plugging in the same direction to get the same goal which is a good thing for everyone!

You are 30 later this year but clearly in great shape. Are you one of those footballers who carry on like Ronaldo? Haha I do like to keep myself in shape and I do get up every morning at around 6am when me and my girlfriend go to the gym (she loves it I promise) but yes I believe your health is your wealth so I try to keep as in good a shape as possible

And finally... what is your favourite holiday destination? Probably the Caribbean to be fair... it's where my other side of the family are from and it's where my Mom was married, and it's beautiful.

And what's your favourite restaurant? Probably a nice Italian number. Feed me pasta and cheese and I'm happy!



The man with maybe the best half-and-half collection in English football! Alex is pictured signing on for Dagenham, AFC Fylde, Solihull Moors, Fleetwood, Oldham, and Stockport County. There were more but we got a bit of scarf fatigue. Bet they're all in your loft Reidy



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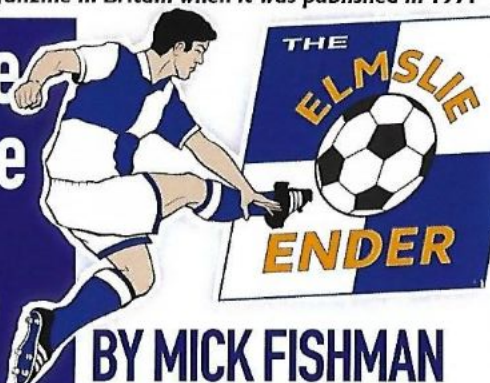
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How can we save the printed prog from the unstoppable surge of digital 'progress'?



THE RELENTLESS march of technology has brought increasingly rapid change, much good, some bad.

One change within football that appears to be gaining momentum is the decreasing number of clubs now printing matchday programmes... or even producing any programme whatsoever.

Many will argue that this is a trivial issue, and in truth I don't think I could offer up an argument to counter it. My sadness at the slow and inevitable death of the paper programme comes more from emotion than practicality.

While we welcome significant numbers of new, young Stones fans the result is that much of our home crowd now routinely read everything on an electronic device. The very idea of paper versions would seem at best quaint to them... and that is why I suggest the death of the paper version of a matchday programme is inevitable.

My plea here is to, in Wealdstone's case, slow down the process as much as possible.

Okay, I own up. I am a fan of the traditional paper version of the matchday programme. I put it down to my advanced age. I have always bought a home WFC programme, and continue to do so, and until recently I always purchased a programme when we played away matches. I have stopped doing the latter because, first and foremost, they have become as dull as ditchwater; glossy, sleek and professional, but corporate and identikit. Secondly, I now have so many boxes of football programmes that it won't take too long until our loft floor gives way!

I repeat that the vast majority of



football fans are considerably younger than me and their go-to form of reading material is on screen. They thus see no reason to buy a programme on the day. Social media provides them with all the information they need or want about any given match. But they are potentially missing out on much to be enjoyed for years to come!

When I started attending Wealdstone away games in around 1966, I always arrived at the grounds ridiculously early to ensure I nabbed my copy of the match programme. Not to acquire one sent me into a deep depression. They were often no more than a couple of sheets folded over and containing little more than details of the match (date and time of kick off) and the team lineups, but to me they were precious documents to be carefully transported, read and stored away.

For home games at Lower Mead I would pay my 9d at the turnstiles and then be relieved of a further 3d at the programme hut for my copy of one sheet of paper folded in a way to produce six small pages containing programme notes, team lineups, league tables, results and advertisements.

I don't buy or read match programmes online so I can only guess how they are viewed: I have no idea if an online version of Wealdstone v Boston United in 2025 will be saved and stored away so that it can be retrieved in, say, 30 years' time. But I can pick up a programme for any Wealdstone home match from April 1963 onwards



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and luxuriate in the memories it will offer. And you don't need to have been at matches to glean enjoyment from programmes. I have Wealdstone programmes way back to 1946 which significantly pre-dates me. In addition to providing me with a part of the history of the club I love, they also serve as wonderful social documents.

Alongside my Wealdstone programmes, those I value almost as highly are those for the FA Amateur Cup Finals. I have most of them post war and they retained just about the same structure for the entire time until the competition was discontinued in 1974. Leaving aside the adverts, what makes them so much of their time are the pen pictures of the players.

In the immediate post war period, the pen pics are littered with information about how and where the individuals served in the war. A significant number were still serving in some capacity and, of course, until the turn of the 1960s, they would make reference to when and where they did their National Service.

The players all had jobs outside football which, along with the more limited travelling options in those days, often meant that the their clubs were reasonably local. Those that most often moved large distances from one club to another were schoolteachers. Their jobs were quite varied with many not now existing after recent technological progress.

But I am not pleading for Wealdstone's programme to continue just because it is produced by my club. I genuinely believe it to be an outstanding publication.

Unlike the dreary offerings of the big NL clubs,

ours is full of highly readable and enjoyable content. In addition to the standard intro from the programme editor (Mark Hyde), the manager's column, fixtures, results, goalscorers, players' records, league table, team squads, Supporters Club column, sponsorship details and information on the opposition, you have the excellent "Insider's" view from Max Kretzschmar; Sudhir's take on all things Wealdstone in the Elmslie Ender column (today inhabited by myself); Hillsy's always informative "Stats Attack"; Leigh Edwards' excellent profile of the best of the opposition managers; the fascinating "Fan in the Stand" and, of course, Tim's (some would say) endless and entertaining looks back at Wealdstone games from the past.

This is a rich mix of a publication to interest both home and away fans, designed and presented in Tim's punchy, slightly eccentric and thoroughly readable style. In so far as modern matchday programmes go, it is quite unique.

So how do we try and ensure its continuation? Well, like our stadium the programme is quirky and I suggest we should aim to retain, if not increase, that uniqueness and quirkiness. For me the programme peaked during the 2003/04 season when Tim had free rein to indulge his sense of humour and it included the kit sponsorship page using weird and wonderful associated pictures rather than photos of the players themselves. I recall that the Stick Man represented Marvin Morgan and Joe 90 was Jason Shaw. Benjamin Alexander was Floella Benjamin. There was also a terrific mini-series, *The Great Penalty Mystery*, in which famous fictional detectives such as Kojak, Columbo and Dixon of Dock Green were asked to explain why a penalty had been awarded to Leyton in

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The programmes were so funny that the manager Gordon Bartlett banned the players from reading them in the changing room.. the players weren't listening to his team talks!

ELMSLIE ENDER CONTD...DEATH OF THE PROGRAMME?

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their controversial 1-0 victory over The Stones.

The programme also dipped into *Private Eye* territory with a lookalike feature, and then a *Dear Deidre* cartoon strip with Tommy Williams and his TV star girlfriend bearing the brunt of the jokes...I am told Gordon Bartlett had to ban the players from getting copies before matches in order to be able to deliver his pre-match team talk! The players were finding the programme so entertaining they were taking no notice of him!

Perhaps we should look towards developing odd but interesting features for the current programme. A few readers might recall Nick Symmons, Steve Paull, Terry Stern and myself, masquerading as the Four Skinless Bangers, theoretically awarding a *Sausage of The Season* award based on the café we visited on away games that provided the most inadequate service. Had there been an actual physical award, a national newspaper of the day (I can't recall which one) was keen to do a feature on it. But there wasn't. It was just a bit of fun.

Perhaps we should be looking to produce odd and mildly interesting features to pep up the quirkiness and stimulate potential interest. We have plenty of fans who enjoy a beer or two on their away travels. Might some of them consider assessing the hospitality of the clubs or the hostilities they choose to favour? How about rating the toilet facilities? I have also thought that a Fan in the Stand spinoff might work in which the featured fan is asked to select the opposition player/players for whom they have a particular dislike. A squad of horrors!

Our programme often receives positive comments from away fans. If we can continue and progress that, social media might stimulate other away fans to purchase copies. For home fans, the club should consider how it might encourage more to buy copies of the programme. For long-

standing fans who have abandoned the programme (no names, no packdrill, Jez!) they should be asked to give it another try. It is really a very good read and we might be able to improve it still more.

I believe we still make a decent profit on the sale of our printed programmes, so there is no immediate need to knock it on the head unless Tim, Mark and Martin decide not to put it together, and/or Martin Lacey wishes to stop printing it.

I finish as I started. The printed programme is on borrowed time. My only hope is that our offering survives for a few seasons to come.



VOTE FOR THE LEW SHEPPARD 'MOMENT OF THE SEASON'

MANY of you will remember Lew Sheppard, a lovely man and devoted Wealdstone fan from 1939, when he attended his first Stones match, right up to his death last year.

Lew's children, Jackie and Dave, wanted to donate something to the club that would act as a permanent link from their dad to the club and would be suitable for purpose. The Supporters' Club considered options and decided that a trophy awarded to the indi-

vidual who provided the "moment of the season" would be most appropriate. That moment might be one of greatest significance, of most obvious delight, even of comedic value (the Braintree 'keeper might qualify for that!) In true democratic fashion it will be for the supporters to decide. A short list of options will be made available on the WFCSC website and other platforms with the award being made following the final game v AFC Halifax Town on May 5.

