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BY MARK HYT

Saturday October 25th 2025
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I will start today by sending our sincere condolences to Stuart, his family and friends on the untimely passing of Harley Pearce earlier this week. The thoughts of everyone connected to Wealdstone FC are with you all at this difficult and sad time.

A very good afternoon and a warm welcome back to Grosvenor Vale as we welcome the management, players and supporters of our familiar opponents from Sutton United.

If you are reading this column then it is likely you have watched many football matches in your lifetime and will undoubtedly agree with the old saying that 'anything can happen in football'. I say undoubtedly because it is, after all what keeps us going every week. In fact it was that very question on the long journey to York last Saturday that sparked the debate of initially, why do we bother when it's 99% certain we will lose (gallows humour before you stop reading).

The second part of the debate was around how do you approach a game like York?

The options as far as the conversation went were a) to set up defensively and try for a hard earned point or b) take the game to the opposition and go for the win?

I will not bore you with the details put forward in the defense of either, as they are self explanatory.

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Needless to say the seemingly longer and slightly more lubricated journey home was more in favour of the defensive option but this time with a hefty slice of hindsight.

Personally I don't believe Sam and our playing group would have even entertained setting up for a point without the belief you can win a game you are setting up to lose.

So now we are all positive, let's get behind the team and hopefully add to our impressive points tally.

Lastly please remember that we are at home next Saturday in FA Cup 1st round action (No Replays!) against Southend United. It is an all pay fixture with tickets available to buy online now so get ahead of the rush and avoid the queues.

Up the Stones

Mark

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WELCOME to the Vale for the visit of Sutton United - another tough game following last week away at York.

That seemed a great occasion to really stamp our identity on a top side in the division- who no doubt will be right up there in the promotion places.

We went up there with a real 'go for it' mentality, to go really front-footed against the highest-ranked team in possession in the National League. We thought we'd be able to have an impact with our aggressive press... but unfortunately we came up short.

We were disappointed to concede the goals that we did, though for large periods - especially the first 30 minutes - I thought we went toe-to-toe with one of the best teams in the league.

Had we been more clinical in the final third at that stage the result could have been a lot, lot different.

To then concede when we did derailed our momentum and some big moments in the game going against us resulted in a defeat that was tough to take.

It was great though to see Stuart Maynard - he's doing a great job and we'll take the lessons we learned from the game and now look forward to face a Sutton side who have had a resurgence of fortunes and energy and positivity under Chris Agutter.

He is making his presence and his ideas felt. They are playing a new and exciting brand of football and he's replicating the fantastic job he did at Worthing. Again we face a side with quality in depth... it will be this way every week!

On the injury front Sean Adwarkwa's scan has come back and it's happily a more positive verdict than we'd anticipated - we hope to have him back

Gaffer's column

By
SAM COX

Welcome to Chris Agutter's Sutton who are playing in the exciting Worthing way

week. Our sports scientist, Luke Molloy, along with the medical team (Georgie and Zac) are doing a great job in the treatment room. It's a tough schedule and we need all the bodies we can muster.

Enjoy the game and Up the Stones!

■ We were saddened this week to hear of the passing of club legend Stuart Pearce's son, Harley. On behalf of myself and everyone at Wealdstone Football Club - the staff, players, supporters and the wider Stones family - we'd like to send our heartfelt condolences to Stuart and his loved ones at this terribly difficult time. Please know that all our thoughts and prayers are with you. We stand with you in sorrow and offer our deepest sympathies. *With love and respect from Coxy and the Stones Family.*



Deon Woodman was in great form again at York Pic: Jon Taffel

before the start of 2026. Also good news is that Daniel Nkrumah has resumed full-contact training with the group and he will be back in consideration within weeks. We also have Mason Barrett on a timeline of aiming to be back early next year, while Anthony Georgiou picked up an achilles niggle against Whitstable but again the scan showed it's not as bad as we feared - he'll be back training, hopefully, this

Sam gets his point across at full time in the impressive surroundings at York City Pic: Jon Taffel



Taking it to the

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By **MAX KRETZSCHMAR**



Game changer: Micah Obiero (14, above) is adjudged offside from Fela Olomola's pass despite the defender being goalside. It was a tidy finish too

HELLO and welcome back to The Vale for what is an important league fixture against Sutton United.

After a tough trip to York last weekend, our focus now is firmly on getting back to winning ways and building some momentum again in front of our home supporters.

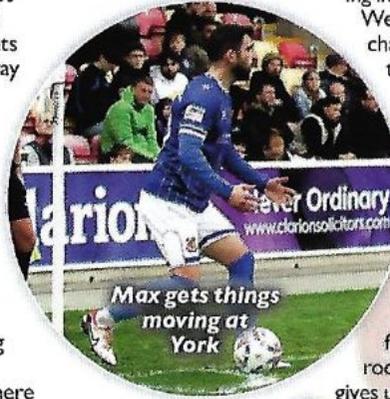
If we look back at last weekend's game against York City, I think the 4-0 scoreline was a little harsh on us, to be honest. Our plan to fight fire with fire by pressing high actually created some big chances in the first half.

