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- Nathan TSHIKUNA 20
- Jeffrey SEKYERE 21
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Nathan Tshikuna smashes the Stones ahead in the recent 1-1 draw at Tamworth
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BY MARK HYT

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IAN LYONS

Happy birthday Ian from everyone at the club including the 'Lyons Tours' (Pictured) Aaron, Steve, Christian and Jerry.



Saturday October 4th 2025

V Altrincham FC

Welcome back to Grosvenor Vale as we welcome from Cheshire, the management, players and supporters of our good friends Altrincham FC.

Those who attended this morning's EGM will now be aware of the outcome and the possibility that our beloved football club is moving into a new era. Whatever the decision, our thoughts for the short term must be in the here and now and that means adding to our impressive early season points tally.

Altrincham are one of those clubs our longer term fans associate with our last period in non league football's top division. One that many have grown a fondness for over the years for the friendly reception in Cheshire and the respect a great traditional club deserves.

A welcome return to the FA Cup is almost upon us following last season's run to our 2nd round encounter with Wycombe Wanderers on national TV. Last Monday, the 4th qualifying round draw was made and Wealdstone will face the current FA Vase holders, Whitstable Town of the Southern Counties East Premier Division (Step 7) here at Grosvenor Vale on Saturday 11th October. Cancel any shopping plans you may have made for that weekend and keep an eye out for ticket details which will be released shortly. Should a replay be required this will be at the Belmont ground in Whitstable on Tuesday 14th of October at 7.45pm.

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Today we welcome Altrincham to the Vale – they've had a tough set of fixtures through September but we know they have a great coach in Phil Parkinson.

Alty offer a real attacking threat and will be wanting to bounce back after a disappointing 1-0 defeat at Yeovil last Saturday.

We now find ourselves a quarter of the way through our season...it's absolutely flown by but if you had offered us a league position of 12th or 13th at the end of September, at the start of the season, with us sitting just three points outside the play-off positions I think we'd honestly have bitten your hand off.

We can't help but feel a little frustrated though, considering the progress we've made since pre-season. We feel we could have taken more from certain

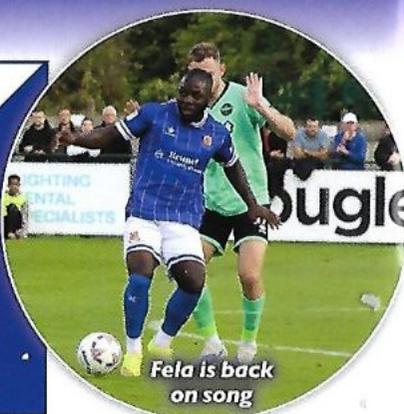
games – but then you can be a little bit greedy at times and have to be realistic when you know the resources we have been given and the limitations imposed on the squad.

The boys have done fantastically well, taking on new ideas and new voices and we now have our Wealdstone back, playing with an identity, a passion and a purpose. We now need to be honing in on the fine details to capitalise on particular games and moments.

Although we ended up drawing 0-0 with Eastleigh last week I thought the first 45 minutes were very promising – we dominated the ball, created a lot of opportunities and worked well in our attacking patterns. Because we've been focussing on cutting out naive goals we can take a lot of positives from keeping another clean sheet. After Eastle-

Gaffer's column

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Fela is back on song

'Our focus has been on avoiding letting in naïve goals.. but that must not come at the expense of losing our attacking spark'

igh went down to ten men they sat deep in a 4-4-1 shape – it was tough to penetrate. We tried to move the ball side to side but it didn't quite click in the final third. We lacked a little spark but the lads ran their socks off – Obiero worked tirelessly, Tshikuna was again excellent and Fela gave us a real boost in his first

start. It's great to have him back. He hasn't had a full pre-season so we're managing his minutes, but he made a real impact and won the foul that led to their sending off. Max has been excellent since his return from injury too and across the squad we've now got genuine competition for places.

I'm writing this before the Brackley trip but defensively, we've been fantastic in the last two games.

We've only conceded once in two tough games and that's credit to the

players. We just need to ensure that doesn't come at the expense of our attacking spark, such as in the Eastleigh game. We dominated in most areas and if we keep working, the goals will come.

Hope you all enjoy your afternoon and thank you once again for your loud and continued support – please keep getting behind the boys.

God bless and Up the Stones!

Taking it to the

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By Max Kretzschmar



Welcome back! Fela Olomola shows his trickery against Eastleigh
Pics: JON TAFFEL

Two draws: One a good point gained, but the other was two dropped

Hello and welcome back to The Vale. Altrincham are our visitors today, and I've got a lot of admiration for Phil Parkinson's side.

Over the past few years, they've consistently played an attractive brand of football and have tended to finish in a very respectable position in the table. Our away win at Alty last season was one of my favourite moments of the Neil Gibson era - an Alex Reid header proved to be the difference in a really tough game on a tricky surface.

The loss of their star striker Regan Linney will, of course, have an impact on them. In my opinion, he's an EFL striker in waiting - his quality has been clear for a while now. Whether that next step comes with Carlisle remains to be seen, especially given their recent run of defeats, but there's no doubt he's a big miss for Altrincham this season. Despite their relatively poor form at the moment, we know the quality they have and the challenge they'll pose today.

Last week was a tale of two draws – one I'd call a point gained, the other two points dropped. Tamworth away is one of the most awkward places to go and get a result. Their relentless entries into the box through long throws and set pieces can really pile on the pressure and create a bit of anxiety for any team. I thought we handled that threat really well on the night. Nathan scored a

fantastic goal, and overall, I felt we fully deserved to come away with a point.

In contrast, I was very frustrated with both our performance and the result against ten-man Eastleigh. I thought we were lethargic and lacked quality throughout, despite dominating possession. We need to be smarter in how we approach future opponents who sit in a lowblock. Eastleigh dropped into a deep 4-5-1 - and then a 4-4-1 after Aaron

Pierre's red card - and were more than happy for us to have the ball. As players, we have to find solutions to those kinds of problems during the game if we truly want to do well this season.

We've spoken as a group about wanting to be multi-faceted and flexible in attack: some games will suit our short passing game, while others might call for a different approach. It's about recognising that as players on the pitch and taking control of which style will give us the best chance to win.

Finally, we've been drawn at home to Whitstable Town in the FA Cup. A home tie with a place in the First Round up for grabs is always a nice luxury to have, but it certainly doesn't guarantee anything. We'll have to play well to make sure we don't make headlines for the wrong reasons. This time last season, we beat Gosport Borough at home at the same stage, and hopefully we can produce a similar result and set off on another little cup run like we did last year. Enjoy the game today! UTS



So close! Micah Obiero just mistimes his header in the final moments v Eastleigh

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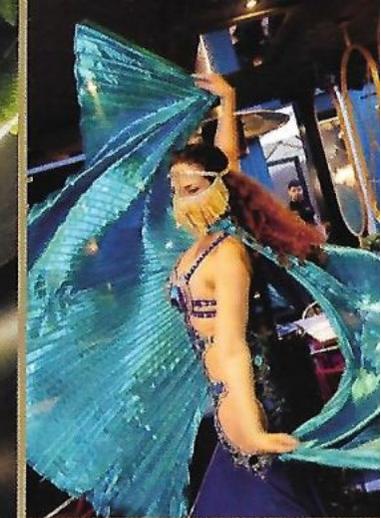
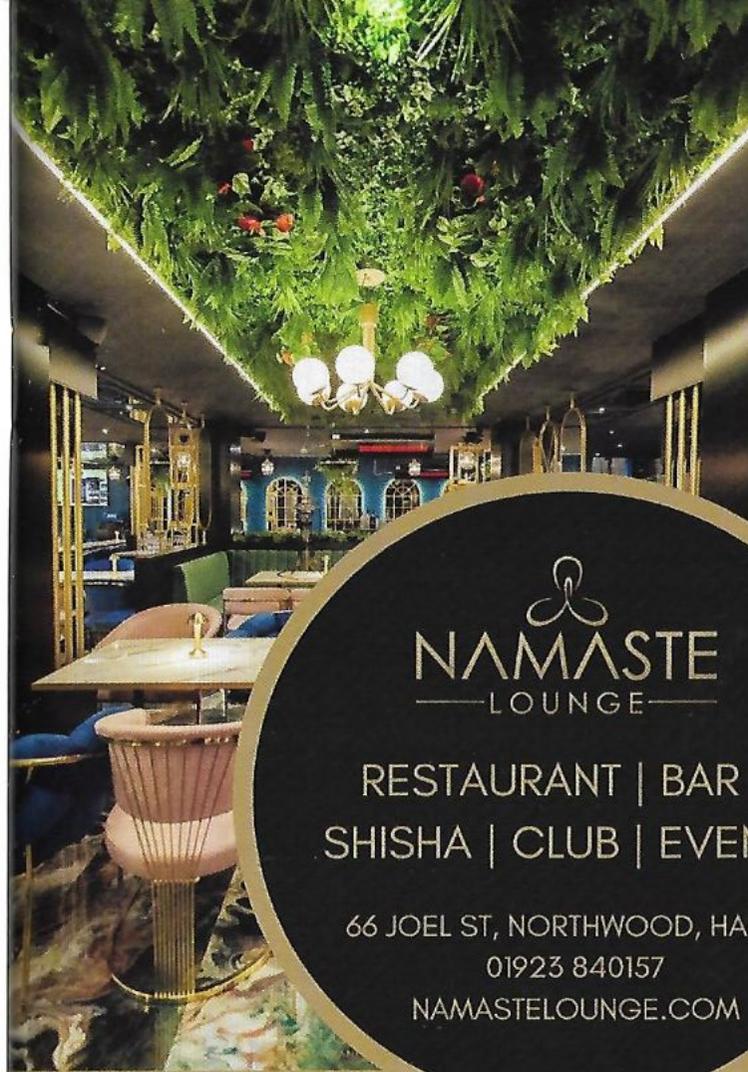


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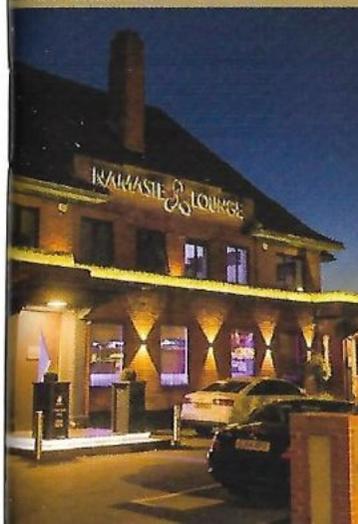
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Watching Wealdstone is, for me, about more than the 90 minutes of Corinthian sporting endeavour.

I love the train journey, the anticipation, the familiar faces, the chat, the build-up, and, as those who know me well might attest, a pre-match pint or four, which I feel goes a long way to enhance or ameliorate the Wealdstone-watching experience.

I guess this started in my teens when I discovered I could actually get served in pubs, and continues to the present day, though there was a twenty year interlude during the 90s and 2000s when I would frequently be accompanied to matches by one or more children and needing to drive, or at least not leave any of them behind on the train, meant I had to behave like a responsible adult, which is not really in my nature.

Planning an away trip now involves much research to locate a pub that might serve good beer, isn't full of neanderthals and is within staggering distance of the opponents' ground.

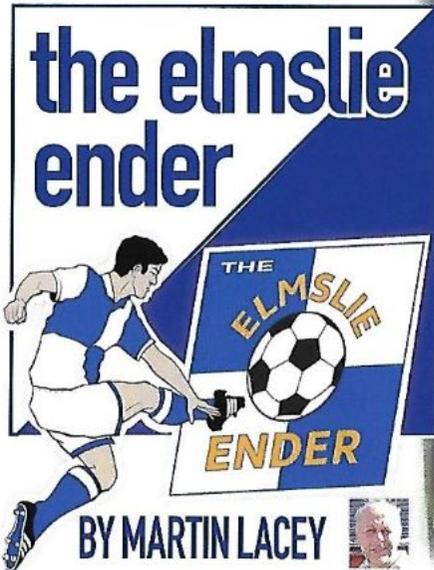
Should - perish the thought - Wealdstone get relegated from the National League, what would I miss? Would I miss being corralled in a distant corner of the ground with the worst possible view when there's thousands of empty seats we could be occupying? No.