HAPPY RETIREMENT TO MR TROPIC AT RUISLIP: PHIL DUERDEN

IT WAS back in 2008 that I met Phil Duerden for the first time and I can still recall the meeting with him and his friend George McFall sitting outside the Social Club on one of the original tables.

In the January of that year we had taken control of the Ruislip Manor Sports and Social Club and Howard Kraiss (who was Chairman) and myself (as Vice Chairman) had announced to our supporters that the Stones would be playing at Grosvenor Vale for the 2008/09 season.

We took over a sinking ship with £150,000+ debt and were in the process of trying to increase income, reduce expenditure and clear the debt. Initially, we inherited a long established Rock and Roll Club that used the main hall on Friday nights, and a Jazz Club that used the hall on Sunday lunchtimes – but neither was very profitable.

George McFall was a Music Promoter who regularly put on gigs, in conjunction with a chap called Pete Feenstra at Sutton United's clubhouse and various other venues. Phil was very IT savvy and was going to work with George. The meeting with George and Phil revealed that they wanted the opportunity to put on regular gigs at our venue and that is how, some

It's farewell to Phil: The man who put the Vale on the music map

BY PETE WORBY



16 or 17 years ago *Tropic at Ruislip* came into being.

The first Friday night gig saw tribute band *The Rollin Stoned* perform – that would have been late 2008 or early 2009. Since then, there's probably been in excess of 1,000 gigs. Success or what?!

I always got on well with Phil and George – both top guys. Sadly George passed away in 2010 and Phil made the decision to quit his day job and run *Tropic at Ruislip* full-time on his own. I cannot adequately explain what a marvellous job he's done and how helpful he has been to us



Phil and (left) his very first booking at *Tropic: Rollin Stoned*

over the years. I myself, along with my wife Pauline and son Drew attended (and worked) hundreds of the gigs and among my personal favorites were *Willie Nile* and *Absolute Bowie*.

Phil moved to Devon a few years back but continued to operate *Tropic* and organise and attend gigs at the weekend. However, the sad day has arrived and Phil told us six months ago that he was going to retire and that Friday 10/4/25 would be his last gig. Rather fittingly, the last band to play was *The Rollin Stoned*.

On behalf of both the Social Club and the Football Club I want to say a big THANK YOU to Phil and wish him well on his retirement. Well done mate.

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(down to National League North & South), kicking off their sponsorship at this level this afternoon. So far, Stig has ticked off 92 in the top four divisions, while Tom can claim 86 visits and Mathias 42. In addition they can boast around 10 more National League grounds between them.

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Today's opposition in focus

The origins of senior football in Maidenhead can be traced back to October 1870 with the formation of Maidenhead Football Club, who subsequently played their first ever fixture on December 17th, 1870 against Windsor Home Park at Bond's Meadow near Maidenhead bridge.

On Thursday, February 16th 1871 the club played their first game on the York Road site against Marlow. This ground, which was then shared with the cricket club, is now officially acknowledged as the oldest continually used football ground in the world by the same club, eclipsing Northwich Victoria's old claim by five years. Maidenhead were one of the original 15 entrants for the first ever FA Cup competition in 1871-72 and the following season reached the last four before losing to Oxford University. Maidenhead reached the quarter-finals in the next two seasons, but in 1876 did not enter, although this was the only season they failed to participate. They also entered the first ever Berks & Bucks Cup competition in 1878 - winning the competition for the first time in 1895 - and the first FA Amateur Cup in 1893. The adopted club colours were Red & Black, initially worn as halved shirts, but changed to stripes in 1904.

Maidenhead FC merged with three sides before the Great War. Maidenhead Excelsior were founded in 1877 and joined forces with the Red & Blacks in 1885. Maidenhead Temperance - originally known as Maidenhead Band of Hope - amalgamated with the club in 1891 and Boyne Hill FC did likewise later that year. After many seasons of playing friendlies and Cup matches, Maidenhead FC were founder members of the Southern League in 1894 but competing in Division 2 with the likes of Watford, Brentford, Fulham and

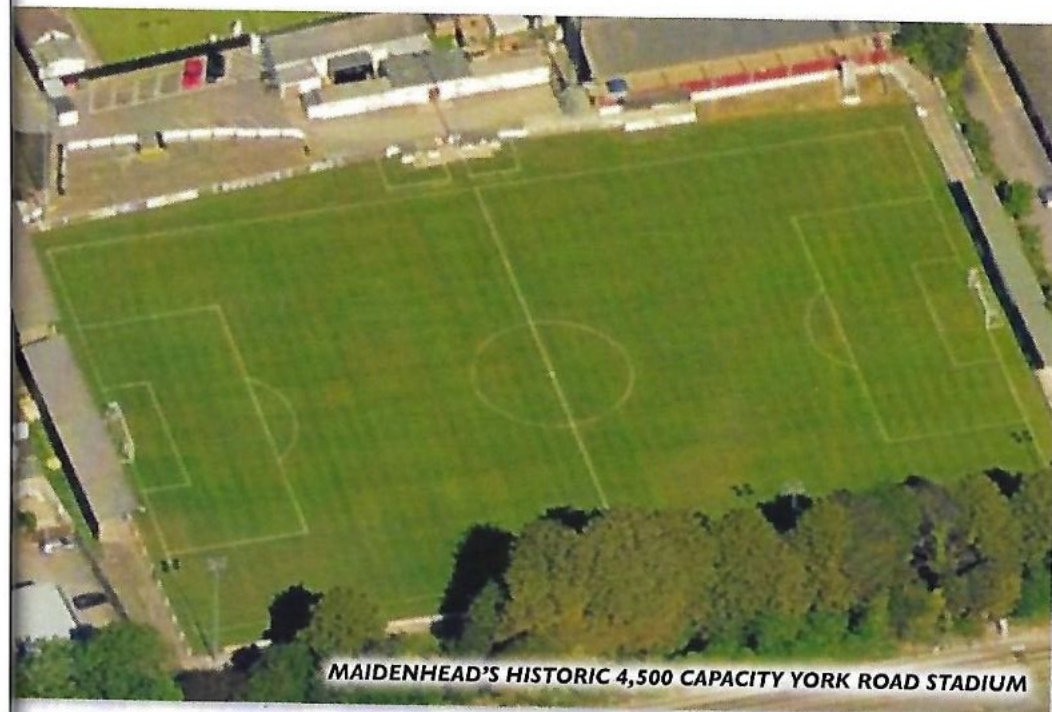


Brighton proved too demanding and the club consistently struggled. Eventually in 1902, after eight years of membership, they resigned and joined both the West Berkshire League and the Berks & Bucks League. In 1904 Maidenhead became members of the Great Western Suburban League where they remained until the outbreak of the Great War. Spartans and Corinthians After the Great War the two remaining town clubs - Maidenhead and Maidenhead Norfolkians (founded 1884) -

decided to join forces. The conflict had meant that it was unrealistic to run two senior clubs, so after a meeting in April 1919, the Norfolkians were incorporated into the Maidenhead club, and soon afterwards a kit of black and white was adopted as club colours. There was immediate success in the first season of structured league football as Maidenhead FC won the Great Western Suburban League. In August 1920 the suffix "United" was added but, more importantly, the freehold of York Road was purchased for £1,450 from William Grenfell, later to become Lord Desborough. Two years later the club joined the Spartan League and the 500 seater grandstand - at the time considered one of the best of its kind - was opened by Club President, Ernest Dunkels.

Maidenhead United won the Spartan League title three times during their nineteen year stay. In 1929-30 season the club's goal-scoring record for a season was set when Jack Palethorpe notched 65 goals in 39 games, including an individual post 1919 record of seven in one game against Wood Green Town. Jack went on to play for Sheffield Wednesday and scored in the Owls FA Cup win in 1935. In 1936, Maidenhead reached the semi-final of the FA Amateur Cup losing 4-1 to Ilford at West Ham in front of 18,000 spectators. It was during that season that the record attendance for a Maidenhead home match of 7,989 was set when Southall visited York Road in the quarter-final. During the Second World War, the club competed in the Great Western Combination.

In 1945 the club were founder members of the



MAIDENHEAD'S HISTORIC 4,500 CAPACITY YORK ROAD STADIUM

Corinthian League. After many seasons of relative mediocrity, fortunes changed under the guidance of ex-Brentford forward, Len Townsend, and then former Slough Town manager Jimmy Price, and the Magpies enjoyed the first real "purple-patch" in their history. In seven seasons between 1956 and 1963 the club won the league three times, were runners-up twice and also reached the third round of the FA Amateur Cup in 1960, losing to West Auckland at York Road in front of a post-war record attendance for a Maidenhead game of 5,597. As well as County Cup, County Benevolent Cup and League Memorial Shield successes during this period, the 1st round proper of the FA Cup was reached in 1960 (losing 5-0 away to Colchester United), 1962 (losing 3-0 at home to Wycombe Wanderers) and 1963 (losing 2-0 to Bath City at York Road).