From the replays, Micah's goal that was ruled out for offside looked very tight, and I also felt Ashley Palmer was fortunate not to receive a second yellow card just before half-time — moments like that could have given us a way back into the game.

That said, the depth and quality in York's squad, both on the pitch and on the bench, is frightening, and I fully expect them to be pushing for the title come the end of the season.

This week in training has been tough, with the weather turning and a few bodies missing from the group. The National League Cup is a competition where most teams tend to rotate their squads, and with attendances generally low across the league, I can't say I've ever fully understood the appeal of adding more fixtures to an already demanding schedule.

The idea of fighting fire with fire at York so very nearly came off. 4-0 was a little harsh



Max gets things moving at York

gether, and hopefully get back to winning ways in front of our home fans. **Enjoy your afternoon, and Up The Stones!**

That said, it's provided players like myself with valuable minutes to build fitness. Personally, I always feel I reach full match sharpness after five or six full 90s — that's when I feel I can run all game at high intensity and really influence all phases of play. That's when I'm at my best, contributing both in possession and out of it, especially when setting the press.

Turning to today's fixture, we face another side who might benefit from a new-manager bounce. Chris Agutter has recently taken charge at Sutton, a coach well known for building on Worthing's attractive, possession-based style of play. The early signs are promising for them — three goals in their past three fixtures against Farnham and Hartlepool show the attacking intent he's already instilled.

We'll need to be switched on to their change in style and the problems they can pose in the final third.

From our side, we currently sit 9th in the home league table, with 12 points from 8 games, which is encouraging — but there's definitely room for improvement. It's up to us to make sure home advantage counts again today.

As always, your support here at The Vale makes a massive difference. When the atmosphere is rocking, it genuinely lifts the lads and gives us that extra push when it matters most. Let's bring the energy today, stick to-

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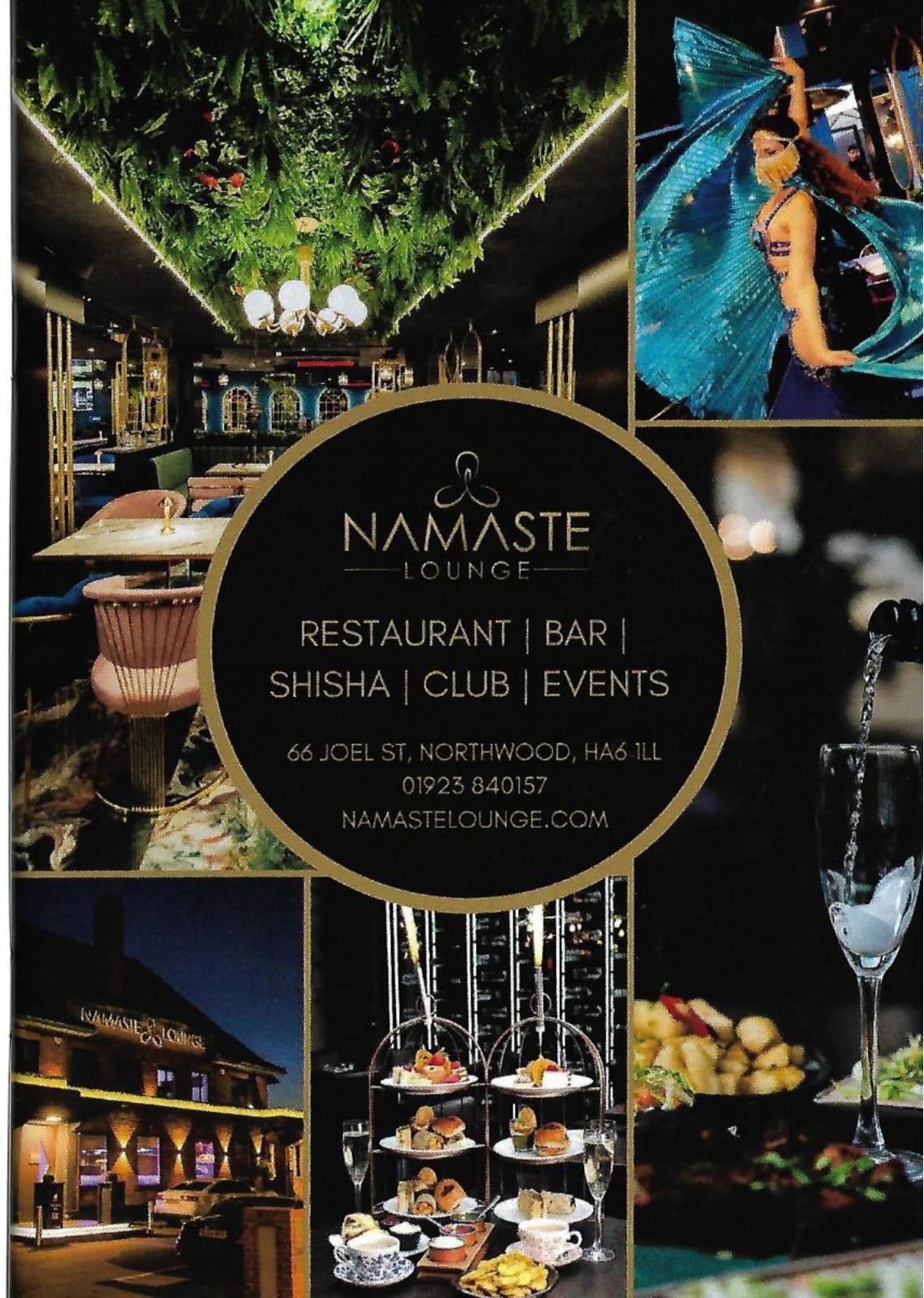


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MANAGERS, eh? When I was growing up they were shadowy figures, often wearing large coats, tracksuit bottoms and boots, and with a distinct whiff of Woodbines.