Would I miss being stuck in a queue outside as the match kicks off even though there's only fifty Wealdstone supporters present because the turnstile operators haven't a clue how their new fangled QR code scanners work? No.

Would I miss paying £4 for a miserly 90% sawdust hot dog in a dried up bun? No.

Would I miss the Three Pigeons at Halifax (pictured right)? Yes.

Although I would rather drink good beer than bad beer I am definitely not one of that coterie I refer to as the 'real ale fascists' - you know who you are - who will make a fifty mile detour on an



BY MARTIN LACEY

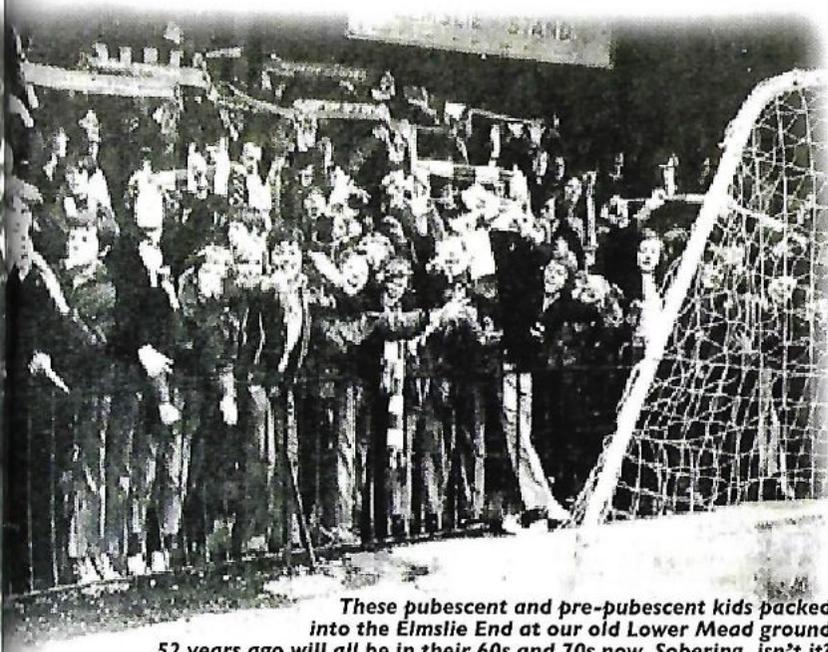


Yes! Train, beer, football... and the perils of adding Whitehawk away to that essential matchday list

away trip to sample a particularly sought after brand of ditchwater that's only available within a five mile radius of the brewery. Never mind those who insist on building a 'brewery tour' into their weekend itinerary... I like drinking the stuff, I don't care how it's made. Beer is magic, please don't spoil the illusion.

I mean, hopefully you're enjoying this programme, but do you want a tour of the factory where it's printed? (If the answer is yes, this can be arranged, but in forty years of running a printing business nobody ever said to me 'I'd love to see how it's done'.)

Anyway, in the event there's no suitable pub nearby the next option is the club bar. An overpriced pint of Stella may not be as inviting as the hand-pumped Old Unpalatable, but come kick-off I



These pubescent and pre-pubescent kids packed into the Elmslie End at our old Lower Mead ground 52 years ago will all be in their 60s and 70s now. Sobering, isn't it?

find it's had the same result. In our Isthmian days, and for the most part in National League South, this would be ubiquitous. Indeed, I'm sure many clubs counted on a visit from Wealdstone to bolster their profits adequately to sustain their club for months to follow.

In the National League provision for away fans' drinking needs is more hit and miss, but I have to say I've found a warm welcome at the likes of Scunthorpe, Morecambe and Rochdale. My worst nightmare would be a scenario where I arrive early for a match and there's no pub near the ground and no bar open to away supporters. What do you do? Simple. Infiltrate.

Do you remember when we used to regularly play against Whitehawk, the pride of the South Coast?

Yes, it does seem like another life. I went to Whitehawk several times. Their ground is on the edge of Brighton and miles from anywhere. One year there was a bit of Raider-related argy bargy; I think to be accepted as a Whitehawk supporter you probably have to produce documentary proof that you've had your sense of humour surgically removed: they never seemed to get the joke of the Wealdstone Raider as the loveable, self-deprecating, charitable fundraising, benign mascot we know him as, preferring to envisage him as a modern Attila the Hun at the head of an army of rampant blue-clad stormtroopers. That's us!

So the following year Whitehawk went the whole hog, police, stewards, segregation and, of course, no

away fans in the bar; all for a crowd of about three hundred. I think this is the year some of our supporters protested at our treatment by watching the match without paying from the surrounding scrubland.

I arrived at the ground at about 2pm, thirsty, and fully prepared, cunningly disguised as a harmless and congenial middle aged man (which is actually not difficult as I am a harmless and congenial middle aged man); no colours, and - piece de resistance - a copy of *The Guardian* protruding from my jacket. (BTW, I hadn't bought a copy of *The Guardian* just to

facilitate getting into the Whitehawk bar; I do actually read it.) So that's it. Through the turnstiles, into the bar, get a pint, sit down with my newspaper; and before long I'm engaged in friendly conversation with a couple of Whitehawk fans.

Then the penny drops. I'm a Wealdstone supporter. I confess. I think one of them dropped his drink and the other one fell off his chair. WEALDSTONE SUPPORTER!!! In my mind's eye everyone in the bar took a step backward. A couple of them hid under a table. Or maybe not. What I can say is that for the remaining half hour to kick off not a soul spoke to me and the atmosphere was quite chilly.

One more problem. With the bar being inside the ground, I emerged into the Whitehawk end. Segregation has been facilitated with a temporary barrier manned by a gaggle of stewards.

"Excuse me, I'm a Wealdstone supporter; I've come in the wrong end, can I get through?" "How did you get in?" "I just walked up to the turnstiles, paid and walked in." They don't believe me. I think it's the copy of *The Guardian*. More stewards come, possibly police. Eventually they relent and I'm allowed into the Wealdstone end to be met with some derision from my fellow Wealdstone supporters.

In a couple of years my grandchildren will be old enough to accompany me to the match and I will have to start acting my age.

But for now I will continue to enjoy supporting Wealdstone my way. Train, beer, football. Where there's a will...

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stones fan in the stand

Matteo Tonna

I spotted a familiar-looking face at the Carlisle United game a couple of months ago: Matteo Tonna, who must be one of our most far-flung fans, following the Stones from close to 1,000 miles away in Soragna, Italy - and has done so for 35 years. I had written a piece about him for the programme five years ago, updating our curious fans on his life in the Parma region and now it seemed rude not to compose Update No.2...

MATTEIO, now 57 years old and working for a cosmetics and medicine company, was with Chiara, one of his three daughters, and her boyfriend Riccardo for the Carlisle game.

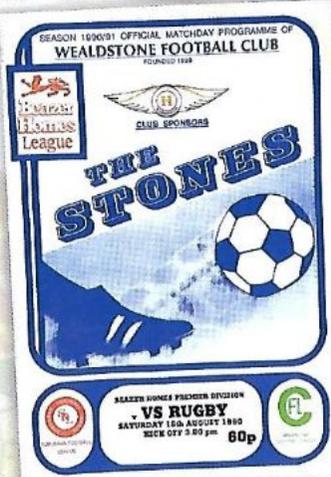
He says: "The pretext for our family holiday in London was the Coldplay concert at Wembley on the evening of Tuesday August 26th, but really it was to pop over to London to see Wealdstone. In addition to Stones v Carlisle the three of us also watched Charlton v Leicester and Palace v Forest - while on the evening of the concert I visited Millwall on my own for the Carabao Cup match v Coventry City

"A few weeks ago I celebrated the 35th anniversary of the first Wealdstone match I saw live (v VS Rugby at Lower Mead, 18 August 1990, and don't think I had to check the date!) and since then, as you know better than I do, a lot has changed. Not just in terms of the pyramid level but both the purely technical aspect and stadiums in which Wealdstone play, but the change has also been

35 years on, Matteo is long trip from Italy to



Stones' Tony Lynch (white shirt) is pictured by Matteo as Lower Mead looks decidedly ramshackle in the August 1990 sunshine. Far right: Graham Sharpe gets a scoop when he hears about the presence of Matteo and his pals. They might have spelled 'Arrivederci' right though! Below: the programme from that first game



drastic for those who, like me, cannot attend 99% of the Stones' matches in person. Back in 1990 it would have been unthinkable to one day be able to follow the match results live on my smartphone, or listen to commentary and even watch it on TV thanks to DAZN.

"I don't get to follow the matches on the radio or on TV every Saturday, but the notifications from the app on my smartphone (and the images kindly provided on X by Syl Allen) play a decisive role in shaping my weekend with joy or disappointment.

"My thirst for knowledge about Wealdstone is quenched by the wonderful home programmes that my friend Roger Slater regularly sends me - a publication that never ceases to amaze me, packed as it is with interesting articles about the club's present and past. The period that really interests me most is up to 1922 (oh, how I wish I could consult copies of the Harrow Gazette from that period to clear up the doubts I have!).

"Football (and researching its history) occupies a

still making the see the Stones!



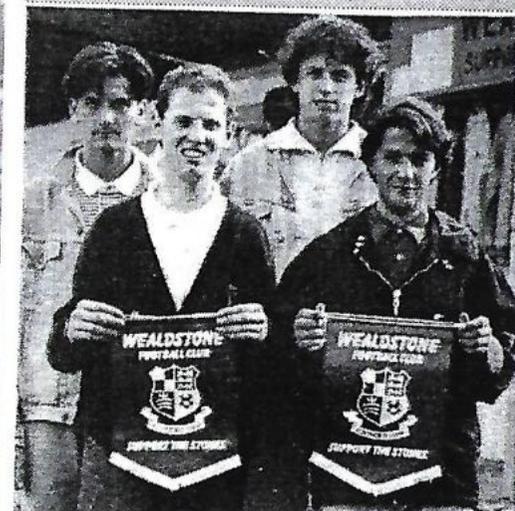
Matteo (left) with Chiara and Riccardo at the Vale

large part of my life, being in fact my only hobby. In addition to Wealdstone, I have been following the non-league club of my small town, Soragna FC, for a lifetime, a club for which I have taken it upon myself to publish two historical volumes, the first in 1996 and the second together with three friends in 2013.

"The fact that Soragna plays at a very low level in the Italian football pyramid means that away games are generally quite convenient, making it very easy to follow the team every Sunday. My typical weekends, as you can see from the above, are filled with football, football and more football."

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MOST Wealdstone supporters face a short drive to the ground or a stop or two on the bus or train at the most as they journey to Lower Mead - 22 year old Matteo Tonna travelled from Parma in Northern Italy to see the Stones in action on Saturday!

Matteo, and his three friends, Emanuele Guareschi, 20; Paolo Corradi, 21 and 22 year old Lorenzo Cantarelli were watching Wealdstone for the first time, having become long distance supporters four years ago.

Explained Matteo, "I came to London several years ago and heard that Wealdstone had won the Non League double and were then the most famous English team outside of the Football League."

Subscription

Matteo began to take an interest in the Stones, even

visiting the ground even though there was no match on at the time, and last season he took out a subscription to Wealdstone's match programmes and became a regular correspondent with the Club Shop's Toby Jackson, so when he and his friends had the chance to visit London there was no doubt about where they would spend their Saturday afternoon.

The four had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon at Lower Mead, even though, as Matteo soon noticed, it couldn't quite compare with some of the great Italian stadiums which hosted the World Cup.

A keen soccer player himself, Matteo revealed that the local side he played for had recently disbanded, "because of lack of interest".

Matteo and his friends hope to visit Lower Mead again and will continue to support the Club at long range.

today's opposition in focus

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT **ALTRINCHAM** THE ROBINS

Altrincham was established by a Sunday school around 1891 as Rigby Memorial Club. They soon merged with another local team, Grapplers, to form Broadheath Football Club, and were founder members of the Manchester League in 1893.