Athenians and Isthmians In 1963, United joined the Athenian League finishing a best placed 3rd in 1965-66. In 1973, the Magpies were elected into the newly created second division of the Isthmian League. They made a concerted effort to achieve promotion to the Premier Division in 1979 and 1980 when managed by Geoff Anthony (finishing 3rd on both occasions), and then again in 1985 under Brian Caterer and Colin Lippiatt, when they finished 4th. They remained in this division until 1987 when the Club suffered relegation for the first time in its history, and the dark days were made worse with the destruction of the main grandstand by an arson attack in December

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1986. It took four seasons to get out of Division Two South, and this was achieved under the guidance of Martyn Spong in 1991. An Isthmian League record of 13 straight wins at the start of 1990-91 season was the springboard to success, but the club lost out on the title to Abingdon Town on the last day of the season. During this season, however, the team established a club record of 19 league games without defeat. Following the unexpected departure of Spong to Enfield in the summer of 1991, Gary Goodwin, John Clements and then John Watt took on the manager's job with generally moderate results and the club regularly finished in or around mid-table.

In 2016-17 Maidenhead won the renamed National League South, earning promotion to the National League with 98 points and remain at National League level to this day.

Maidenhead finished the 2022/23 season in 20th place and last season in 14th on 58 points.



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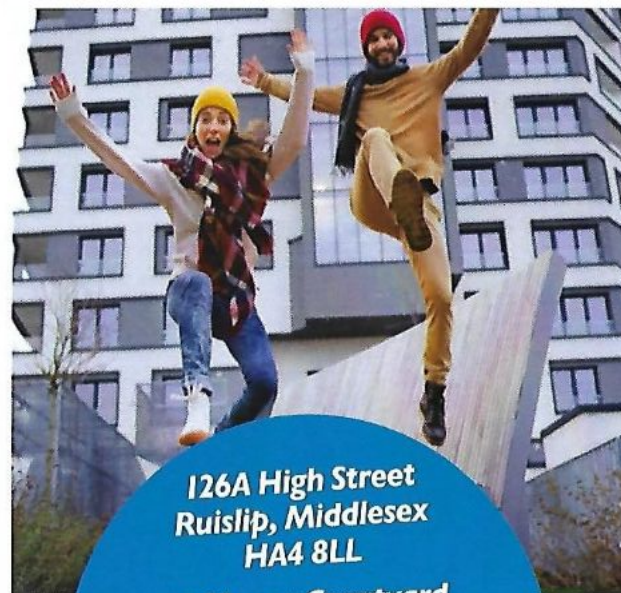
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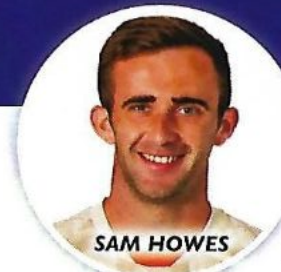


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MAIDENHEAD UNITED THE MAGPIES TO LOOK OUT FOR 2024-25

Who's who for the visitors



SAM HOWES

Devonshires' side, playing 38 times in the league last season. He is able to play in central midfield or out wide and is a fan favourite due to his coming from the club's youth system.

4. WILL DE HAVILLAND - DEFENCE

De Havilland started his career with Millwall and has played for the likes of Wycombe Wanderers, Aldershot Town, Maidstone United, and Dover Athletic before signing for Maidenhead United in 2021. The central defender has been a successful signing for the Magpies and features regularly for Alan Devonshire's side.

5. KEVIN LOKKO DEFENCE

The former England C international has had a successful career playing for the likes of Maidstone United, Stevenage, Dagenham & Redbridge, Aldershot Town, and Farnborough before making the move to Maidenhead United in 2023. Lokko impressed in his first pre-season for the Magpies scoring against Thatcham Town.

8. NATHAN FERGUSON- MIDFIELD

Experienced midfielder Nathan Ferguson signed for the Magpies in June 2024. Ferguson has spent time both in the football league as well as the National League most recently with **WEALDSTONE**.

9. SHAWN MCCOULSKY - FORWARD

McCoulsky started his career at Dulwich Hamlet and impressive performances saw him sign for Bristol City. The striker would then spend the next few seasons on loan at a number of clubs, most notably Southend and Newport. After leaving Bristol City, McCoulsky would have spells in League 2 with Forest Green and Colchester before signing for the Magpies in January 2022.

14. TOBI SHO-SILVA - FORWARD

Sho-Silva joined Maidenhead this summer on a free transfer and is a product of the Charlton Athletic Academy. The forward adds National League experience to the Magpies, as he has previously had spells in the league with Welling, Bromley, Dover, Halifax, and Sutton. He also has spent time in the Football League with Sutton and Carlisle.

16. CASEY PETTIT - MIDFIELD

17. REECE SMITH - MIDFIELD

After working his way through the youth ranks at Maidenhead, Smith is now a regular for Alan

18. CHRISTIAN JOHNSON - FORWARD

Christian has had two successful seasons with Maidenhead United Academy scoring over 30+ goals in the National Academy South League. The Wycombe teenager spent this season playing for Holyport FC under the guidance of former assistant manager, Sam Lock, gaining valuable experience and notching 14 goals in 32 starts playing as a winger and a striker. Christian is currently part of the talented Maidenhead United Academy which allows talented young footballers the chance to continue their academic studies through BCA..

24. ALAN MASSEY - DEFENCE

Massey started his career at Wycombe Wanderers where he would be sent on loan to Hendon and **WEALDSTONE** with the latter signing Massey in 2008. The central defender would spend four years with the Stones before signing for Braintree Town on a free transfer. Maidenhead United would sign Massey in 2015 who would prove to be a major success for the Magpies and is now the club captain.

20. REMY CLERIMA - DEFENCE

Clerima spent his career in France playing for Lorient B before making the move to England to play for Histon FC back in 2010. The Frenchman would stay at Histon for four years before moving to Brackley Town in February 2014 and then Braintree Town in August 2014. Clerima signed for the Magpies in 2016 and has been a key member of the side ever since.

34. SAM HOWES - GOALKEEPER

Leyton Orient keeper Sam has joined Maidenhead on loan until the end of the season. Sam is a former **WEALDSTONE** player of the season winner.

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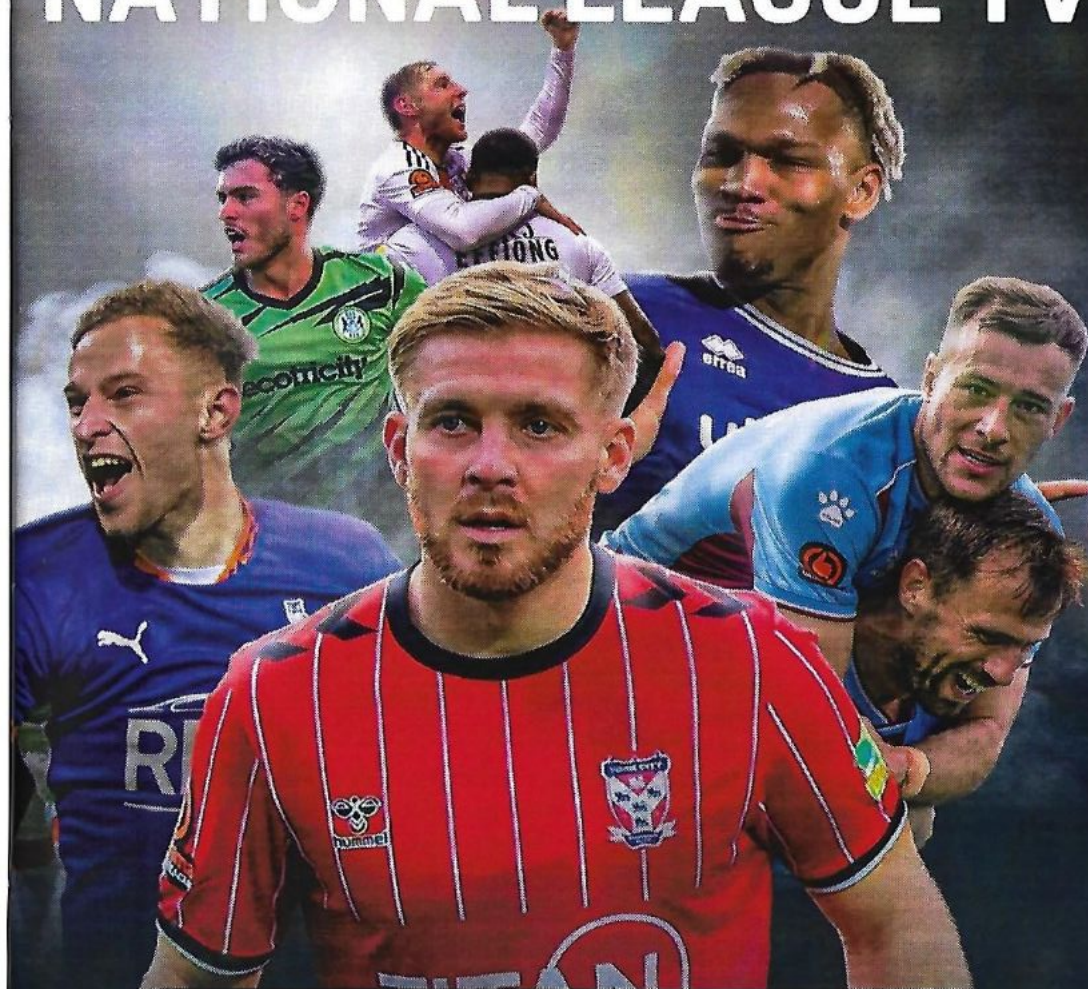
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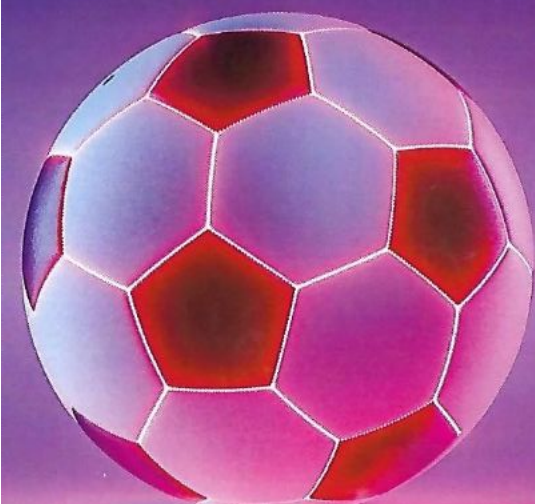
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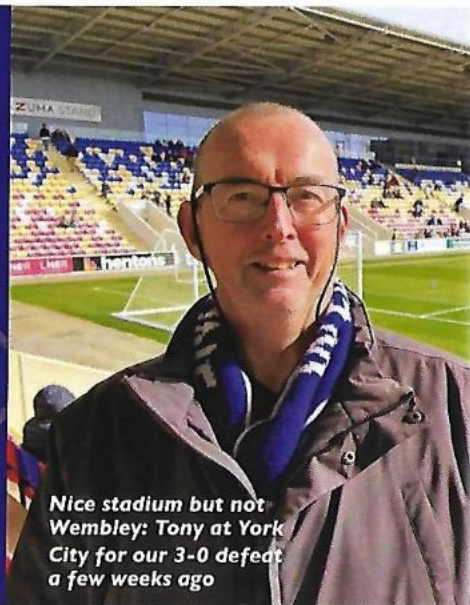