They issued words of encouragement and (in the case of Brian Clough) a string of invective, often caught on camera at the mud-bound training grounds to the embarrassment of the targeted players.

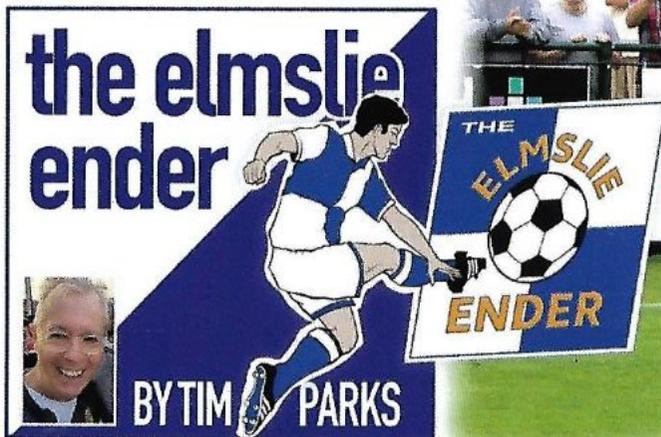
Matt Busby, Bill Shankly, Bob Paisley, Malcolm Allison, Bob Stokoe, Lawrie McMenemy, Don Revie... great characters, but a far cry from the modern 'soccer bosses' whose credentials are measured in their interpretation of the latest coaching strategy and technology rather than making a post-training brew or securing a brown envelope in a remote motorway service station.

It's a whole new world and Sam Cox, 35 just a fortnight ago, is right in the crosshairs of the revolution. With his assistant coach Danny Payne and technical lead Liam Badcock, they have the high-tec tools that have delivered a remarkable playing squad for this 2025-26 season despite the well-publicised budget constraints. And great credit must also go to our head of recruitment, Steve Boone.

It must make their hearts swell with pride when they hear well-respected managers like Brackley's Gavin Cowan and Whitstable's Jamie Coyle praising the Stones for their tactical acumen and individual brilliance.

"Take nothing away from Wealdstone, we were poor but they kept possession so well, and were brave on the ball. We were always second best" said Cowan after our 2-0 win in Northamptonshire last month. And Coyle thought he'd set his team up to cope with the big gap between the Stones and his Whitstable side, only to be blown away in the first half hour.

"We knew we'd be up against it but they are a really, really good side. Not just good players, but a great



Five managers moved on ...it's been a typical couple of weeks in the knee jerk National League world

game plan and a style of football we just couldn't cope with".

While this is music to everyone's ears at The Vale it also gives cause for concern. When these sort of accolades were last directed at a Wealdstone management team it wasn't long before Messrs Maynard and Saunders were off and away, understandably seduced by the approach from Notts County.

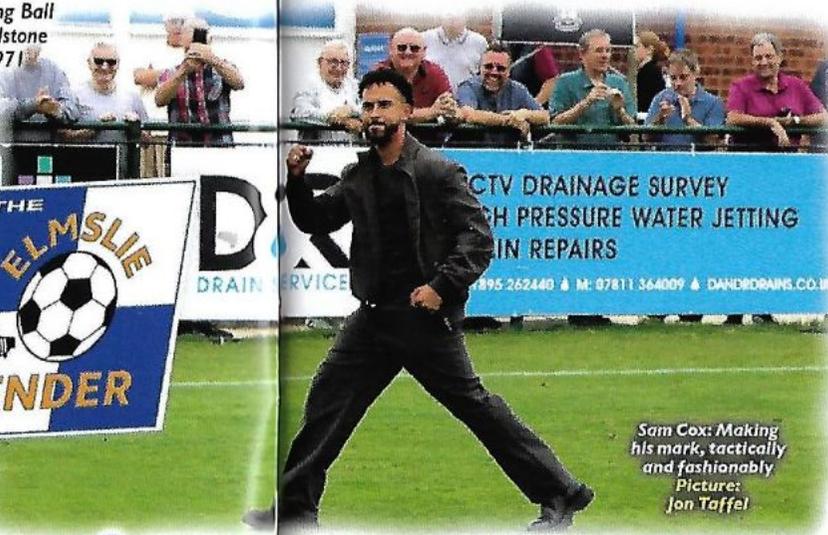
Are the sights of 'bigger' clubs aimed at our management team? There are remarkably turbulent waters out there.