After playing at various grounds in Broadheath, Timperley and Altrincham, the club moved to Pollitt's Field in 1903, at which point they changed their name to Altrincham. They won the Cheshire Amateur Cup in their first season under the new name, and went on to win both the Manchester League and the Cheshire Senior Cup the following season. They won the Manchester League again in 1906–07, and moved to their current Moss Lane ground in 1910.

In 1911 the club joined Division Two of the Lancashire Combination. They finished as runners-up in their first season in the division, only missing out on the title on goal average and earning promotion to Division One. They remained in Division One until World War I. When football resumed in 1919, the club were founder members of the Cheshire County League, where they remained until World War II.

After missing out the 1945–46 season, they rejoined the Cheshire County League in 1946. They were then founder members of the Northern Premier League in 1968.

They reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy in 1976–77, losing 2–1 to Scarborough in a second replay; the season also saw them apply for election to the Football League for the first time, but they received only 12 votes compared to the 27 received by the elected Wimbledon. The following season they went one better in the FA Trophy, reaching the Wembley final, where they beat Leatherhead 3–1. In 1978–79 they finished as runners-up in the Northern Premier League and

applied for election to the Football League again. Although they finished as the top non-League club in the ballot, they received only 13 votes to the 37 received by Halifax Town, the lowest-placed Football League club. Instead, Altrincham became founder members of the Alliance Premier League, the top level of non-League football, the winner of which would be the sole non-League nomination for future Football League election ballots.

The league's inaugural season saw Altrincham crowned champions. In the subsequent elections to the Football League, the club missing out by a single vote. Altrincham retained the APL title the following season, but again failed in the Football League elections. The next two seasons saw the club finish in mid-table, together with another FA Trophy final appearance in 1981–82, this time losing 1–0 to Enfield. This was followed by four consecutive top-five finishes between 1984 and 1987 and a second FA Trophy win in 1985, beating Runcorn 1–0 in the final. The 1985–86 season saw them record one of the biggest FA Cup giant-killings of all time when they defeated top division Birmingham City 2–1 at Birmingham's St Andrew's.

After finishing bottom of the Conference in 1996–97 the club were relegated to the Premier Division of the Northern Premier League. An eighth-place finish in 1997–98 saw them return to the Conference two seasons later as Premier Division champions. However, they lasted only a single season in the Conference as they finished second-from-bottom and were relegated back to the Northern Premier League.

A twelfth-place finish in 2003–04 saw them qualify for the newly formed Conference North. They finished fifth in the new division in its first season, qualifying for the promotion play-offs where they were promoted to the Conference National.

In 2005–06 Altrincham finished bottom of the Conference National after receiving an 18-point deduction when they were found to have fielded an ineligible player, James Robinson, for 15 matches, during which he scored six goals and Altrincham won 18 points. However, they were reprieved from relegation after Canvey Island resigned



Altrincham's 7,873 capacity Moss Lane

from the league and Scarborough were demoted. The following season they again finished in the relegation zone, but were reprieved after Boston United were demoted. A third successive relegation reprieve occurred in 2007–08 when Halifax were liquidated.

After mid-table finishes in 2008–09 and 2009–10 and Ricky Ponting becoming a shareholder of the club in 2009, Altrincham were relegated to the Conference North at the end of the 2010–11 season. However, after finishing fourth the following season, they defeated Guiseley 2–1 in the final to earn promotion back to the Conference National. In 2015–16 the club finished in the relegation zone and were relegated to the renamed National League North. The following season they finished bottom of the National League North, leading to a second successive relegation to the Premier Division of the Northern Premier League. However, the 2017–18 season saw the club win the Northern Premier League title, earning promotion back to the National League North.

In 2019/20 They finished in sixth-place resulting in another play-off campaign. After defeating Chester 3–2 and York City 2–0, the club beat Boston United 1–0 in the final, earning promotion to the National League.

In 2020/21 Altrincham finished their first season back at National League level in 17th position. In 2021/22 the Robins improved on the previous

season with a 14th place finish, two places above Wealdstone, on 55 points having won 15 drawn 10 and lost 19.

In 2022/23 Altrincham finished in 17th place 4 places below the Stones with 56 points having won 14 Drawn 14 and lost 18.

Last Season the Robins finished in 4th place on 77 points and after a walkover against ineligible Gateshead lost 3-1 away to eventual winners Bromley in the playoff Semi-Final.

Altrincham have a history of giant-killing in the FA Cup, holding the record of knocking out more Football League sides than any other club that has spent its entire history playing in non-League. They reached the third round of the FA Cup in four consecutive seasons between 1978–79 and 1981–82, holding a better record in the competition than any club playing in the Third or Fourth divisions during this period.

To date the club has recorded seventeen victories against Football League clubs:

OUR RECORD V ALTRINCHAM
P27 W10 D5 L12 F30 A36 GD -6
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TUE 18TH MAR 25 (A) - W 1-0



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The Robins who's who



Rotherham United in early 2021, before making a permanent switch six months later. Signed a new contract with Alty in the summer.

6 - ELLIOT OSBORNE *Midfield*

Now in his fifth campaign at The J. Davidson stadium, where he moved from Stevenage midway through 2021/22.

7 - OLLY CRANKSHAW *Forward*

Talented winger who counts Curzon Ashton, Wigan Athletic and Motherwell as former clubs. His time with Alty to date (after joining from Stockport County in August 2023) has been interrupted by injury, but he's now fully fit and signed a new contract in June.

8 - ISAAC MARRIOTT *Midfield*

Signed by the Robins from Bradford (Park Avenue) in late 2021, after starting his career with Huddersfield Town.

9 - JAMES GALE *Forward*

Forward who joined Alty from Mansfield Town in the summer. Spent much of last season on loan at Boston United.

10 - KEATON WARD *Midfield*

Alty first summer capture of 2025. The attacking midfielder moved from division rivals Boston United, where he'd spent two seasons. Previous clubs include Mansfield Town and Kettering Town.

11 - JIMMY KNOWLES *Forward*

Striker signed for an undisclosed fee from Accrington Stanley in June. His goals helped Boston United win promotion to the National League in 2024 before he made the move to League Two. Subsequently spent the second half of last season on loan with the Pilgrims.

14 - MATTY KOSYLO *Forward*

Experienced winger now in his sixth season as a Robin, who he joined from AFC Fylde in 2020. Previously turned out for FC Halifax Town and Nantwich Town. This season 'Kossy' has a dual role as player/coach.

15 - BILLY SASS-DAVIES *Defence*

A new addition to the squad for 2025/26 after leaving Hartlepool United. The giant central defender has enjoyed two previous short-term spells with Alty while playing for Crewe Alexandra. A former Wales u21 international.

16 - REMI RAYMOND *Midfield*

Box-to-box midfielder who's been with Alty since

1 - ETHAN ROSS *Goalkeeper*

Giant stopper who was in the ranks at both Arsenal and West Brom as a teenager. Initially signed for the Robins on loan from Stockport County before turning the deal permanent in the autumn of 2023. Altrincham's Supporters' Player of the Year in 2023/24 and 2024/25.

2 - LEWIS BANKS *Defence*

Enjoyed a four-year spell with Sligo Rovers after leaving boyhood club Stoke City in 2019. The right back moved to Arbroath in 2022, ahead of joining the Robins in the summer 2023. Has since played over 100 games in the famous red and white stripes.

3 - SAM REED *Defence*

An off-season free agent signing following his release from Sheffield Wednesday. The left-sided defender/wing-back enjoyed two loan spells last season with Boston United and Scarborough Athletic.

4 - LEWIS BAINES *Defence (C)*



Former Fleetwood Town trainee who was part of the Chorley side that made the Fourth Round of the FA Cup in 2021. The left-sided central defender left the Magpies for Alty in the summer of 2022. Named captain in the summer of 2024.

5 - JAKE COOPER *Defence*

Originally joined the Robins on loan from



he was 15. Graduated from the academy in the summer before signing a first team contract. Dad Steve also played for Alty and scored the winner against Macclesfield on debut in 1994.

17 - LUCAS WEAVER *Forward*

Goalscoring winger who notched 42 goals in 41 games for Colne during the 2023/24 campaign, before enjoying a prolific spell on loan with Bamber Bridge during his first season with Alty. Came through the ranks at Preston North End before starting his senior career in the West Lancashire League.

20 - KAHREL REDDIN *Forward*

The tricky winger featured in over 40 games last season after signing as a free agent in July 2024. An FA Youth Cup winner with Aston Villa, the winger spent two years with Stoke City after leaving Villa Park in 2022.

22 - TOM CRAWFORD *Midfield*

Free agent summer addition in 2024 from Vanarama National League rivals Hartlepool United. The midfielder played four years for Pools, after coming through the ranks at Stoke City and making his senior debut for hometown club Chester FC.

23 - TYLOR GOLDEN *Defence*

Signed following a short trial period in July 2024. Started out at Wigan Athletic and moved onto Salford City, before spending the last two years with FC Halifax Town, making nearly 100 appearances for the Shaymen while winning the FA Trophy.

24 - SAM BARNES *Defence*

A central defender who signed for the Robins as a free agent in early August. Spent a decade at hometown club Blackburn Rovers before playing in League Two for Barrow during the 2024/25 season.

27 - LOUIE FALLON *Goalkeeper*

Another academy graduate goalkeeper who joined the first team squad while still a scholar in the

summer of 2024. Spent most of last season on loan with Witton Albion, as well as making three first team appearances for the Robins.

30 - LUKE HUTCHINSON *Goalkeeper*



On loan from Bolton Wanderers The 22-year-old shot stopper signed on a season-long loan from The Trotters in early July. Enjoyed loan spells with Marine and Crawley Town last season, after beginning his senior career at 18 on loan with Atherton Collieries.

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40 - CHARLIE KIRK *Forward*

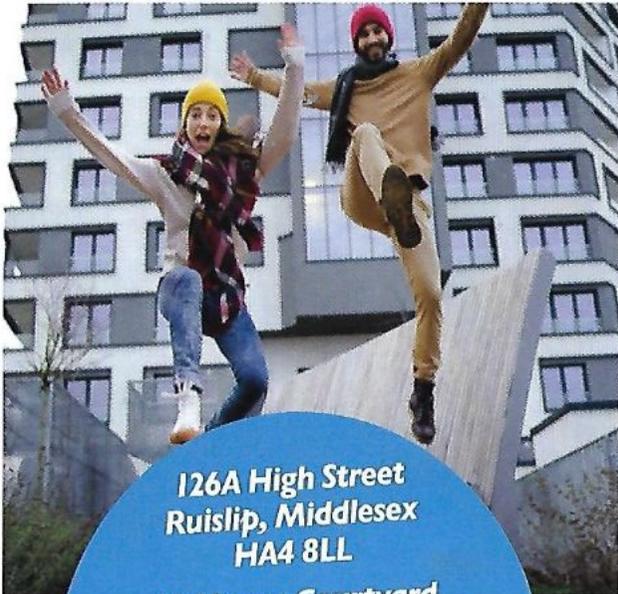
Forward who joined the Robins at the end of July after a pre-season trial. Played over 200 games for Crewe Alexandra before making stops at Charlton Athletic, Blackpool, Burton Albion and Barrow.