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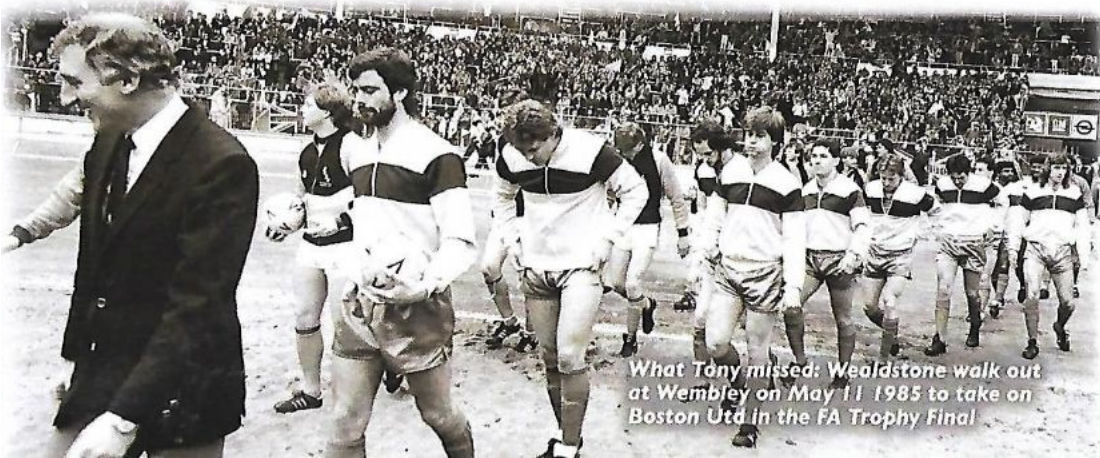
I've never lived it down, but I missed the Stones winning at Wembley as I was on a Geography field trip... the teachers wouldn't let me travel back to watch the Final



Nice stadium but not Wembley: Tony at York City for our 3-0 defeat a few weeks ago

Your name and age? Tony Waller, 55
Whereabouts do you live Tony? South Harrow: I can comfortably read a book, in my front room, using the lights from the Hairdressers stadium :)
Have you always lived in that area? I was born in Neasden, then my parents moved to Harrow when I was about six. For a short while, after marriage, we lived in South Oxhey but then moved to South Harrow in the mid 1990s.
When was your first Stones game? 7th May 1983, Altrincham at home. It was the last league game of the 82/83 season in the Alliance Premier League. I know it finished 1-1 but can't remember much else.
What were your first impressions of the club? Honestly can't remember but I'm still attending so it

must have been okay!
What was the first football match you ever saw live? Or on telly? I'm told that my dad used to take me to Kingsbury FC when I was a toddler, he played darts in the clubhouse there so was a regular visitor, but I have no recollection of it. My uncle took me to see Spurs v Nottingham Forest in October 1983: it was the first live game of a new ITV Sport venture and Spurs won 2-1.
Do you follow any other team? Spurs and Minehead AFC. Spurs, quite possibly because my father was an ardent Arsenal fan and I wanted to be contrary, and Minehead because my wife's family go there every year and I've popped round and watched them a fair few times. I also go to the occasional Spurs



What Tony missed: Wealdstone walk out at Wembley on May 11 1985 to take on Boston Utd in the FA Trophy Final

ON TONY WALLER, WHO HAS A GOOD STORY ABOUT 1985...

home cup game when they are offering reduced tickets otherwise it's too expensive. The only Spurs away game I went to was the League Cup Semi at Highbury... I was with all my Arsenal-supporting mates on the North Bank, Spurs won 1-0 and I've never been so quiet in my life. With Minehead I often sponsor a match or two each season and for a long time I did a *clean sheet sponsorship* which was quite cheap as they rarely kept one!
What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen? So many to choose from but live I'd probably go with the play off at Dulwich Hamlet. On TV, definitely

Spurs winning away at Ajax in the Champions League Semi final. I must have woken the whole house when that dramatic winning goal went in.

And the best Wealdstone game? As above (Dulwich 2004), but also Braintree (H, 6-0), Cambridge United (A, 2-1), Bath (A 3-1, play offs), Barnet (A, 3-1) and the Boro massacre (A, 5-1) spring to mind. But the best Wealdstone game I didn't see?... I've never lived it down but I was on a school Geography field trip, in Devizes, for the trophy final in 1985. My parents actually offered to come down and get me, take me to the game and then return me later the same evening but the teachers wouldn't allow it. I was though, the only pupil to get mail on the trip as my parents sent me the Harrow Observer trophy insert for me to read!

Who introduced you to the Stones? The Couch brothers, Alan and Roy. They were my second cousins and they took me along so I guess I have to blame them for 40 years of anguish.

Which level of football do you prefer?

Non League, the chance to meet with other fans, sometimes swap ends. Though a bit more limited

these days with the level we are at, and the rules and regulations pertaining to that status restricting interaction at times. I find it perversely funny that at the Vale fans arrive together usually quite convivially, get segregated for 90 minutes and then at full time they are brought back together without even leaving the site.

How big a part of your life is the game? A big part but probably 2nd to Bowls now I have taken on more responsibility within that game.

Do you have other hobbies? Lawn Bowls where I am Administrator and Men's secretary for the Middlesex County, which takes up a lot of time. Also the Dogs Trust where I try to volunteer once a week - and also reading if I ever get the time to do any.

How do you fit watching football in with your family/working life? Luckily for me I took early retirement this year so work is not an issue. My long suffering wife seems to just accept most Saturdays and Tuesday evenings are off limits for planning purposes due to football. In 33 years of marriage I only remember one occasion where she said we were doing what she wanted irrespective of football. Holidays and bowling commitments do affect my ability to attend games at the start and end of the season.

Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen? Could you name a best-ever Stones side, 1-11? You see so many players over 40 plus seasons so it's hard to pick a 1-11. So (see graphic below) I've gone for eleven of my favourites over the years

though it's hard to fit them into a workable XI!

And finally, Where do you think the Stones will be in five years? Much depends, obviously, on what happens in the remainder of the current campaign.

Stay up and with the potential of a new stadium we should be

an established National League team pushing for or competing in the play offs. Go down and with our parlous finances I worry about back-to-back relegations as we would be seen as a big fish in Conference South. If that were to happen.... well, it does not bear thinking about.



Subs: Bob Iles, Wes Parker, Dominic Sterling, Neil Cordice, Brian Jones, Mark Graves, Tim Buzaglo

... AND HERE'S TONY'S INTERESTING ALL-TIME LINE-UP.....