Every week sees a predictable, knee-jerk reaction from a National League club's owners following a poor run of results. There were whispers around our visitors today, **Sutton United**, after a disap-

pointingly slow start under new boss Chris Agutter - who had only replaced Steve Morison in the summer. If they'd not scrambled to that FA Cup replay win over Farnham ten days ago, would his job have been under threat?



Early days: Maynard and Saunders



Sam Cox: Making his mark, tactically and fashionably
Picture: Jon Taffel

Morison himself had only been in place for one season after the sacking of the man who took Sutton into the Football League - Matt Gray - in 2023, and a couple of weeks ago Gray was axed from his latest job as manager of **Eastbourne Borough!** The South Coast side, having just missed out in the National League South play-offs last May, took the summer plunge into full-time professionalism and were frankly looking for more than being joint bottom of the table without a win in their first ten matches.

It just goes to show that nothing is certain in football. If we had succumbed to relegation last season, would we be in the pickle that **Dagenham & Redbridge** (who had it in their own hands to stay up) now find themselves in? The well-financed East Londoners find themselves barely above Eastbourne in the relegation zone, but rather than sack beleaguered boss Lee Bradbury they have appointed 67-year-old former centre-back Terry Harris as assistant.

Harris worked hand-in-glove with another Daggers stalwart, John Still, for many years and helped them into the EFL in the 1990s, and also Luton back into the EFL in the 2000s. Still, 75, is head of football at Southend and I wouldn't be surprised if the pair team up again in a few months if the Bradbury/Harris combo fails to pull Dagenham out of the mire. A total of 142 years' experience between them... it would be a new coffin-dodging record for a two-man management team!

At the opposite end of the spectrum, **Morecambe's** owners Punjab Warriors (a conglomerate of Sikh businessmen) decided to replace

the hugely-experienced Derek Adams with 30-year old rookie manager Ashvir Singh Johal when they finally took control in August.

The Shrimpers are rock bottom of the table and haemorrhaging goals and points, and the fans are calling out for the reinstatement of the popular Adams. It's all very well making a societal point - Johal is British football's first-ever Sikh manager - but he could send them sleepwalking to the club's third relegation in four years. There are also rumours of outright dressing-room division.

And why was there no financial or points penalty for Morecambe starting the season two weeks late?

Big news from **Hartlepool** last week was the dismissal of manager Simon Grayson while down at **Eastleigh** Scott Bartlett has made a decent start in his first few weeks after taking over from the dismissed Kelvin Davies.

And there's more! Over in Somerset, the cider-guzzlers of **Yeovil** have barely seen their pints go flat between appointments. After relegation to NLS and then a spectacular bounce-back, the Greens sacked manager Mark Cooper... and then, shrouded in mystery, quickly parted ways with his replacement Danny Webb. Richard Dryden took over as caretaker manager and was then taken on full-time a fortnight ago... and did his cause no harm with a quick 4-1 win over **Aldershot**.

Which led us to the next instalment of the NL managerial merry-go-round as the Shots parted company with THEIR manager Tommy Widdrington after a poor start... and guess who popped up again as manager of rudderless Eastbourne Borough within the week? Yes, Tommy Widdrington!

Aldershot are just one point clear of the drop zone and, once more, I am nervous about who they would want to approach... but confident that Sam and his team feel appreciated enough here at the Vale - and knee-deep in a project that involves not just the playing squad but the excitement of a new stadium just down the (Met) line - not to have their heads turned by a supposedly 'bigger' club.

Compared to many others, Wealdstone's managerial turnover is positively abstemious.

Okay, in the last few years we had a bit of churn with Gordon Bartlett's 21 years at the helm (1995-2016) followed by Bobby Wilkinson, Dean Brennan, Stuart Maynard, David Noble, Sam Cox (first spell), Matt Taylor and Neil Gibson. But now we have an established style of play, a clear plan for the future that involves investment and sustainability, and a growing fan base.

I think it's fair to say that WFC is as far away from being a managerial basket-case club as it is possible to be. Hold the wicker, vicar.



Old guard: Terry Harris (above) and John Still



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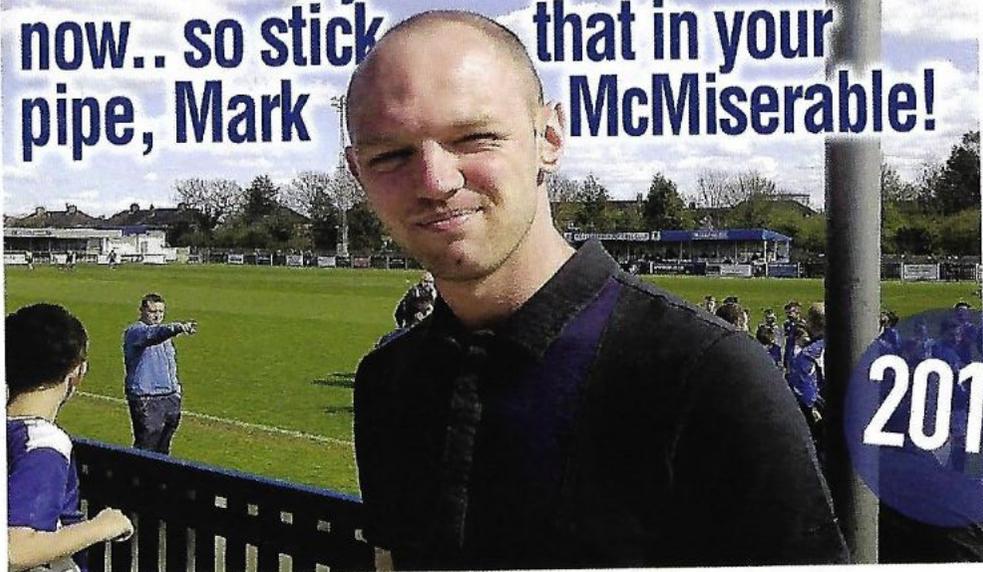
classic fan in the stand