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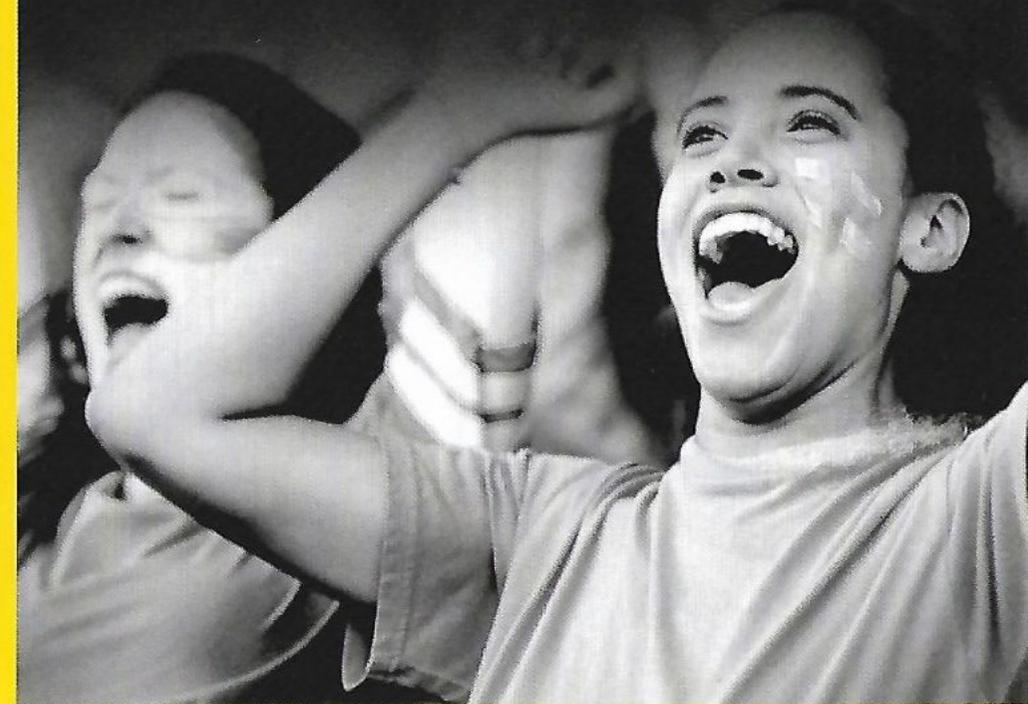
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Baptiste, Dante	9														9			18	1		
Barrett, Mason																		49	16	2	
Boldewijn, Enzo	9		3												9		3	56	4	5	
Chinedu, Phillip	5	4						1							6	4		6	4		
Cook, Jack	8		1						1						9		1	177	6	16	
Covolan, Lucas									1						1			1			
Day, Marcus										1					1			1			
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Georgio, Anthony	9								1						10			41	11	1	
Hassan, Sak		5							1		1				1	5	1	1	5	1	
Hutchinson, Dominic	4	5	2						1						5	5	2	41	27	4	
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Nkrumah, Daniel	1	4							1						2	4		2	4		
Obiero, Micah	5	4	1							1					5	5	1	89	35	14	
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Woodman, Deon	9									1					9	1		20	7	1	
Young-Coombes, Nathan	2									1					1	2		1	2		



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BY ADAM EDWARDS

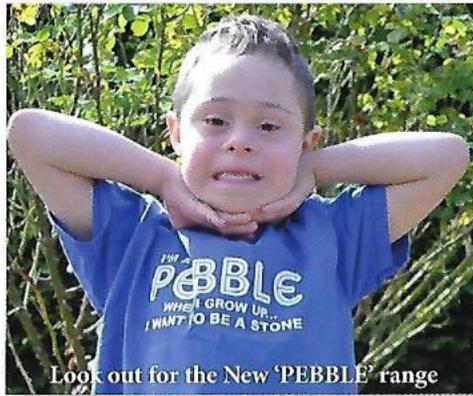
Good afternoon one and all and welcome to The Vale for this afternoon's game versus our old sparring partners, Altrincham. We trust every fan has a pleasant stay here with us in the heart of Middlesex and has time to share a drink in the social club after a good game.

Changing Times

As many of you will now know times are changing at this football club with the prospect of new investment on the horizon. By the time these notes hit the printers the club's EGM will have happened & the outcome will have been decided. Thank you to all those fans who attended our Supporters club members meeting before the Gateshead match to listen to the investment proposal and meet Nick Semaca. If the investment proposal is successful, going forward the way in which the Supporters Club is structured, and run will probably have to be modified or changed in order to comply with regulations and help us as an organisation fulfil its obligations in the future. For those members who could not attend the meeting you are more than welcome to come and chat to any of the committee members who will answer any questions or queries you may have about what the changes will actually mean.

Megastore News

For those who have not seen, in recent months we have been busy in the Megastore releasing yet more new products for the coming season. We have a few new Wealdstone T-Shirt designs (featuring the 2024-25 Great Escape & Hardmen of Wealdstone) priced at £18 each. There are also small T-shirt designs for aspiring young 'Stones' in the form of our "Pebble Range" (£15) available in both Boys & Girls sizing. There are also a number of ceramic coasters designs (£4.95 each), Wealdstone Bamboo pens (£1.50), WFCSC & WFC Notebooks (£10), Wembley Canvas Prints from 1985 & 1966 (£10), Pint glasses (£10), Tankards (£12) and Wealdstone Metal Water Bottles (£8.95). We have also increased the number of designs available in the hat



Look out for the New 'PEBBLE' range

/ baseball cap range. At the last count we had 20 different colours or designs available to buy (All caps are £15).

Now that Autumn is upon us, we have a number of Wealdstone themed hoodies and jumpers available with more planned as the days get shorter and the nights colder. We have your standard Wealdstone blue & white hoodies, down to your more subtle dark and neutral colours available with a range of different logos. Every hoodie or jumper is very reasonably priced at £28 each and we can mix and match any design with almost any colour. If you are not sure come and chat as we have lots of samples to pick from.

Regarding our new products, we highlight these before every home game both on our WFC Megastore Facebook page and twitter / X. Give us a follow so you are not left disappointed and you can start dropping very unobtrusive hints to your nearest and dearest about your preferred Christmas presents.

The 'Old Programme Hut'

We have just been given a large quantity of old England programmes, FA Cup finals, Chelsea, Arsenal, Fulham & Watford. A large majority of these programmes date back to the 1950's & 60's and are all available in the grey programme hut opposite the Megastore shop (outside the stadium). As always deals for bulk purchases are available as we need to make room for future donations. We also have old issues of the Elmslie Ender; Long Ball Down the Middle, football directories and both hardback and paperback autobiographies. There is something for everyone.

50/50

Don't forget to pick up your 50/50 ticket with a chance to win a helpful bundle of cash. Look out for wonder seller Lottie who is a master at spotting your loose change lurking at the bottom of a pocket, as well as other WFCSC committee men / ladies who will be selling around the social club and

inside the ground. It is only a pound so well worth a little flutter. Let's not forget our prizes have regularly been over £300 this year. Winning ticket numbers will be announced over the PA system, displayed outside the ground by the Kelme Kiosk, shown on the Supporters Club Facebook page and posted on Twitter / X. Winning ticket & prize money can be collected from the Captain's Lounge after the game or in the days following the game. At time of writing we are still awaiting the Eastleigh winner to come forward so check your tickets.

Xmas Disco

James K is once again putting his undoubted talents towards staging another highly successful Christmas Disco within the social club on the 29th Nov 2025. So, it is definitely time to polish your dancing shoes and book your place in advance for £10 or £12.50 on the night. These events are always packed so book now to avoid pre-xmas disappointment.

Social Megastore

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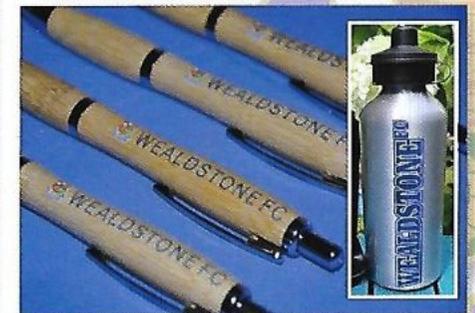
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Over the course of the season, we look to organise a number of fundraising events such as after dinner speakers and race nights.

We also present the prestigious Jock Law trophy to the supporter-voted Player of the Season along with the Stuart Pearce shield to the Junior Stones Player of the Season. At the end of the 2024-25 season Alex Reid was voted Player of the Season and Kallum Cesay was voted the Junior Stones Player of the Season.

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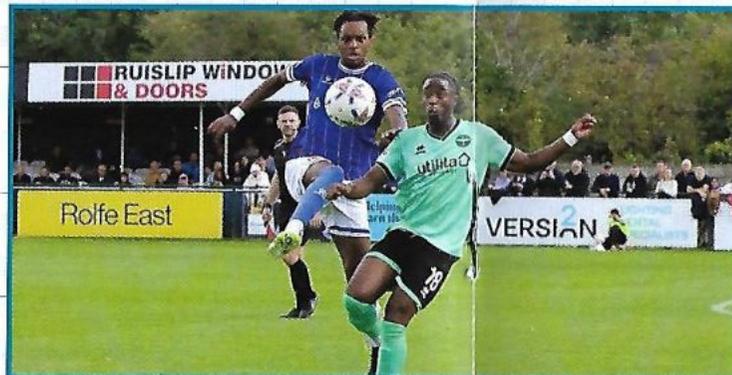
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Month	Rank	Opposition	Comp	Score	Attendance	Goals	Assists	League	Goal scorers
AUGUST	9	TRURO CITY	ENL	2-0	1,572	170	6	Bouldewijn, Hutchinson	
AUGUST	12	WOLVERHAMPTON WAND.	NLC	2-1	215	TBD	6	Hassan, Tshikuna	
AUGUST	16	FC HALIFAX TOWN	ENL	2-1	1,134	115	4	Adarkwa, Cook	
AUGUST	19	Woking	ENL	2-1	1,942	269	1	Kretzschmar (p), Tshikuna	
AUGUST	23	CARLISLE UNITED	ENL	0-1	2,025	551	6		
AUGUST	25	Boston United	ENL	1-2	2,077	135	7	Obiero	
AUGUST	30	ROCHDALE	ENL	1-3	1,365	280	8	Massey	
SEPTEMBER	2	SOUTHEND UNITED	ENL	3-2	2,309	1,007	6	Bouldewijn, Adarkwa 2 (1 pen)	
SEPTEMBER	6	Scunthorpe United	ENL	0-0	4,460	57	8	Bouldewijn	
SEPTEMBER	13	GATESHEAD	NLC	2-2	1,109	50	9	Hutchinson, Kretzschmar	
SEPTEMBER	16	LEICESTER CITY	ENL	2-1	226	TBD	9	Hassan, Kretzschmar	
SEPTEMBER	20	Morecambe	ENL	3-4	2,256	150	11	Kretzschmar, Obiero, Massey	
SEPTEMBER	24	Tamworth	ENL	1-1	845	50	12	Tshikuna	
SEPTEMBER	27	EASTLEIGH	ENL	0-0	1,204	92	12		
OCTOBER	1	Brackley Town	ENL						
OCTOBER	4	ALTRINCHAM	ENL						
OCTOBER	11	WHITSTABLE TOWN	FAC40						
OCTOBER	18	York City	ENL						
OCTOBER	21	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	NLC						
OCTOBER	25	SUTTON UNITED	ENL						
NOVEMBER	1	FA Cup 1st Round Proper	FAC1						
NOVEMBER	4	Yeovil Town	ENL						
NOVEMBER	8	BRAINTREE TOWN	ENL						
NOVEMBER	15	Hartlepool United	ENL						
NOVEMBER	22	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	ENL						
NOVEMBER	25	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	NLC						
NOVEMBER	29	Solihull Moors	ENL						
DECEMBER	6	Truro City	ENL						
DECEMBER	13	FA Trophy 3rd Round	FAT3						
DECEMBER	20	FC Halifax Town	ENL						
DECEMBER	26	BOREHAM WOOD	ENL						
DECEMBER	30	Aldershot Town	ENL						
JANUARY	3	Carlisle United	ENL						
JANUARY	17	WOKING	ENL						
JANUARY	21	TAMWORTH	ENL						
JANUARY	24	Gateshead	ENL						
JANUARY	31	MORECAMBE	ENL						
FEBRUARY	7	Eastleigh	ENL						
FEBRUARY	10	Altrincham	ENL						
FEBRUARY	14	YORK CITY	ENL						
FEBRUARY	21	Sutton United	ENL						
FEBRUARY	24	BRACKLEY TOWN	ENL						
FEBRUARY	28	HARTLEPOOL UNITED	ENL						
MARCH	7	Braintree Town	ENL						
MARCH	14	SOLIHULL MOORS	ENL						
MARCH	21	Forest Green Rovers	ENL						
MARCH	25	YEOVIL TOWN	ENL						
MARCH	28	BOSTON UNITED	FNL						
APRIL	3	Boreham Wood	ENL						
APRIL	6	ALDERSHOT TOWN	ENL						
APRIL	11	Rochdale	ENL						
APRIL	18	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	ENL						
APRIL	25	Southend United	ENL						

Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Jack COOK		2																												
Anthony GEORGIU			3																											
Omar MUSSA				4																										
Dean WOODMAN					5																									
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Pictures from our frustrating goalless draw last with Eastleigh last weekend courtesy of @RonnieRaffle

PRE-SEASON FRIENDLY RESULTS

12th July	Northwood	A	W	4-1	Trialist, Trialist, Kadji, Trialist	(Att: 330)
19th July	MK Dons	H	W	2-0	Tiensia, Georgiou	(Att: 325)
23rd July	Charlton Athletic	H	L	0-3		(Att: 675)
26th July	St.Albans City	A	L	0-1		(Att: TBA)
29th July	QPR Under 21s	H	W	6-2	Adarkwa (4), Trialist, Other Trialist	(Att: 615)
2nd August	Slough Town	H	W	2-1	Woodman, Tshikuna	(Att: 410)

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view from the away end

Altrincham fan
Andrew Flynn

What's your name and age? My name is Andrew Flynn, and I still can't quite believe I'm 31 years old.