FOOTBALL HISTORIAN LEIGH EDWARDS PROFILES TEN LEADING MAIDENHEAD UNITED MANAGERS

MANAGING TO SUCCEED

BY LEIGH EDWARDS



LEN TOWNSEND

Len Townsend had two spells as manager of Maidenhead United. Initially with Hayes, the forward joined Brentford in May 1937 and was top scorer in 1946-47. Moving to Bristol City in June 1947, he was twice leading marksman, then had spells at Millwall, Guildford City and Ashford Town. He became Maidenhead's manager in July 1954, guiding them to Berks & Bucks Cup glory in two consecutive years and the Corinthian League title in 1957-58. Leaving for Slough Town in July 1959, he managed the Magpies again from July 1964 until July 1969, winning the Berks & Bucks Cup again in 1966. He was a sales rep and died in August 1997.

JIMMY PRICE

Welshman Jimmy Price managed Maidenhead United to the Corinthian League and Memorial Shield 'double' in 1961-62. Previously in charge of Slough Town, he became Maidenhead's manager in July 1959 as Len Townsend moved in the opposite direction. He took several players with him to York Road, including Brian Lucas, Len Berryman, Arthur Bule and Peter Costen, guiding Maidenhead to Corinthian League runners-up in 1959-60, then the Corinthian League title in 1960-61. Remaining in charge of the Magpies until leaving for Hounslow Town in July 1964, he was replaced as Maidenhead's boss by the returning Len Townsend.

GEOFF ANTHONY

Player-manager Geoff Anthony plotted two consecutive promotion near-misses at Maidenhead United. The

Welsh Amateur international midfielder played for Wycombe and St Albans, then appeared for Slough Town in the 1973 Amateur Cup final. Later with Wycombe again and Hayes, he joined Maidenhead in July 1977 and became player-boss in November 1977. He guided the Magpies to third place in the Isthmian League First Division in both 1978-79 and 1979-80, also the FA Cup fourth qualifying round, scoring 29 goals in 113 games before resigning in April 1980. A teacher in Chesham, he emigrated to the United States the following year.

JOHN DEMPSEY

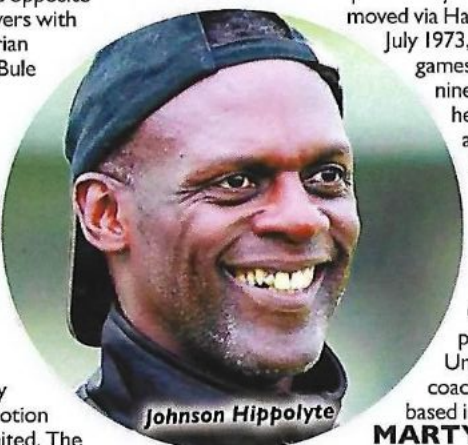
Former Republic of Ireland international central defender John Dempsey had a spell as Maidenhead United's player-manager. Signing professional for Fulham in March 1964, he impressed in the top-flight and moved to Chelsea for £70,000 in January 1969. He featured as they won the FA Cup in 1970 and ECWC in 1971, scoring against Real Madrid in the final, then were League Cup finalists in 1972. Moving to Philadelphia Fury in March 1978, he became Maidenhead's player-boss in July 1981 and netted four goals in 61 games. He later managed Athlone and Egham Town, since working with adults who have learning difficulties at a daycentre in Barnet.

JIM KELMAN

Jim Kelman was a player and manager at Maidenhead United. A tenacious forward, he had featured in Maidenhead's 1966 Berks & Bucks Cup final triumph before joining Slough Town. He

moved via Hayes back to Maidenhead in July 1973, netting 34 goals in 134 games overall. After a successful nine-year reign at Hungerford, he returned to Maidenhead as manager in July 1987 and led the Magpies to the top of the Isthmian League First Division (South). Leaving for Wycombe Wanderers in January 1988, he later managed Chertsey Town to promotion and Chesham United. He is a certified FA coach and coach educator based in Newbury.

MARTYN SPONG



Johnson Hippolyte

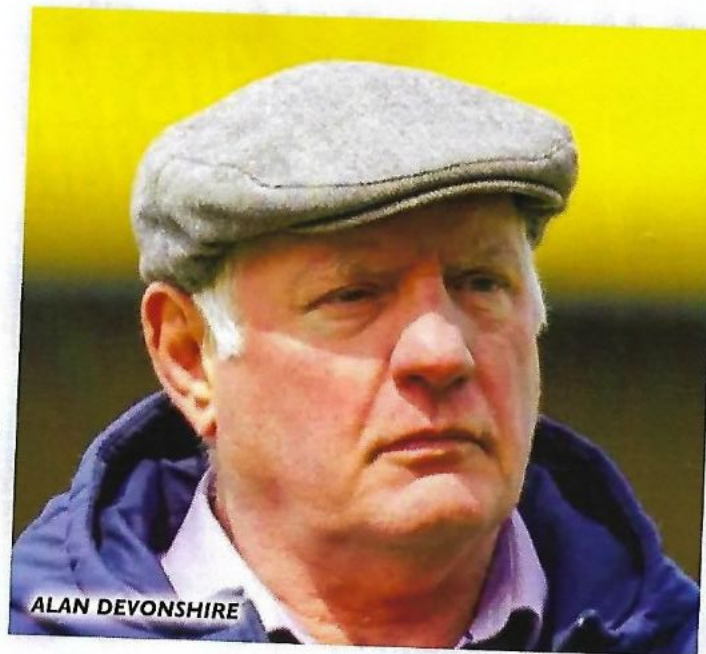
Martyn Spong managed Maidenhead United to promotion for the first time in 1990-91. He had been player-coach at Dorking and Carshalton Athletic, then assisted Brian Laing at Feltham before becoming Maidenhead's manager in March 1988. They began 1990-91 with a club record 13 consecutive wins, then went 19 consecutive matches without defeat as they finished Isthmian League First Division (South) runners-up. He left to become Enfield's joint-manager in August 1991 and led them to Isthmian League Premier Division runners-up. After starting Brentford's community scheme and Kingston College Academy, he became Staines' Academy director.

JOHN WATT

John Watt was a player and manager at Maidenhead United. A former Watford apprentice, he made his League debut against Norwich City ten months before turning professional in March 1973. He was briefly at Hayes prior to linking up with his brother Matt at Maidenhead in October 1974. Scoring 26 times in 168 games for the Magpies, he followed Mike Hall to Chesham United in November 1977, then played for Hillingdon Borough and Oxford City before captaining St Albans City to promotion in 1985-86. Later at Chesham again and Slough, he rejoined Maidenhead as manager from November 1992 until July 1996. He was employed as a sales rep

JOHN DREYER

John Dreyer managed Maidenhead United into the new Conference South in 2003-04. Initially at Wallingford, the central defender joined Oxford United in January 1985 and moved to Luton Town in June 1988. He was twice ever-present and starred in their 1993-94 FA Cup run prior to joining Stoke City in July 1994. Moving to Bradford City in November 1996, he helped win promotion in 1998-99, then played for Cambridge United and Stevenage. He managed Maidenhead from May 2003 until November 2004, also guiding them to the FA Trophy quarter-finals. Later assisting



ALAN DEVONSHIRE

Grahame Westley at Stevenage and Preston, he has held several coaching posts.

JOHNSON HIPPOLYTE

Johnson Hippolyte managed Maidenhead United straight back to the Conference South in 2006-07. A former winger, 'Drax' had spells at Hampton & Richmond, Aldershot Town, Dulwich Hamlet, Chesham United, Wealdstone, Chalfont St Peter, Uxbridge and Hounslow. He began coaching at Chesham, then managed Yeading to two consecutive titles and the FA Cup third round in 2004-05. Appointed Maidenhead's boss in September 2006, he guided them to the FA Cup first round proper for the first time in 25 years, then sixth in the Conference South in 2008-09. He remained in charge until May 2015 and has since managed Staines Town.

ALAN DEVONSHIRE

Ex-England international midfielder Alan Devonshire managed Maidenhead United's 2016-17 Conference South title triumph. Initially with Southall, he joined West Ham in October 1976 and starred as they lifted the FA Cup in 1980, then won the Second Division title and reached the League Cup final in 1980-81. Also helping them to finish third in the top-flight in 1985-86, he was an FA Cup semi-finalist in 1988-89, then played for Watford. He was Maidenhead's boss from July 1996 until June 2003, plotting promotion in 1999-00 and five Cup successes, then managed Hampton & Richmond, Braintree and now Maidenhead again since May 2015.



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On this Day TIM PARKS TIME TRAVELS BACK

13 years down the line Dyer's still running the Stones midfield but, thankfully, facing the Met is a thing of the distant past



Alex Dyer (far right) weaves past three Met Police defenders before slotting his shot past the keeper to level the scores just before half time at Imber Court... and (below) the travelling fans erupt with joy!



SATURDAY APRIL 21 2012, RYMAN LEAGUE PREM DIV: MET POLICE 1 WEALDSTONE 2
THERE was never much affection towards the Metropolitan Police FC back in the Ryman League days. What is it for, exactly?

Back in the 1970s we used to play them in the Southern League Division One, in our very early years as a semi-pro side and they were stacked with ex-Football League pros in their mid-30s who had joined the Force for a decent income plus the chance to carry on playing at a reasonable level. They were all policemen, playing in a tidy stadium (Imber Court, on the banks of the Thames) with the best pitch in the league yet nobody came to watch them. There was some resentment that we taxpayers were bank-rolling a team we faced twice a season and often struggled to beat.