Paul Pottinger

TODAY we uncover a new classic *Fan in the Stand*: Paul Pottinger who updates his FIS from 2015. **How old are you now, and where are you living and working?** I'm now 42, living in Watford and I've long changed from being an OT assistant in the NHS to being a gardener. **Is Cambridge away in the Trophy still your favourite**

away game? No. Havant and Waterlooville, when we beat them 4-2 in the National League South title-winning 2019/20 season. We faced Havant away and then Bath at home in successive weeks, both were our title rivals at the time. We played Havant off the park in the second half and I remember us going mental after each goal! It was a game

I'm definitely a full-time Stones fan now.. so stick that in your pipe, Mark McMiserable!



Name: Paul Pottinger
Where you live and how long you've been there: I've lived in Wealdstone nearly all my life.

Are you working? I'll hopefully be an OT assistant in Watford for the NHS by the time this is published.

First Stones game attended: It would have been in the 1989/90 season at Lower Mead although I don't remember who it was against.

What or who persuaded you to become a Stones fan? Wealdstone has always been my local club - my parents used to take me and my brother to the mini league meetings on Sunday at Lower Mead managed by Dave Albert.

Do you follow any other team? Yes, QPR - although I consider myself very much a Wealdstone supporter first, and QPR as my second team these days as I've only been to one Rangers game in the last four years.

Do you prefer lower-League football? Yes, very much so. Firstly you don't pay an arm and a leg to get a ticket for the game. Plus I like to walk around the ground during a game rather than being trapped in a seat. I also find the supporters of non league clubs are more genuine than supporters of premier league clubs who seem to support a club just because they win trophies - and often the closest they've got to a football ground

is watching a game on sky sports at their local pub. **Any disadvantages?** Yes, postponements and fixture back logs - although last season was pretty good as very few games were affected by the weather.

How do you fit watching football, and Wealdstone, into your family/working life? Thankfully I'll be starting a new job which means I should get very weekend off. I should be able to turn up to most matches this season. That means Mark McManus can stop calling me a part time supporter!

Most memorable game/s you've EVER seen? One game that has lived long in

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that set us up to win the title.

What are now your top three all-time Wealdstone games? 1st: beating Bath at home 7-0 in the game I mentioned... Bath were in flying form and hadn't lost a game in about three months and were not conceding many goals either. Then they came to the Vale and got totally blitzed. I remember talking to a Bath fan at half time. All he could say was

that they weren't playing bad, we were just too good. It was the game that won us the title that season in my humble opinion. 2nd: That Havant game as mentioned in the previous question. 3rd: beating Margate away 1-0 to win the Isthmian League title in the 2013/14 season. That goal by Charlie Penny when he rounded the keeper is one of the most exciting things I've seen watching football. We went

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the memory bank is when Clive Wilson scored an injury time penalty for QPR against Millwall at Loftus Road in the FA Cup 5th round in the 1995/96 season. I just remember the upper Loft going completely bonkers. Best televised game has to be when England stuffed Germany 5-1 away.

And most memorable Wealdstone game, and moment? It has to be when we knocked Cambridge United out of the FA Trophy back in the 2011/12 season. **Favourite moment?** Has to be Charlie Penny's title clinching goal at Margate last year. **What really gets your goat watching football?**

Blatant cheating - e.g. diving, grappling with players while defending set pieces, players and managers intimidating referees etc. Also the amount of money and greed at the top end of the game. If a footballer earns £70,000 a week (and the rest) then what should someone who works in the emergency services or armed forces be getting paid? I hate multi billionaires using good football clubs as a plaything or a financial investment while completely ignoring the existence of the loyal supporters who have been following their club for many decades.

Also, I don't like what's going on in FIFA at the moment, especially with



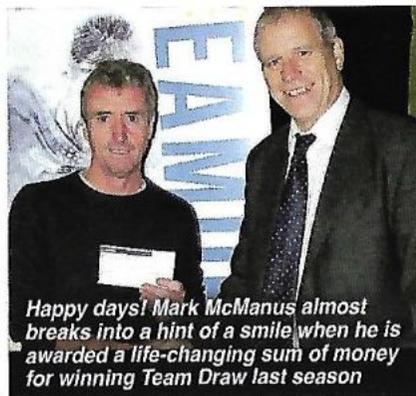
the obvious corruption surrounding the Qatar world cup bid. Anyway, rant over! **Have you ever played the game yourself (to any level) and most memorable moments?** Yes. I've actually played for Wealdstone FC (Under 13s)... Don Cross was my manager and used to put the fear of Christ into me. But a part from a few Surrey county games for Hindhead and one pre season friendly for a French village team I've not played very much football to be honest.