Do you live in Altrincham? Where were you brought up? I was brought up in Altrincham and then near-by Timperley, so I'm as born and bred as it gets. I live in Salford Quays now, in the shadow of Old Trafford. I need to make that clear, as the locals wouldn't forgive me if I claimed Manchester!

When was your first Altrincham game and what do you recall of it? I can't remember the exact match, but it was definitely in the 1998/99 season when I was four. I recall players like Danny Adams and Paul Ellender, and the buzz around signing Keith Russell from Blackpool. That season we won a treble: the UniBond Premier League, UniBond Cup, and Cheshire Senior Cup. I must have used all my footballing luck in that first year!

Who introduced you to the club? My dad. In the late '90s, we lived in a flat not far from the ground, so we walked to all the home games. We had season tickets in the main stand before moving to the 'Popular Side', where I'd stand on a stool to see over the perimeter fence.

How do you fit football around family and

Ex-Alty hero Regan Linney shows a lack of class by extravagantly celebrating his match-winning goal for Carlisle at Moss Lane. He later apologised

We're ahead of the curve in finding new talent, but losing players like Linney every season is wearing a bit thin

work life? I used to volunteer with Alty's media team, so back then there was no balance at all! Now it's much clearer, following the Robins is very much my weekend and midweek release.

Alty have flirted with the play-offs — how do you rate your chances this time? Has going full-time made the EFL dream more realistic? I co-host a podcast called *Talkin' Alty* (shameless plug!) and I predicted 14th, so I'll stick with that. I don't say 14th negatively, it's just that we've rebuilt significantly and have another young squad. The reality is that in this league you can finish 14th and still be less than 10 points off the play-offs. Going full-time was essential if we're to dream of the EFL, but budgets still limit us com-

Alty through
and through:
Andrew Flynn

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pared to the growing list of National League heavyweights. Our pushes into those places have been powered in the main by exceptional talents like Chris Conn-Clarke, Regan Linney, and Alex Newby.

Who are the new signings, and how do they look? We've had nine new arrivals, including emergency cover at centre-half. Have we replaced the star power of the players above? Probably not, but we've built another solid National League squad with the potential to surprise. Forward Jimmy Knowles and full-back Sam Reed stand out for me so far.

Have you been to The Vale (or Lower Mead)? What are your impressions of WFC?

Yes, I've been a couple of times and always had a warm welcome. Our

fans love your clubhouse, especially since we lost our old 'Noel White Suite' and now have a more functional sports hall bar. It gives us a sense of nostalgia. I'm too young to remember when our clubs battled at the top of non-league, but that shared history feels like the foundation of a strong bond. It's always a pleasure to visit.

You keep unearthing gems, but does losing big players like Regan Linney wear thin? It does, especially if your expectation of the club is to compete at the top every season. We're like Brighton in the Premier League, ahead of the curve in finding talent from the lower northern leagues. That said, Regan Linney was the last real success story, and he joined nearly three years ago. The next in line could be Kahrel Reddin, who's started this season brilliantly. If his form keeps up then he may not be here past January.

Will you be travelling away this season? Do Alty fans travel well? I get to every away game I can. Our away support is unpredictable. We took 1,074 to Rochdale in the FA Trophy last season, but today I'd be happy with 100. Big one-off numbers don't matter as much as the steady baseline at games like this one. Fans travel in all sorts of ways. I organise coaches for Union Golf Road, our supporters' group, and plenty of London-based Alty exiles will be here today.

What are your three most memorable Alty games? 3rd: A 3-2 win over Chester in the 2019/20 National League North play-offs. It was played behind closed doors during COVID, and I was lucky enough to be there with media duties. So it's memorable in the sense that I was part of that weird piece of history.



Damien Reeves celebrates his winning goal in the FA Cup win over League One Barnsley ten years ago... and below, Alty win the NLN play-off final in July 2020



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2nd: Winning the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League at Grantham. I only missed one league game that season and I'd say it's the most emotionally invested I've ever been in an Alty season, more so even than our play-off campaign at this level. It meant so much because it followed a tough couple of seasons.

1st: Knocking Barnsley out of the FA Cup 1-0 at Moss Lane in 2015. My generation had been starved of FA Cup glory, so to finally have a giant-killing moment of our own was truly unforgettable. We had a whip round and put £130 on the lads to win, too, which was spent wisely I can assure you.

How many Stones v Alty clashes have you seen? Any stand out? Most of them in recent years. The 4-1 home win in March 2024 stands out. We went behind but turned it on in the second half and moved back into the play-offs so it was a very significant result.

Finally, what's your prediction for today? I'll go with logic: a narrow home win, 2-1. We've never won here in five attempts, and your pitch, long and narrow if I remember correctly, doesn't suit our style. We like to stretch teams wide, and being forced central isn't our strength. Of course, I hope I am made to look very stupid. It wouldn't be the first time.

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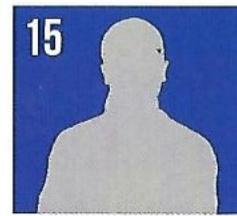
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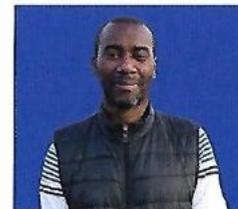
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FIXTURES & RESULTS

Date	Opposition	Type	KO/Res
SEPTEMBER			
Sun 7	Fusion	L	A 0-6
Sun 14	Rose	L	A 5-2
Sun 21	London Football School	L	H 2.15pm
Sun 28	Frenford & MSA	L	A 2.15pm
OCTOBER			
Sun 12	Balham	Cup	H 3pm
Sun 26	Wandsworth Borough	Cup	A 11am
DECEMBER			
Sun 2	London Football School	Cup	A 1pm
Sun 9	Edgware & Kingsbury	Cup	H 2.15pm



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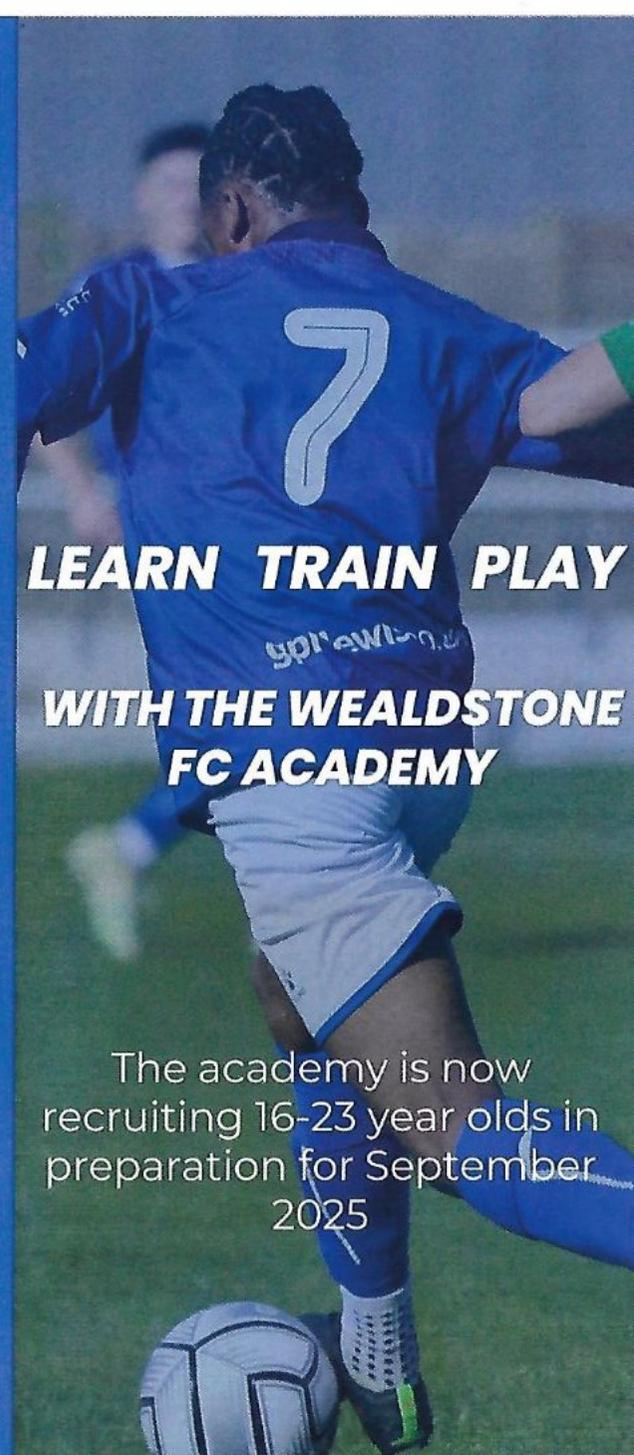
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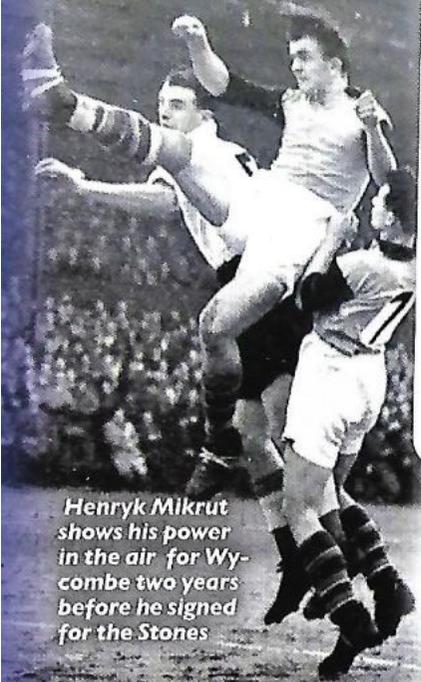
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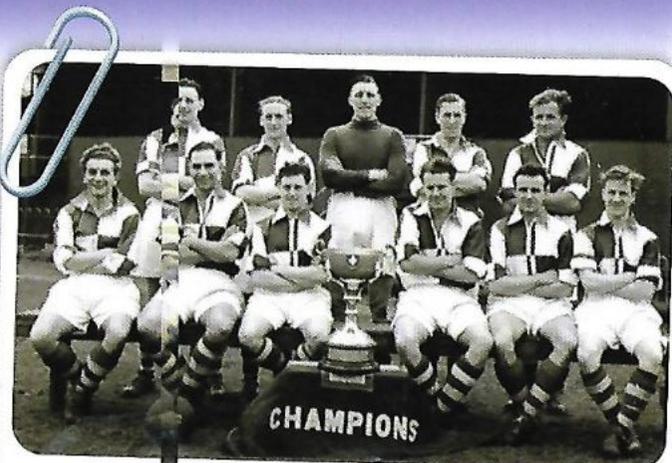


The WFC champions

PART 1:
ATHENIAN
LEAGUE 1952



Henryk Mikrut shows his power in the air for Wycombe two years before he signed for the Stones



Most appearances (goals in brackets):
Wegrzyk 45 (26)
Wiltshire 45
Edmonds 44
Mikrut 42 (27)
White 42 (16)
Norman 41 (1)
E Ward 29
Benningfield 28 (8)
Bennett 25 (9)
Gadsden 21
McGhee 20
Barker 15 (6)
Ferris 14 (5)
Garden 7 (4)

ATHENIAN LEAGUE FINAL TABLE, 1951-52

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WEALDSTONE	30	23	4	3	81	29	50
Hendon	30	20	8	2	64	32	48
Bromley	30	15	8	7	74	53	38
Sutton Utd	30	15	8	7	70	53	38
Hayes	30	15	7	8	65	40	37
Southall	30	12	11	7	71	49	35
Walton & Hersham	30	14	4	12	56	51	32
Finchley	30	12	6	12	64	62	30
Redhill	30	12	8	12	55	63	30
Barking	30	11	4	15	56	66	28
Leyton	30	8	7	15	51	52	23
Barnet	30	7	8	15	53	72	22
Tooting & Mitcham	30	6	9	15	64	71	21
Cambridge City	30	6	8	16	44	70	20
Enfield	30	6	7	17	47	77	19
Hitchin Town	30	5	1	24	36	111	11

The season Stones were Poles apart from their Athenian League rivals

IT MAY come as a surprise to our younger supporters that Wealdstone FC has racked up SEVEN league titles in its 126-year history... although it took 53 years to record the very first. In the next seven editions of the programme we'll jump into our time machine and find out what made those teams the best...