Forty years later the Met Police FC was stacked with non-policemen, bankrolled by the Met Police social club (still funded indirectly

by taxpayers) and still only a couple of hundred people - presumably fellow social club members - came to watch them. And again we wondered: What is it for, exactly?

Back in April 2012 they represented a considerable stumbling block to our chances of reaching the Ryman Prem play-offs, as their deep coffers had enticed some very decent players to wear the all-blue kit. A single goal from top scorer Richard Jolly was all that separated the teams when we'd met here at the Vale a month earlier.

Yet we were in the middle of a nine-game winning run (the only blip a goalless draw at Harrow Borough on Easter Monday) and with Stones fans comprising the vast majority of the 327 crowd - the Met's best home gate of the season - we were



Richard Jolly rolls the winning goal into the Police net and accepts the worship of the crowd

TO 2012 AND 2018 FOR SOME MEMORABLE OLD GAMES....

confident of another positive step on the road to the play-offs. So it was a bit of a shock when Gordon Bartlett's side found themselves 1-0 down on the half-hour mark, Sam Hurrell flashing a terrific 25-yarder past the slow-moving Ashlee Jones in the Stones goal.

Jones then pulled off a fine stop to deny Hurrell and it was with some relief to the away fans when Alex Dyer (yep, the same Alex Dyer) fastened onto a loose ball in midfield, swapped passes with Tom Pett and cut past three defenders before drilling the ball past keeper Jamie Butler.

Alex was in his second season with the Stones and said recently that he felt he needed to add goals to his game to get up a move further up the food chain.... well, he did just that and landed a transfer to Welling in the the National League. That led to greatness as he moved on to Sweden and Graham Potter!

But there was only one name in the Stones' goal-scoring stakes that season: Richard Jolly, who was closing in on 50 for the season and who notched up No.49 with a typically predatory goal to clinch the points ten minutes into the second half.

It was a jubilant Ashlee Jones who claimed the

Chipp chipp hooray! The 4-4 Vale draw that really DID have everything

SATURDAY APRIL 21 2018, NATIONAL LGE SOUTH: WEALDSTONE 4 CHIPPENHAM 4
WHO REMEMBERS this astonishing game seven years ago? Three red cards, two overhead kicks and Stones coming back from 3-1 down to take a 4-3 lead... and then toss two points away?

And that moment of rare clarity for Stones boss Bobby Wilkinson in the first half when he screams at rampaging left wing back Ryan Sellers to: "Get at him, get at him, he's on a yellow card"... and sure enough Sellers is tugged back by brain-dead defender Dean Evans who is duly sent off.

Our sluggish defence was never happy against fast-raiding Chippenham and it might have been more than 3-1 at half time. The sending off seemed to have turned the game in our favour; Bradley Bubb leaping to

assist! The keeper clutched a Met Police cross, looked up to see Jolls' astute run from left to right and managed to spear his kick right into the stride of the little No.10.

Butler rushed out but had no chance of saving and Jolly ran to the crowd to savour the match-winning moment,
Wealdstone: Jones, Scott McCubbin, Lee Chappell, Wes Parker, Sean Cronin, Dyer, Kurtney Brooks, Chris O'Leary, Peter Dean (Scott Fitzgerald 63), Jolly (James Mulley 90), Pett (Connor Smith 86).
Subs not used: Tommie Hoban, Alan Massey.

WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

The unbeaten run continued with a 2-0 win at Margate in midweek before a pulsating 3-1 win over Concord Rangers at the Vale clinched a play-off semi-final at Lowestoft. Jolls duly notched his 50th of the season against Concord, but the trip to Suffolk ended in dismay with two red cards and a late penalty seeing us beaten 2-1. But overall it was a memorable season after giant-killings against full-timers Cambridge United and Barrow, the highlights of a run to the FA Trophy semi-finals and a 3-1 aggregate defeat to Newport County.



volley a fine goal for 3-2 but then Eddie Oshodi was also-red carded for a dangerous challenge.

Remarkably, the hardworking David Pratt dive-headed us back into it (pictured above) from a magnificent Sellers cross and was (for once, and briefly) the flavour of the month as he then leaped to a corner and planted another header for 4-3.

A second Chippenham sending off (for a second yellow, a foul on the dangerous Jeff Monakana) should have seen us comfortably home, but the visitors deservedly levelled when striker Andy Sandell completed his hat-trick.

There have been 4-4 draws here in recent years against Truro, Basingstoke and Hartlepool, and 3-3 draws against Altrincham and Eastleigh this season but this game had everything... except sanity!

WEALDSTONE: North, Jake Sheppard, Jerome Okimo, Oshodi, Glenn Wilson (Sellers 22), Ricky Wellard, Monakana (O'Brien 82), Sam Cox, Pratt, Bubb (Dan Fitchett 70), Matt Whichelow. Subs not used: Kearney, Olomowewe.

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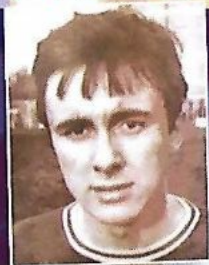
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BREMNER GOAL DECIDES FOR WEALDSTONE

Maidenhead Utd. 0, Wealdstone 1

A GOAL scored in the 46th minute by schoolboy left-winger Brian Bremner, deputising for Viv Evans, gave Wealdstone two Athenian League points in the Maidenhead match on Saturday. Wealdstone were the more skilful side, but it was a pity there had to be a loser in an excellent game, played in testing conditions.

Wealdstone had, perhaps, more than their fair share of luck, particularly in the last 20 minutes when Maidenhead made strenuous efforts to save the game. The Wealdstone goal had some near-miraculous escapes.

They owed a lot to the fine defensive play of Ashworth, who propped up the defence when it looked in danger of cracking. Fowler, too, was in great form, making a number of brilliant saves.

Ashworth, Townsend and Lindsay had all played for England against Scotland the night before, but were the architects of Wealdstone's victory.

Wealdstone played some delightful football on a pitch which had been swamped by heavy rain just before the kick-off. It speaks highly of Maidenhead's defence that they conceded only one goal.

Left: Hats off to the Harry O for eclipsing even the sort of errors I used to make when working for that august organ.

Above left: Bernie Bremer is pictured (top) above the little-known Billy Bremner

Stuck on line

It was Maidenhead who looked the more dangerous in the early stages, and Fowler was called on to make several first class interceptions of menacing centres but Good nearly gave Maidenhead a goal when he sliced the ball inches over his own cross bar.

As Wealdstone gradually began to get into the game McKendry had cruel luck when his shot stuck in the goal-line mud and Lawrence was able to clear.

When Wealdstone scored immediately after the interval it was no great surprise, for they had been gradually getting on top.

Maidenhead failed to clear a corner properly, Ball swung over a centre and Bremner hammered the ball past Brown from close range.

As Maidenhead staged a determined late rally luck came to Wealdstone's rescue. Doyle headed out from under the bar as Hay's job looked a certain goal, then Fowler dived to save brilliantly as Hatt fired in the rebound.

Cross-bar hit

At the other end Bremner headed Lindsay's corner kick against the bar, then it was Wealdstone's turn to escape as the ball hit their cross-bar during a frantic melee.

Ashworth nearly put the ball through his own goal trying to pass back, but Wealdstone just hung on.

The game was a credit to both sides, with Wealdstone's greater skill just triumphing over Maidenhead's determination.

It was Maidenhead's first home defeat by an amateur side since Finchley beat them on the first day of the season.

Maidenhead United: K. Brown, M. Burnham, C. Lawrence, D. Thomas, B. Pitts, R. Hatt, M. Rackell, J. Hay, A. Springell, J. Messer, G. Murray.

Wealdstone: W. Fowler, M. Doyle, R. Good, C. Townsend, J. Ashworth, D. Richards, D. Bell, H. Lindsay, L. Haydon, L. McKendry, B. Bremner.

ous year (apart from champions Enfield) while you had to feel a little bit sorry for runners up Barnet. Well, just a bit. Their case was even stronger than ours -

they'd been title winners three times, reached three Amateur Cup finals and been runners up on numerous occasions! But they had obviously offended

NEWSPAPER COCK-UP THAT BERNIE BREMER HAS FORGIVEN

The other main aim for the season would be finishing above Corinthian Casuals, a less lofty ambition than winning the FA Amateur Cup.

There was a good atmosphere at Wealdstone. The home side were having a good season and relied on a physical approach, much like Leeds United, although Wealdstone obviously weren't quite as good.

The pitch was wet and slippery, but the home supporters were saying that it had been that way for weeks. This was one of the good things about non-league football - supporters of both teams mixed freely.

Bromley had brought a strong team, the same 11 that started against Oxford in the previous round, and they looked full of purpose when they ran out onto the field. It was as if they realised this was their last chance to salvage something out of a season that had gone badly wrong.