Any suggestions to improve your Stones -watching experience at the Vale? Apart from

the club house maybe needing a bit more renovating and updating I love it at the Vale. **Favourite current Wealdstone line-up?** 1 Jonathan North. 2 Carl Martin. 3 Ryan Watts. 4 Sir Wes Parker. 5 Tom Hamblin. 6 Elliott Godfrey. 7 Jonny Wright. 8 Dan Brown. 9 Jefferson Louis. 10 Scott McGleish. 11 Luke O'Nien, **Favourite all-time Stones line-up?** This will have to be a team picked over the last four seasons as I don't remember anything about the Lower Mead days, and that I didn't go that regularly when we played at the White lion ground.

So it will be.... 1 Jonathan North. 2 Carl Martin. 3 Lee Chappell. 4 and captain Sir Wes Parker. 5 Sean Cronin. 6 Alex Dyer. 7 Super Glenn Little. 8 Chris O'leary. 9 Richard Jolly. 10 Britt Assonbelonia. 11 Tom Pett. That's a pretty decent team in my humble opinion. **Best away trips to watch football?** My top five over recent seasons, in no particular order would be Cambridge United, Bury Town, Weston Super Mare,

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Happy days! Mark McManus almost breaks into a hint of a smile when he is awarded a life-changing sum of money for winning Team Draw last season

classic fan in the stand continued

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absolutely mad behind the goal. The journey back to the Vale was good as well, knocking back champers on the coach and then drinking in the club house until the early hours of the morning. 'Twas a great night. I went to the game that got called off too.

What is now your all-time favourite Stones line-up, and why? In goal Jonathan North - he is my Stones legend. He played for us over 10 seasons.

Whitehawk and Bath City. What was your highlight of last season? Joe Turner's last gasp winner away to Bath City. I just remember going absolutely mental and being filmed at the same time by the chap who was filming the Raider that day.

Best non-League ground you've visited? I remember really liking Colchester's Layer Road although it wasn't a non league ground at the time. Probably Bury Town's ground as you have the view of the Gothic church at one end and a view of the brewery up the other.

Best stadium you've EVER visited? Lord's cricket ground. Where do you like to stand (or sit) at the Vale? Bulla stand with the noisy lot. Up the other end just to the right of the goal. Otherwise I stand in the bar if it's freezing or if the game ain't too pleasant.

Where did you used to stand or sit at Lower Mead? With my dad as I had ended up on the pitch once so I couldn't be trusted to be left alone!

What are your expectations for the Stones for this season? I will be happy with another mid table finish to be honest. I do think that it is also very important to have at least one good run in the FA Cup or Trophy over the next few seasons, as a good cup run injects much needed funds and interest into the club.

How does the current programme compare with



Face in the crowd at a recent friendly. Hope he won the bet



Paul (circled) goes bonkers after Joe Turner's famous last-minute winner at Bath last Christmas

2015

others you see? There is no comparison. Mark and his team do a fantastic job. No other programme has the amount of original content or good reading material as the Stones programme does.

Any articles or features that you'd like to see? You can't possibly fit anything else thing into the programme can you?

What has been the most readable/least readable Fan in the Stand so far? I like reading the ones of the people who I regularly stand with. I'm not going to name names as I'm already getting enough stick for eating a Scummer's burger and don't want people hating me because I forgot to mention them.

What do you think of the bars and catering at The Vale? Any beers or food you'd like to be added? Apart from the club house needing a bit of updating I'm quite pleased with the facilities at the Vale. Having the Rollin' Kitchen at each home match was a great idea. I wouldn't mind the beer to be cheaper but I guess

He has been 1 of the few keepers we didn't have on loan, a much better keeper than step 6 and 7. It was only his height and that he could be bullied in set pieces that stopped him playing at a higher level. But I loved him as a keeper. A brilliant shot stopper who bounced back from terrible injuries (broken leg at Canvey away, then 2nd concussion when getting kicked in the head away to Bath). **My back 4:**

the bar has to make money. **Do you buy much at the clubshop? What's your favourite all-time Stones strip?** Blue and White quarters. Yes I do go in and buy various purchases occasionally. My last buy was a scarf.

Finally, where do you see the club in five years' time? Hopefully still holding our own in the Conference South, and still at the Vale on a longer term lease.

If we can secure a minimum lease term of 25 years, or better still own the ground outright, I can see building up to being a sizeable conference side and even going full-time professional if we can get the right type of owner and investment for the club.

I think we are club on the rise. Home attendances have doubled since I've been going regularly and absolutely no one takes the away support we do in at our level. I think it's also a good thing for our club that a lot of local league clubs are out-pricing their supporters as I see a lot of QPR, Arsenal, Spurs, Watford and Chelski fans turning up more regularly. **COYS!**

Michi Efete (great attacking full back) and Jacob Mendy Mendy (same). Then Kieran Brown: the best defender I've seen at The Stones, very composed and calm on the ball. Plus Sir Jack Cook - Mr consistency over many seasons and two Player of the Seasons in a row. Cooky's great at bringing the ball out of defence, creates goals and is partial to scoring a few. His nut meets the ball every time it gets pumped into our box.