After beginning its life in the Willesden & District, the Middlesex & District and Spartan Leagues, the Stones were elected

to the Athenian League (Southern amateur football's unofficial 2nd Division) in 1928. Leading aside the six years of the 2nd World War when competitive football was suspended, we had been members of the 'Athenians' for 17 seasons without once troubling those handing out the league trophy. But, when competitive football resumed, the club re-established itself as a serious force through the remaining seasons of the 1940s. Exciting FA Cup and Amateur Cup runs forged the club into the

national consciousness and encouraged huge home crowds with record attendances that remain unbeaten to this day. For example, during the 1948/49 season the team reached the FA Amateur Cup Quarter Final to face amateur giants Leytonstone. The East Londoners comfortably cruised to a 4-0 win in a Lower Mead replay in front of a staggering 13,305 crowd. The following season, the team reached the 1st Round Proper of the FA Cup but lost narrowly to Port Vale. By the

start of the new decade Lower Mead was a thriving place full of hope and expectation. The backbone of the team that would go on to win the title in 1952 was already in place: the imperious Danny Wiltshire in goal; the solid full backs Ted Ward and Charlie Barker; 21-year-old (and skipper) Gordon Norman at right half; experienced and commanding centre half Charlie Edmonds; and Alan Benningfield on the left wing.

Yet the 1950/51 season was distinctly underwhelming - until new forwards were recruited the following summer. Right winger Phil White became a jewel in the crown scoring 16 goals and assisting numerous chances for his fellow forwards, as did left-winger/inside left Frank Bennett from Tooting & Mitcham... but what turned a good side into potential champions was the signing of the two Polish Henriks, Mikrut and Wegrzyk.

That season they went on to score 53 goals between them out of a total of 111 scored by the entire team! Mikrut had moved over from Wycombe Wanderers and Wegrzyk from Aylesbury United; Mikrut was a square-set and powerful front runner who was a magnificent header of a football while Wegrzyk was a slight, clever ball player who despite his size could unleash shots of great ferocity... very much in the style of later Stones legend Hugh Lindsay. They

were fascinating characters. Both had left their native country following its invasion by Nazi Germany and served in the forces during the war; Mikrut with the 3rd Carpathian Rifle Division and Wegrzyk with the Polish Tank Regiment.

They chose not to return to their native country - which had become a satellite regime of the Soviet Union - and instead were placed in the Hodgemoor Polish refugee Camp near Chalfont St Giles. It was there that the Polish refugee servicemen established the Carpathian football team that took on, and often defeated, the local senior amateur sides of the day.

As they left the camp and dispersed, some joined local clubs, Mikrut and Wegrzyk both serving Slough, Wycombe and Aylesbury at different times before they shipped up at Wealdstone at the peak of their powers.

The team began their league programme like a house on fire and then went on a remarkable run of 13 straight wins - but despite such a wonderful run of success the team were not certain of the title until the very last day of the season.

Running neck and neck with neighbours Hendon, the Stones needed just to draw their last game v Hayes to take the title - and rose to the occasion in style on May 3 with a 6-2 win in front of over 6,000 fans!

"I was there": Long time fan Mark Snell saw the game that won Stones the title

83-YEAR-OLD Mark (below) was just 11 when he saw the 'tremendously exciting' win over Hayes with his grandad. "The crowd was packed in tight but we had a spot in the old wooden hut next to the main stand that was reserved for some type of membership scheme - it even had a small bar and it had also been useful a few years earlier when there were 13,500 shoehorned in for an Amateur Cup game against Leytonstone" he said.



"The two Poles were probably the most potent Wealdstone attacking force that I've ever seen (sorry George Duck) with Mikrut

phenomenal in the air and Wegrzyk very stylish with a vicious shot. Remarkable to think that it was the first title the club had ever won in its 53 year history".

Mark says that, as a boy, he would turn up early to have the honour of parading the board with the winning raffle numbers around the pitch. "It probably all sounds a bit sad now" he says. Nonsense!



EASTER 1952

Mikrut attacks this cross as Stones beat Southall 2-1 at a well-populated Lower Mead in the run-in to the title

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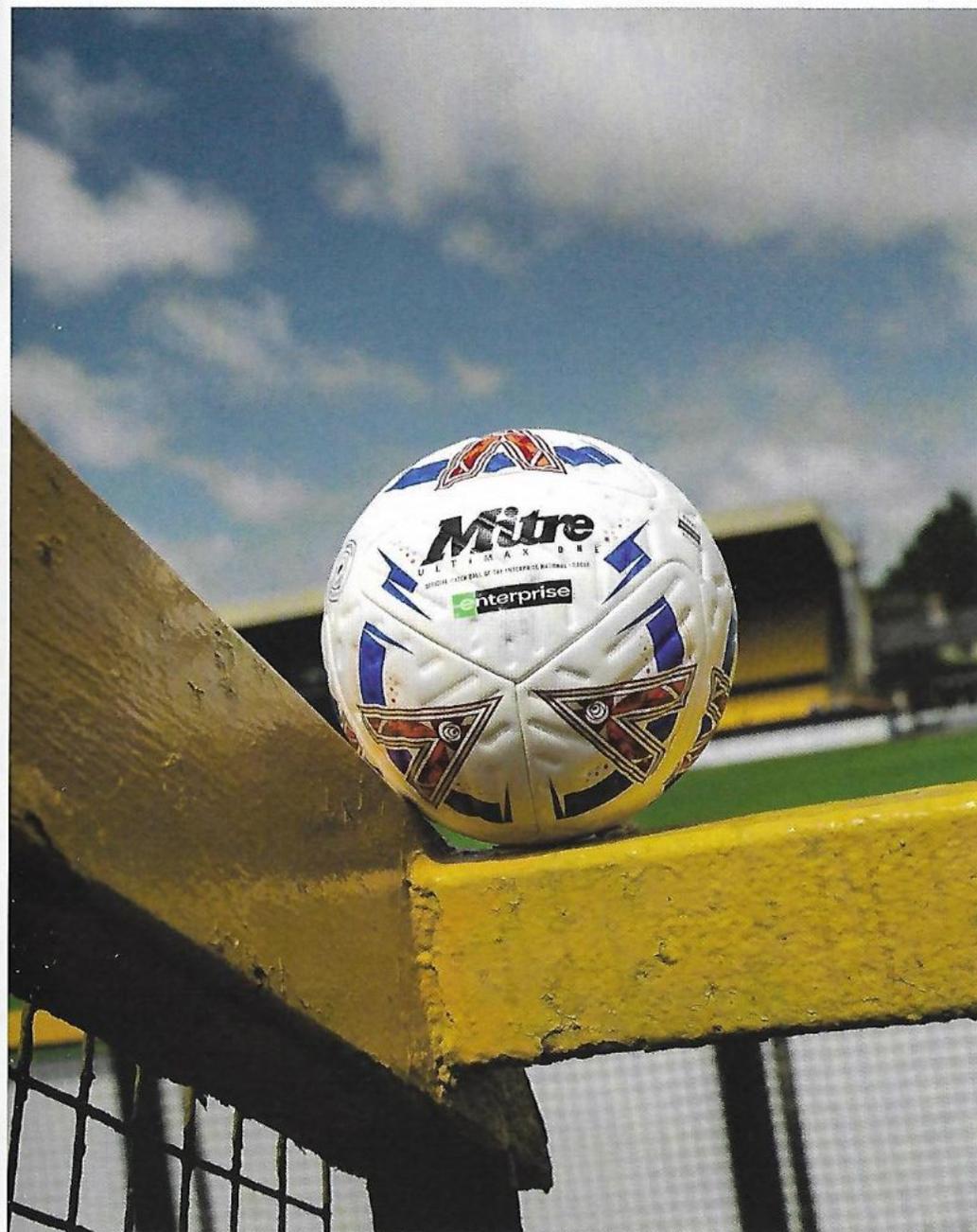
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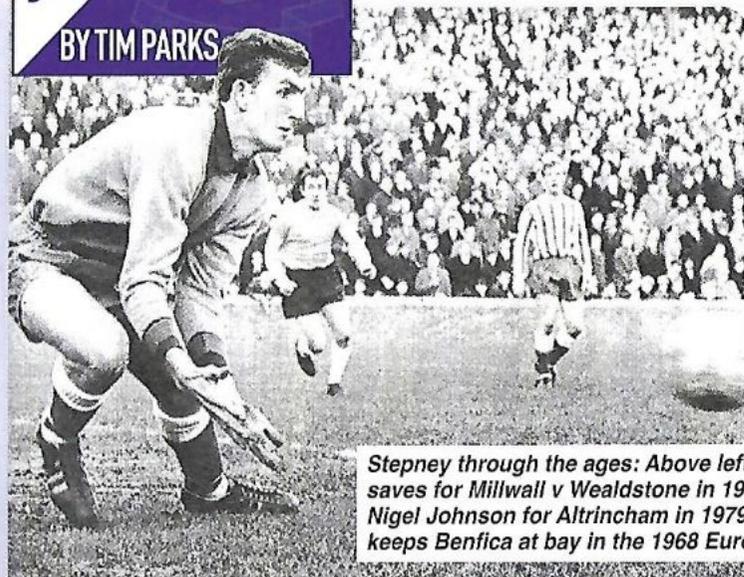
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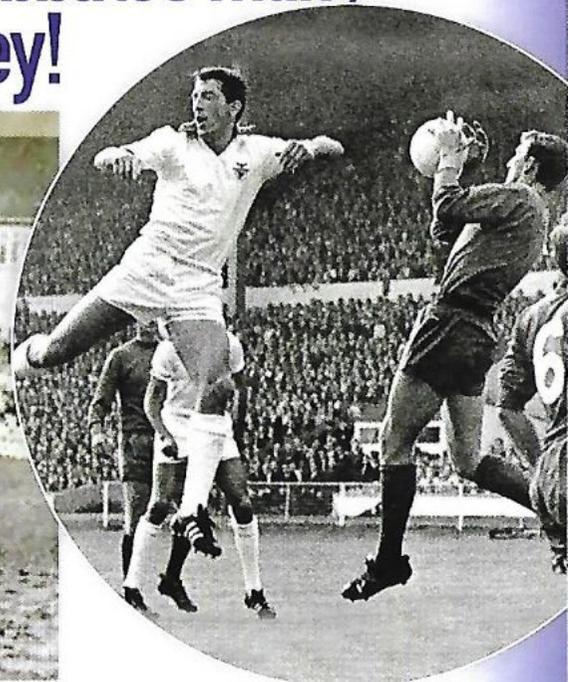
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Alty turned up to play was my boyhood

Stones 46 years ago.. and the keeper hero (and 'Subbuteo man') Alex Stepney!