The early signs weren't good, in that Wealdstone scored twice within the first 15 minutes. The first one was due to the mud. The ball got stuck in it and Bernie Bremer, the hometown favourite, forced the ball home. A few minutes later, he struck again with a lucky shot from the edge of the area.

The talk immediately turned to Barking. We were swept by a wave of fear that a repeat of the 8-0 loss to them earlier in the season was a real possibility.

Bremer seemed determined to get his hat-trick and this is probably what saved Bromley from total annihilation. He was on a single-minded mission and refused to pass or even communicate in any way with his teammates, instead preferring to ignore everyone else and shoot every time he got the ball.

At the other end, our end, Bromley were finally starting to threaten. Phil Amato's cross was met by Eric Nottage for about the millionth goal of his career. For once, it didn't feel like a consolation goal, but one that had got us back in the game.

Bremer then hit the bar as a reminder that his personal crusade wasn't yet over, but it was Bromley who scored next. A great cross by David Wise was met on the volley by Eddie Green and the scores were level at 2-2.

This was cup football at its most exciting. The game couldn't have been closer with Bromley and Bernie Bremer taking it in turns to attack.

Just before half-time, the travelling supporters' hearts sank as someone who wasn't Bremer put Wealdstone back in the lead from a corner.

As the players trooped off for their oranges, we weren't too dispirited. Only 3-2 down and still in with a chance of a win or even a replay at Hayes Lane. The pitch had, by now, turned into a quagmire which nullified the more skilful Wealdstone midfield.

The second half was undoubtedly Bromley's best 45 minutes of the season. Despite playing uphill, they mounted attack after attack.

Wise and Pettet had shots blocked on the line. Eddie Green's drive missed the target by a matter of inches.

Meanwhile, Alan Soper was in inspired form. The Wealdstone fans barely believed me when I told them he'd been in bed with flu the day before. But it was true. Peter had told me on the way to the ground.

Somehow, the score hadn't change since half-time. Then, in the last minute, Eddie Green scurried down the touchline and put in a curling cross towards Eric Nottage, the master converter of such chances and easily our top scorer. Nottage rose at the far post, just needing the slightest touch to level the scores.

But the ball somehow evaded his forehead. It went out for a Wealdstone throw and Mr RF Wood (Brighton) blew his whistle for full-time.

We're definitely infringing copyright here, but late 'Bromley Boys' author Dave Roberts wouldn't have minded us lifting a couple of pages of his wonderful novel that details Bromley FC's awful 1969-70 season when they finished bottom of the Isthmian League. Here he sums up the mercurial Bernie Bremer beautifully as his team were knocked out of the Amateur Cup at Lower Mead

someone 'upstairs' as the Bees were never offered a place at the top table - and ended up copying Wimbledon by turning professional in the mid-60s and joining the Southern League.

But back to the Stones. We were feeling a bit sorry for ourselves as the season kicked off and were actually bottom of the table in November with just one win in the opening nine games. Far from going 'up' to the Isthmians, we were in more danger of going down to the Corinthian League!

Part of the problem was having amateur internationals Charlie Townsend, Johnny Ashworth, Hughie Lindsay, Arthur Peel and Hunter Devine in our line up as-

they spent much of the autumn playing on Saturdays for their country and the first three (England) players were also involved in Great Britain qualifiers for the 1964 Olympic Games.

Once the internationals were out of the way the season settled down. We chalked up 11 wins from the next 15 games to consolidate a final place of fifth - and smack in the middle of this run came the game at mid-table Maidenhead.

The Magpies hadn't lost at home since the opening day, but a single goal from our teenage winger Bernie Bremer won the points. Ignore the misspelling in the headline and the first paragraph of the

Harrow Observer cutting - poor Bernie had to live with 14 years of having his name misspelled, largely as a result of the prominent Scottish international Billy Bremner playing at the same time.

Bernie played for the Stones for seven years and was hugely influential in the club winning the Amateur Cup in '66. He was among the ex-players at the 50 years anniversary back in 2016 - and laughed about the mispronunciation when I spoke to him at the lunch event.

"'Bremner' was how everyone spelled my name - I just got used to it" he said. "But in one of my early games they even got my first name wrong in the paper too so that

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WEALDSTONE FC

We've met before THE STORY CONTINUES FROM

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was something of an achievement!" Well, Bernie - or should we call you Brian - we have reprinted the classic double mistake from the Maidenhead report. It was only his second start in the first team for the 17 year-old - a pupil at teacher team mate Hughie Lindsay's school - but Bremer's goal helped cement his place in the Stones team right through the 1960s.

He eventually left at the end of the 1969-70 season for Wycombe Wanderers, joining strikers Keith Searle and John Hutchinson who had left acrimoniously a few months earlier. All three won championship medals with Wycombe the following season - but only Bremer had the best wishes of the club.

Incidentally, the Stones only had to wait another year to gain membership of the Isthmian league when Wimbledon turning pro created a vacancy. But poor old Barnet, the Athenian champions, were overlooked again....

The Maidenhead programme that afternoon in 1964 (right) and (below) the Stones line-up five years later shows Bremer (ringed) an integral member



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Club Notes

GOOD afternoon everyone, and welcome to the officials, players and supporters of Wealdstone, for our return league game. At Lower Mead a few weeks ago we lost 2-1 in a closely contested game, and we have little doubt that today's game will produce a further keen tussle.

After Tuesday's splendid victory over Barnet, our lads are very confident of the future, but let us hope that the injury bogey will soon leave us, for in no less than six matches we have been reduced to 10 men for more than half the game. Joe McCabe we are pleased to say was allowed home on Wednesday morning after having his shoulder re-set, but must be doubtful for much more football this season, however, we wish him a speedy return to fitness.

Thank you for the Challenge Cup Semi-final and our best wishes.

Today in the 2nd leg of the Mithras Cup Semi-final, on the first leg. The Easter arrangements are now at your return for future reference.

All Stars, 3.30 p.m.
Maidenhead, kick-off, 3 p.m.
Ladies, kick-off 3 p.m.
Ladies v. Windsor at York Road, Berks and Bucks

you that we have accepted an invitation from the Amateur Championship Semi-final, between Berks & Bucks, on Wednesday, 14th or 15th April, kick-off

Rubbery jubbly! One way of getting it on..

ONE OTHER incident worth repeating from revisit of the early 1960s follows the Big Freeze of January 1963 when 4ft of snow fell in Harrow - and the rest of Britain - and football was pretty much suspended for three months.

Striker Arthur Peel recalled one novel (and desperate) method for unfreezing the pitches: Barnet decided to stack piles of old tyres on their Underhill pitch before the scheduled game with Wealdstone and set fire to them!

It didn't work - the game was called off after 20 minutes - but the sticky goo from the melted tyres totally ruined both sets of kit! And this was before the bonkers Barry Fry....

THE ATHENIAN LEAGUE RIGHT UP TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE!

Last season's clashes with the Magpies were typically unpredictable

TUESDAY DECEMBER 26, 2023.
NATIONAL LGE: MAIDENHEAD UNITED 0 WEALDSTONE 2

In the space of six weeks last season we took on Maidenhead twice.. and the matches encapsulated our hopelessly erratic form at the end of the year going into February.

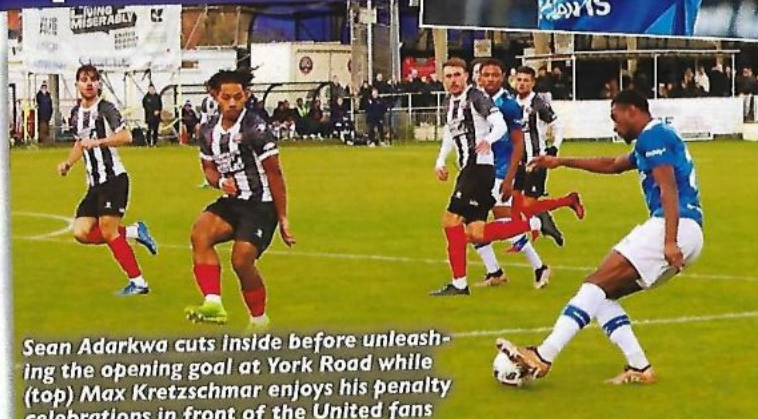
All was hunky dory when we met at York Road on Boxing Day. First half goals from Sean Adarkwa and Max from the penalty spot ensured an impressive, workman-like 2-0 win that seemed to be Stuart Maynard and Matty Saunders putting down a marker.

It said "We will run the hard yards but also keep the ball with a passion... while we also have the talent to hurt you".

Sean Adarkwa was on fire, in fact putting on a show that Christmas and his opening goal in the 2-0 win at Dagenham was followed by a superlative hat-trick in the topsy-turvy 4-4 draw with Hartlepool.

While his goal against Maidenhead simply took your breath away. He cut inside from the left of the box and despatched an unerring right-foot shot to the far, top corner that had keeper Craig Ross clutching at thin air.