My middle 3: Luke O'Nien - a hero for us as well as Sunderland for good reason. One of football's nice guys. Glenn Little - the best Stones player I've ever seen. That goal at Dulwich Hamlet is up there with Trevor Sinclair's overhead kick against Barnsley in the FA

Cup as one of the best goals I've ever seen.

How did we attract a great player like Glenn to our club? Tom Pett - he was best played as a freelance midfielder. It was no surprise he progressed to the Football League. He has a great reading of the game.

My forward 3: Abo Eisa - a great impact player who terrifies defenders when he runs at them. Josh Umerah - an odd choice for me as he was pretty lazy and didn't like chasing the ball down, but his goals were priceless for us. And finally Rhys Browne - quick, strong and had a good leap on him.

Is football a big part of your life? Unfortunately not as much as it used to be due to dough, family etc. However I'm still a season ticket holder at the Stones and I still go to the away games if it's a new ground.

Are you enjoying the games as much now we are in the National League? Yeah sure who wouldn't enjoy this? We've seen our side play at Step Nine almost 30 years ago. We are now playing against ex-Football League sides in front of thousands instead of hundreds. I'm enjoying this while it lasts.

Will you be flying to Truro this year? Only if Jez books us a Stones Airways flight!

Is there any aspect of your Stones-watching experience that could be improved? Me and a mate who has been coming to



Paul is pictured with the dopey-looking mascot at Morecambe. That's the mascot on the right. Picture: Jon Taffel

I'd wish we'd have a pie & mash stall at The Vale.. like pork pies at Halifax and meat & potato ones at Morecambe it's great grub and reflects London

the Stones over the last couple of years discussed having a stall from Hughe' Pie and Mash Shop, Ruislip Gardens, outside the ground. Maybe not great for DD's burger van but the pie and mash is pukka.

I was thinking it would be good for all fans, including away fans, to eat local heritage grub, specific to London. Like going up North and getting to eat meat and potato pies at

Morecambe or pork pies from Halifax.

Your 2015 answer to 'where do you see the club in five years time?' was pretty much spot on. In five years we were in the National League and now the future looks rosy. So where will WFC be in another five years? I'd imagine hovering between this league and the National League South over the next five years. Beyond that depends on investment and whether we can obtain a Football League-ready ground at the Master Brewer site in Hillingdon. (This article was written before the Nick Semaca and Lakefront Football Partners' takeover earlier this month - Ed)

Failing that, I think we'll eventually drop back into the NLS for a prolonged period, although it does concern me that the lease on the Vale isn't sorted yet. Please not another long nomadic period! But if we can get that new ground and get the investment we need to go professional then why not become a solid side in the National League and chase promotion into the EFL? We've come this far.



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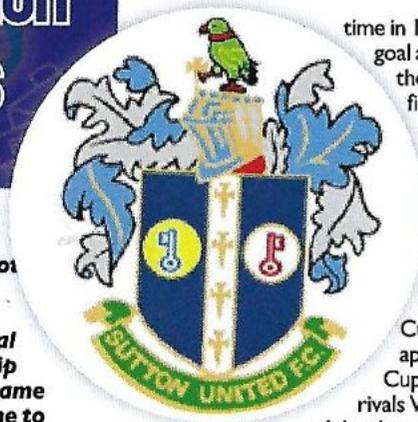
For the first time in their history Sutton United became a Football League club in 2021 when they clinched the National League championship in the penultimate game of the season at home to Hartlepool, the finest moment in the club's 123 year history.

The club was formed on 5 March 1898 when a meeting of two leading local clubs, Sutton Association and Sutton Guild Rovers, decided that they should join forces. The amber and chocolate colours of Sutton Association were retained, along with both clubs' grounds, and the United club's first game was against Norwood & Selhurst FC. With two grounds available Sutton fielded three teams in the Herald and Surrey Junior Leagues, but the loss of Western Road after a year led to the disbanding of the third team. The senior side's first honour came in the form of the Herald Junior Cup in 1902, the first of three successive triumphs in that competition.

In 1910 Sutton assumed senior status and joined the Southern Suburban League, and it was during the next decade that the club gained use of their present home in Gander Green Lane. After finishing as Southern Suburban League runners-up in 1920 they were elected to the Athenian League at the end of the following season, and celebrated by twice winning the Surrey Senior Shield. League form was more uncertain, and in 1926 U's had to seek re-election, but were successful and recovered to win the championship just two years later. Over the next decade Sutton established themselves as a force in the amateur game, twice reaching the FA Amateur Cup semi-finals, although on the first occasion they were expelled from the competition after fielding two players who had played Sunday football and were therefore ineligible.