Stepney through the ages: Above left, the keeper saves for Millwall v Wealdstone in 1965; right, he foils Nigel Johnson for Altrincham in 1979; and far right he keeps Benfica at bay in the 1968 European Cup Final



Saturday December 8, 1979: Alliance Premier League: Wealdstone 1 Altrincham 4

THIS week's rewind is not so much about today's opponents, but more about the marvellously unexpected appearance of a European Cup winner at Wealdstone in the very first season of the Alliance Premier League.

Back in the 1970s and 80s it was not unusual

to see household names turning out in the autumn of their careers in non-League circles. Jimmy Greaves (for Barnet), Geoff Hurst (for Telford), Derek Dougan (for Kettering) and even cricket hero Ian Botham (for Yeovil) were commonplace events and of course the Stones fielded famous ex-Spurs Cliff Jones and Terry Dyson along with England's Johnny Haynes soon after we turned

professional. These days, for a top-flight player to still want to perform in non-League is more a sign of charming enthusiasm rather than one last (small) payday.

But for me the sight of Manchester United goalkeeping legend Alex Stepney appearing from the tunnel at our old Lower Mead ground was the stuff of dreams.

For I was one of the millions of school-boys who fell head over heels for football after watching United end the heartache of manager Sir Matt Busby by winning the European Cup night on that balmy night at Wembley in May 1968. They were the first English club to do so.

It was a night that had everything: Glamour, drama, redemption and breathtaking skill, topped by a terrific save from the man my Grandfather had warned me to watch, United keeper Stepney.

Grandad lived in Tooting and was a Chelsea fan, and he had seen young Stepney play for Tooting & Mitcham (and then Millwall) before Chelsea snapped him up in 1966. He thought Stepney was better than the Blues' No.1, Peter Bonetti, and was aghast when United stepped in with a record £55,000 bid to sign him just a few months later.

Stepney went on to wear the United gloves for 12 years, but despite winning leagues and FA Cups with them, this one match against the Portuguese

1979

Champions Benfica was the defining moment of his career. I was 11 years old, and totally captivated by the match (accorded the rarity of live coverage on BBC1) long before the keeper made his dramatic interception.

Watching with me was my Subbuteo-playing pal from over the road, Mark, who was a Chelsea fan and who derided Stepney for "being about as agile and flexible as a Subbuteo goalkeeper".

I was about to remark on how Subbuteo goalkeepers were remarkably bendy and covered the goal really well, when he said "No, not the normal goalkeepers, the ones that just stand upright".

I knew what he meant. I had one in my collection and always left him in the box when there was an important match to be played. And Stepney was known for being unflashy and staying on his feet.

But just then, with the match poised at 1-1 and headed for extra time, the Benfica striker Eusebio (the best player in the World Cup just two years earlier) broke into the United box with just the United keeper to beat. Time stood still. Would this

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One of the great moments in sporting history: Stepney makes his save from Eusebio in the dying moments of normal time at 1-1.. and the Portuguese legend applauds the Manchester Utd keeper

We've met you before, continued

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be further heartbreak for the genial Sir Matt, who had fashioned a team of potential champions before the Munich air crash a decade earlier?

As the crowd held its breath, Eusebio unleashed a shot of venomous power. But fortunately it was straight at the keeper and Stepney, standing tall and upright (just like the Subbuteo goalie) clutched the ball to his chest and, remarkably, clung onto it as the forwards ran to convert any possible rebound.

"Ha ha, Subbuteo keeper, Subbuteo keeper!" I chanted at my friend Mark, rubbing his nose in it.

And this continued right through extra time in which, as we all know, United scored three more goals to write their names into the record books and win the hearts of half the schoolboy population of the country.

Eleven years later, I was all grown up. Alex Stepney was even more grown up, and - finally replaced in the affections of the Old Trafford management after 546 games - had gone to the NLS to play for Dallas Tornados. But he got a bit homesick and returned to his Cheshire home to turn out for Altrincham in the inaugural APL season... with the former Northern Premier League big guns landing the league title in both the 1979-80 and 1980-81 seasons.

Stepney had clearly lost none of his presence when he pitched up to face the Stones and stood firm as Neil Cordice & Co rained shots at the Alty goal.

Two goals apiece from midfield star Barry Whitbread and flying winger Howard won the day, and even on the gluepot pitch of Lower Mead he didn't seem to get his knees particularly muddy. My abiding memory is of the Old Trafford great picking up his glove bag from the Elmslie End goal at half time and smiling as someone called out: "No Eusebio today, Alex". And he replied, "Yes, not quite Wembley is it?"

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SATURDAY, 13th NOV. 1981
WEALDSTONE
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OFFICIAL PROGRAM

ATTENDANCE 11,794
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MILLWALL 3	Goal	WEALDSTONE 1
1 Stepney	Right back	B. Coymr
2 Gilchrist	Left back	M. Doyle
3 Cripps	Right half	E. Dilworth
4 Jones	Centre half	C. Townsend
5 Snowdon	Left half	J. Ashworth
6 Wilson	Right wing	L. McKendry
7 Rowan	Inside right	B. Allen
8 Julians	Centre forward	J. Cooley
9 Brown	Inside left	B. Childs
10 Curran	Left wing	H. Lindsay
11 Jacks		B. Bremer

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Above: Proof that the young Stepney faced the Stones in the FA Cup match at Cold Blow Lane (the Old Den) 60 years ago. Millwall were top of Division Three but Stones gave them a decent game in front of the 11,794 crowd. Right: Alex Stepney today, 63 years old. Below: The Harry 8 1979 match report



On song Robins crush 'Stones

By Pat Mooney

Two goals each from elegant midfielder Whitbread and flying winger Howard hoisted Altrincham to a comfortable and impressive victory over struggling Wealdstone at Lower Mead on Saturday. The Robins celebrated the choice of manager Sanders as the first win of the APL Manager of the Month Award with a 2-0 goal burst in the opening 15 minutes from the strident firm of Whitbread and Howard.

However, despite a three goal advantage at half time, the Cheshire side did not have it all their own way especially in the middle of the first half.

Altrincham can thank their former Manchester United and England goalkeeper Alex Stepney for preserving their two cushion.

Veteran Stepney roared back the years, producing a string of class saves to stave off a Stones comeback.

On half-time when another defensive middle allowed Dawson to dispossess Cranstone but he pulled his shot across the face of the open goal.

The second half was barely eight minutes old when Altrincham gave another demonstration of their clinical finishing. Howard breezing through to roll the ball under Cranstone's body and into the net.

Wealdstone came back and Cordice scored the best goal of the match after 60 minutes, digging a blistering drive out of the mud which left Stepney motionless on his line as it arched into the top left corner. A beauty.

And shortly afterwards Wainwright was denied a goal when Stepney pulled out another diving save at the base of a post. The evergreen Furdson saw a great run and shot fall in the hands of Stepney.

However, the Robins completed the scoring after 76 minutes when Whitbread beat Cranstone from close range following a knock down.

Payne sent on substitute

Stepney was in action early saving from Cordice. But a mistake by defender Fred Barwick let Whitbread in for Altrincham's first goal after only nine minutes.

Organization was their ace the best side we have played."

Payne kept his pre-match promise and made changes for this game. He dropped Bobby Meas from his attack, pushed young Stu Pearce up wide on the left, retired player coach Alan Furdson to the defence and recalled Terry Boyle to midfield.

But to their credit, Altrincham proved conclusively they were the better team and one could not really argue with their winning margin at the finish.

The Robins are now six points clear in the Alliance and are many people's tip for the title. In fact, they looked very close to a Football League side on

Barwick was deceived by the spin of the high ball in the area, missed his kick and Whitbread whipped the ball past Cranstone and into the net.

And six minutes later the Robins were really singing when Howard pounced on another defensive error to steer the ball past Cranstone and in off a post.

But to their credit, Altrincham hit back strongly and during the next 20 minutes created several good chances. But they rebounded on the rock of Stepney.

First he pushed a drive from Watson out for a corner, kidded Cordice to shoot straight into his arms in a one-on-one confrontation.

Graves buries Robins

Altrincham 0 Wealdstone 1
WEALDSTONE made a triumphant return to the Alliance Premier League on Saturday with a goal from new signing Mark Graves giving them their first ever win against Altrincham.

The Stones showed little respect for the current FA Trophy finalists' reputation as they took control of the game from the start.

In fact for the first half-hour it was all one-way traffic with Ray Goddard a spectator in the Wealdstone goal. Graves came close to opening the scoring in the 13th minute when he narrowly shot wide and Neil Cordice saw a fine effort saved after he had jinxed past the home defence.

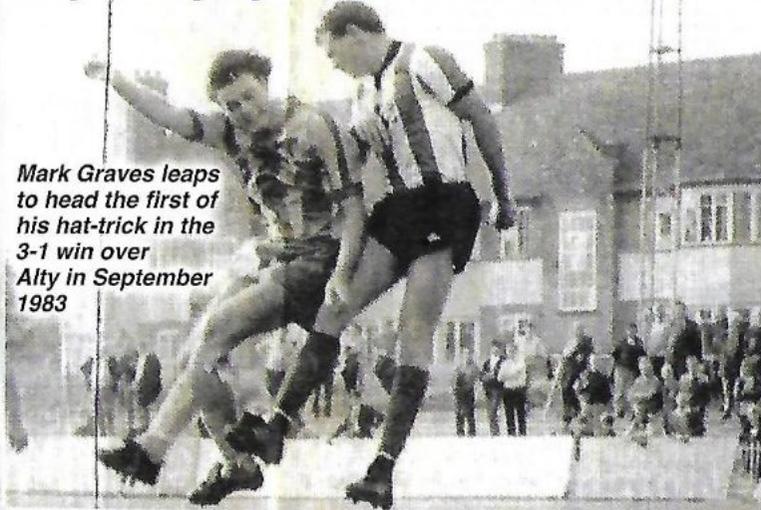
Wealdstone continued to press forward but had to wait until the second half to see the fruits of their labour. The game had barely restarted when a neat pass from Johnson put through Graves who ran through to clinically slot the ball past the Altrincham keeper.

Minutes later a similar move saw Johnson on the break but the keeper did well to parry his shot. Johnson was again in the thick of the action seeing a powerful header saved from a Cordice cross.

The home side launched a series of counter-attacks in an attempt to avoid defeat, bringing out a string of fine saves from Goddard. His defence held out determinedly until the final whistle earning their side a well-deserved victory.

Wealdstone: Goddard, Perkins, Pearce, Byatt, Bowgit, Barwick, Davies, Wainwright, Cordice (N), Graves, Johnson, Sub Churchhouse.

'I made my debut at Altrincham and Allen Batford said: "This team won me the title last year and you're the only new player. Don't let me down'



Mark Graves leaps to head the first of his hat-trick in the 3-1 win over Alty in September 1983

Five years ago, during the Covid season Mark Graves was in the Vale commentary box on the day of Altrincham's visit contributing to the club's live stream.



Mark went on to score 138 goals in 234 games for the Stones but was unlucky to lose his place through injury to talismanic striker Andy Graham in the run-in to the historic 'double season' in '85.

The former Stones striker had very clear memories of the day he made his club debut... at Moss Lane, Altrincham on the opening day of the 1982-83 Conference season.

He was 21, and the club's only new signing that summer with boss Allen Batford putting faith in the team that had won everything on offer in the Southern League the previous season.

"I had been a pro at Plymouth Argyle" said Mark, "so was a bit taken aback when the manager told me not to let him down. But I didn't do too badly... I got the only goal in the second half (see report, left) and we had a flying start to life back in the top division".

He was plagued by a hip injury towards the end of his career and the now-64-year-old is about to have another hip replaced - having had the first one replaced ten years ago.