We then knocked Chelmsford out of the FA Trophy... followed by the shocking news that our management team were off to Notts County. All seemed well, however, with Alex Dyer taking the reins for a 2-0 win over Halifax at the Vale, and even when



Sean Adarkwa cuts inside before unleashing the opening goal at York Road while (top) Max Kretschmar enjoys his penalty celebrations in front of the United fans

David Noble was the surprise new wearer of the Stones' manager's jacket the results kept coming. First came a 3-3 draw against Aldershot and then the dramatic 1-1 draw at Barnet with Corey Andrews' last-minute heroics planting us firmly in mid-table.

What we weren't prepared for was a very low-key performance three days later that ended in the defeat to struggling Maidenhead....

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2024.
NATIONAL LGE: WEALDSTONE 0 MAIDENHEAD UNITED 1

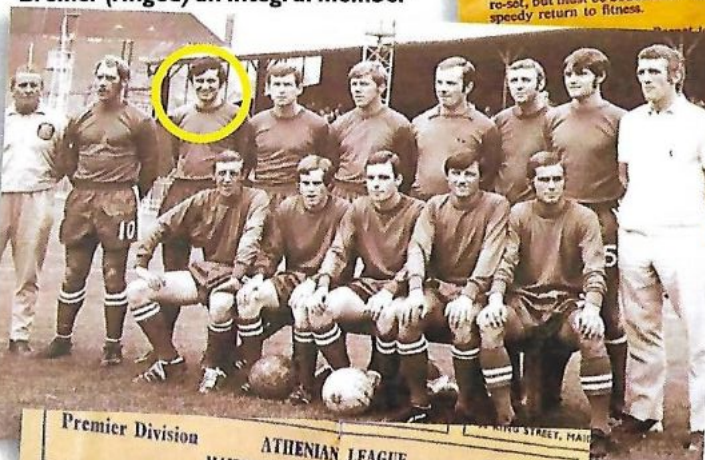
As I mentioned in the live-stream commentary at the end of the game: "This was very much Wealdstone's worst display of the season so far"... what I didn't know was how low we'd dip under the new manager!

It didn't help having skipper Jack Cook sent off for two yellow cards in the first half but this was a really half-cooked Stones. Our former youth player Ashley Nathaniel-George was the most dangerous player on the pitch and he cracked in the only goal with 20 mins remaining, but truthfully Maidenhead would have been out of sight but for the razor-sharp goal keeping of Marcus Dewhurst.

The malaise was half hidden by wins at York and AFC Fylde, but five successive defeats meant the end of Noble. Blame it on Maidenhead!



Sean hails his fantastic strike with midfielder Sam Bowen
Pictures: Jon Taffel



Premier Division		ATHENIAN LEAGUE		Senior Section	
SATURDAY, MARCH 21		MAIDENHEAD UNITED v. WEALDSTONE		KICK-OFF 3pm	
Right		WEALDSTONE		Colors: Blue and White	
1. D. BULL		1. W. TOWLER	3. R. GOOD	Left	
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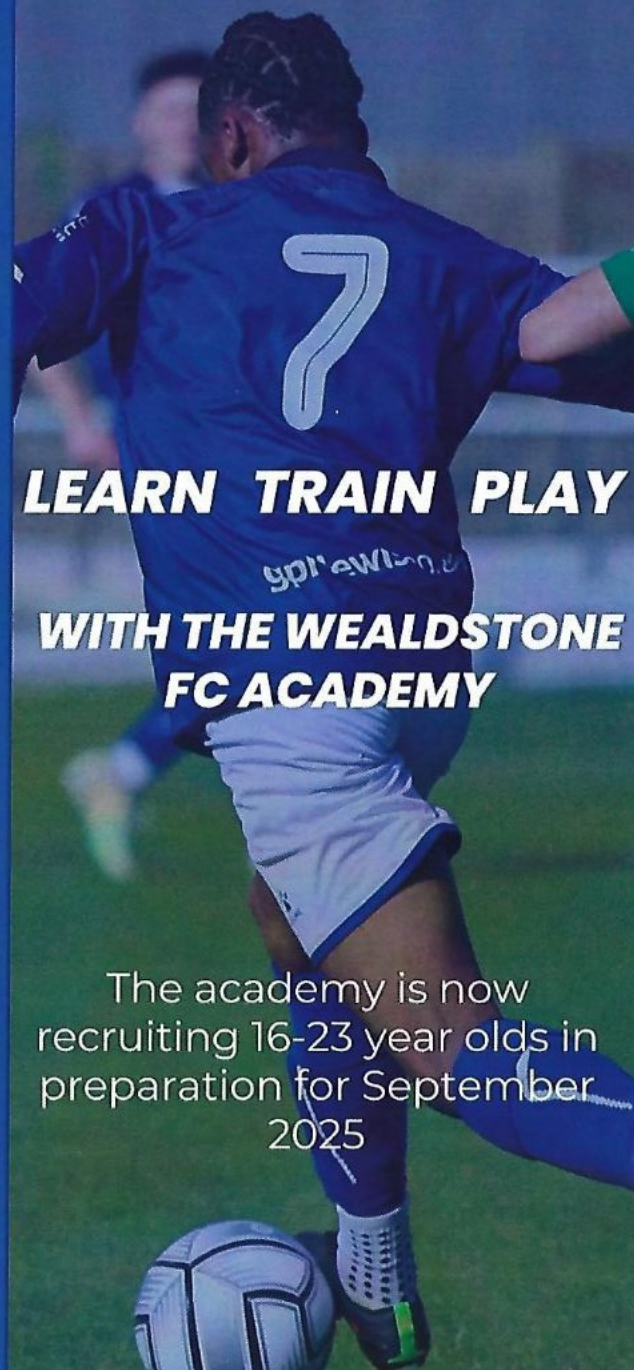
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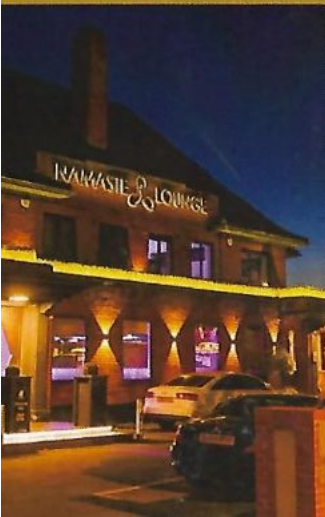




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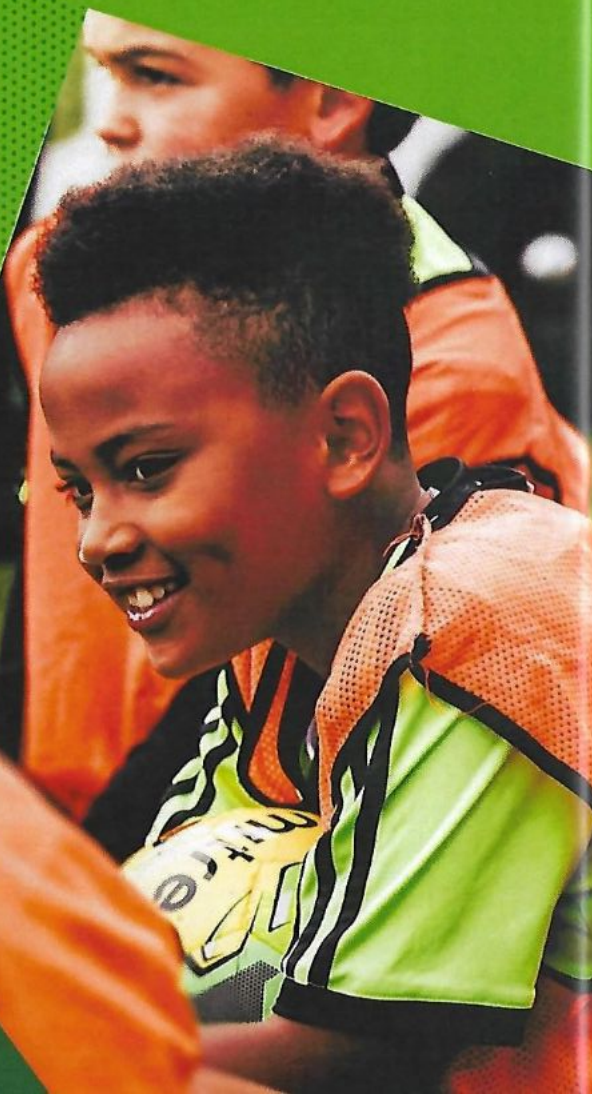
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2	York City	42	26	8	8	87	40	21	15	3	3	54	19	21	11	5	5	33	21	47	86	0-2	0-3
3	Forest Green Rovers	42	20	15	7	63	40	21	13	7	1	34	17	21	7	8	6	29	23	23	75	2-1	2-2
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6	Rochdale	41	18	10	13	61	40	21	12	3	6	38	20	20	6	7	7	23	20	21	64	2-0	1-4
7	Halifax Town	42	17	13	12	47	40	21	8	5	8	21	21	21	9	8	4	26	19	7	64		2-2
8	Altrincham	42	16	12	14	62	53	21	9	7	5	32	18	21	7	5	9	30	35	9	60	3-3	1-0
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10	Tamworth	42	16	12	14	59	63	21	9	8	4	35	23	21	7	4	10	24	40	-4	60	0-1	1-4
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