Since Altrincham were promoted back to the National League (winning the NLN in 2020 while we were winning the NLS) the Stones have just about held sway with five wins, two draws and three defeats in the 10 meetings. We even picked up a league double two years ago with a 1-0 win at Moss Lane (Fela Olomola scoring) followed by a crushing 4-0 win at the Vale (Micah Obiero, Corrie Andrews and Alex Dyer scoring).

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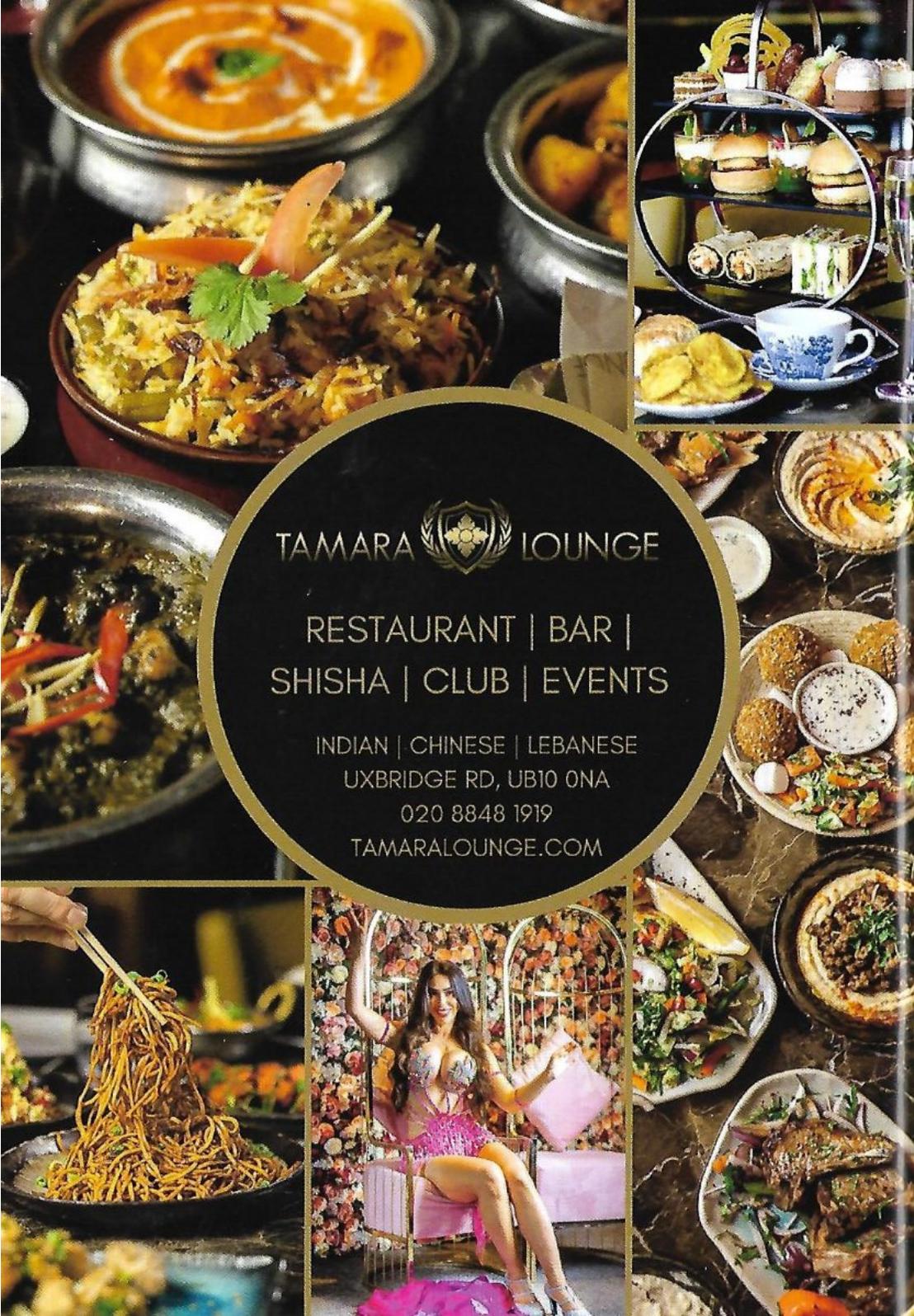
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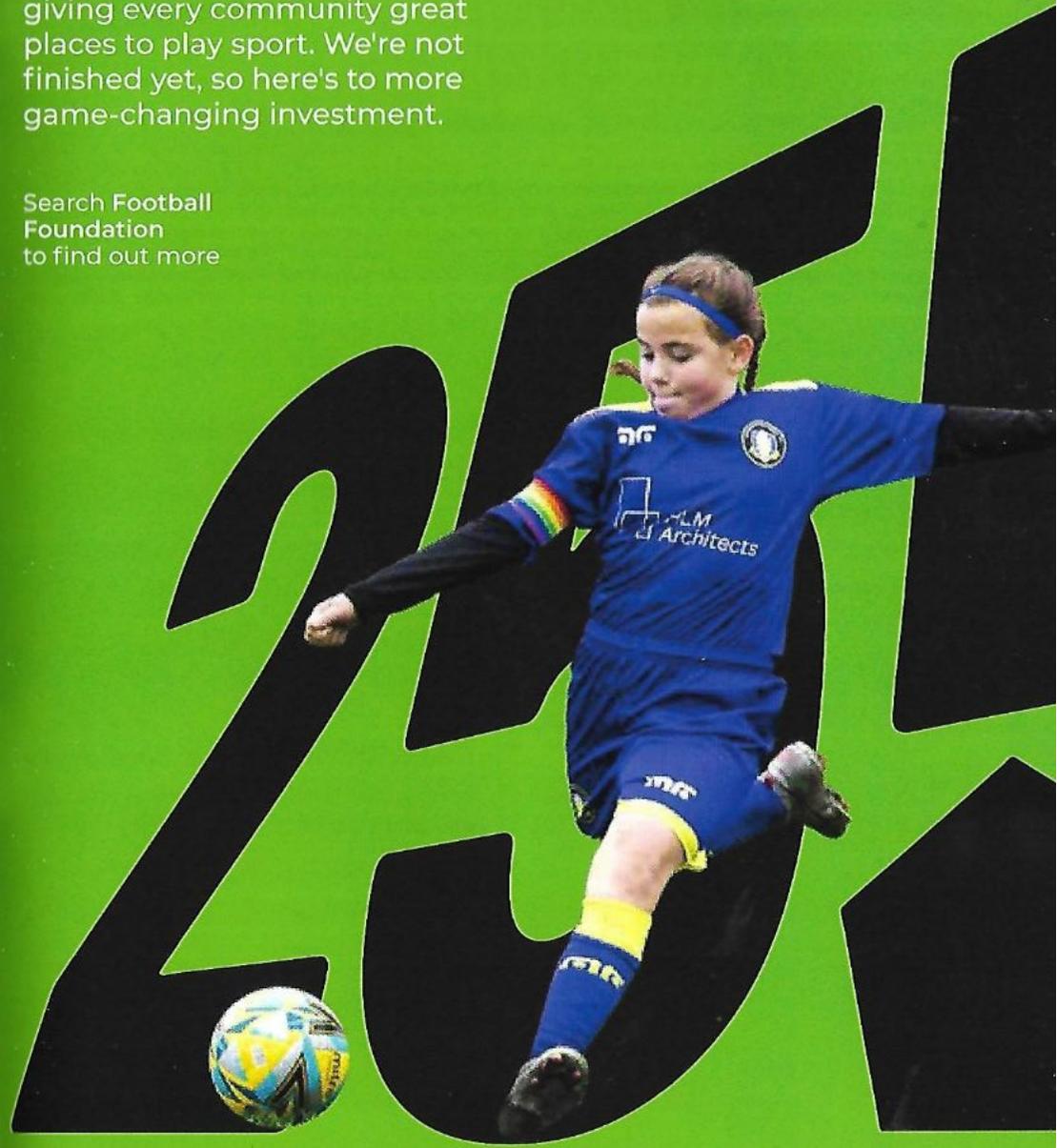
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- Braintree Town vs Sutton United
- Eastleigh vs Solihull Moors
- FC Halifax Town vs Brackley Town
- Forest Green Rovers vs Rochdale
- Hartlepool United vs York City
- Southend United vs Aldershot Town
- Tamworth vs Morecambe
- Woking vs Truro City
- Yeovil Town vs Boreham Wood
- Scunthorpe United vs Carlisle United

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Tuesday
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Saturday
25th October
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Tuesday
4th November
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Saturday
15th November
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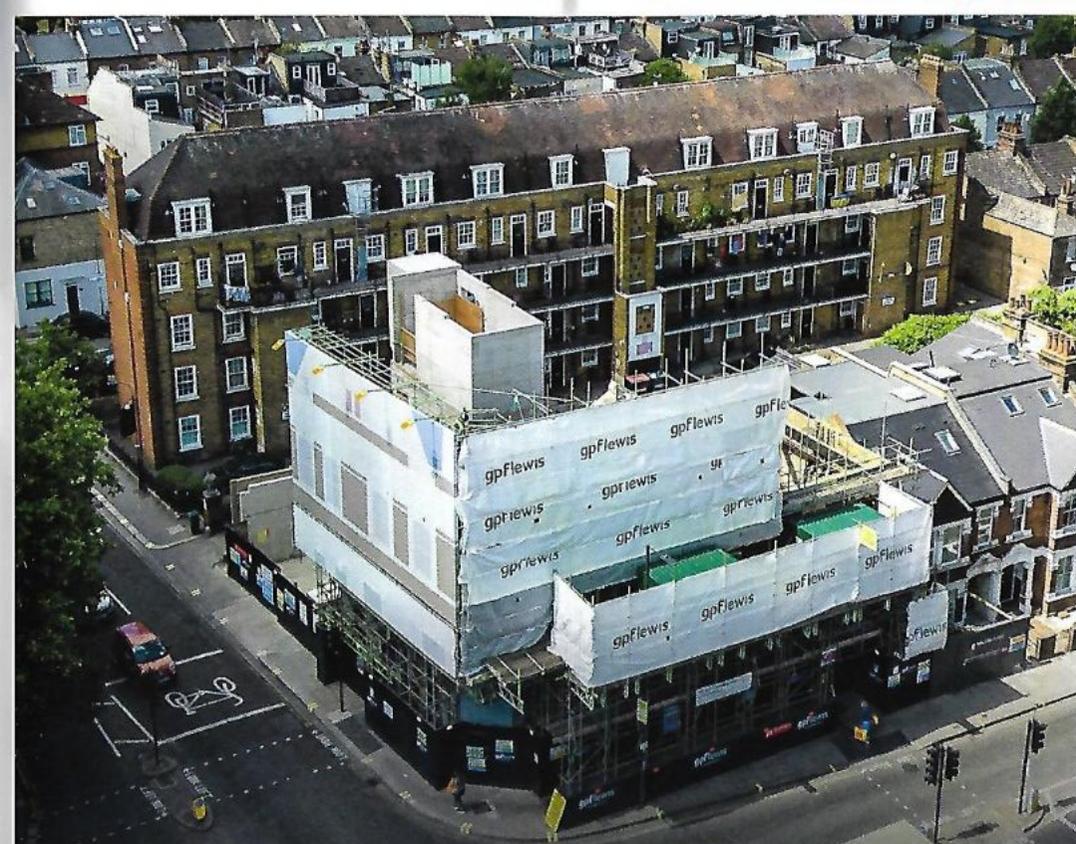
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2 Rochdale	10	5	0	0	4	0	1	9	0	1	22	5	17	27	1-3	
3 Boreham Wood	11	5	0	1	2	3	0	7	3	1	21	12	9	24		
4 Carlisle United	12	3	2	1	4	0	2	7	2	3	21	14	7	23	0-1	
5 Scunthorpe United	10	3	2	0	3	2	0	6	4	0	18	8	10	22		0-0
6 York City	10	2	1	1	3	3	0	5	4	1	21	8	13	19		
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