Sutton remained to the fore after World War Two, winning the Athenian League for a second

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW SUTTON UNITED THE U's

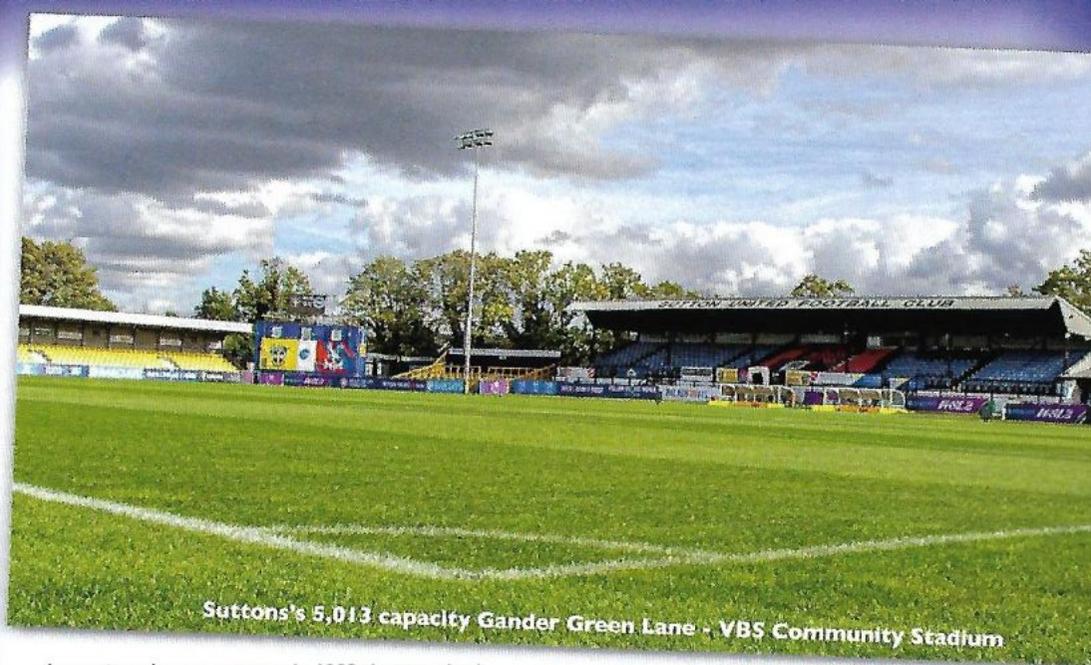


time in 1946, and coming second to Barnet on goal average the following season, while they lifted the Surrey Senior Cup, the first of fifteen occasions on which they have won the trophy. They also appeared in the first round proper of the FA Cup for the first time. In 1953 the club became a Limited Company, and five years later won the league for a third time as well as achieving a first success in the London Senior Cup. In 1963 U's made their first appearance at Wembley in the Amateur Cup final, losing 4-2 to South London rivals Wimbledon, and were one of four clubs elected to the Isthmian League.

Champions in 1967 and runners-up a year later, Sutton again reached the Amateur Cup final in 1969, losing to North Shields, and the following season achieved national fame as they made it through to the 4th round of the FA Cup and were drawn at home to Leeds United, then the top side in the country, who won 6-0 in front of a record 14,000 crowd. After another league runners'-up position in 1971, a less successful period followed until the appointment of former player Keith Blunt as manager in 1977. Two years after his arrival U's made history as the first and only winners of the Anglo Italian semi-professional tournament, and although he departed to top Swedish club Malmö soon afterwards, his assistant Barrie Williams went on to guide the club through a period of great achievement. FA Trophy runners-up in 1981, losing to Bishop's Stortford at Wembley, they were second in the league a year later as well as reaching the second round of the FA Cup, and won a cup treble of Isthmian League Cup, London Senior Cup and Surrey Senior Cup in 1983. Two years later U's captured the Isthmian title, and having declined promotion, they repeated the success in 1986 and this time took their place in what was then the GM Vauxhall Conference.

During their first spell in the Conference U's seemed established as a Conference side but in 1991, having recorded a record Conference away win of 9-0 at Gateshead, they picked up just one point from their last eight games and were relegated for the first time in their history.

Although often around the top of the Isthmian League U's could not realise their hopes of an immediate return, and it was in cup football that



Sutton's 5,013 capacity Gander Green Lane - VBS Community Stadium

they enjoyed more success. In 1993 they reached the FA Trophy semi-finals, and another FA Cup run in 1993-94 produced victories over Colchester and Torquay before a narrow defeat at Notts County. The appointment in 1996 of the management team of John and Tony Rains, with over 1,400 playing appearances for the club between them, saw a renewed assault on the championship, and after twice finishing third they realised Sutton's ambition of returning to the Conference in 1999, finishing eleven points clear of long time leaders Aylesbury after a run of 13 wins and 3 draws in 17 games. Unfortunately U's found the gap to the Conference too wide to bridge, and seven consecutive defeats at the end of the campaign saw them finish bottom.

Following the Isthmian championship in 2011, in 2015 Sutton went on a run of 25 league games from the middle of November which saw U's clinch the Vanarama National League South championship and gain promotion to the National League for the first time since the 1999-2000 season.

In their first season back at National League level Sutton finished 12th, the highest placed of the promoted clubs, but it was the FA Cup for which the season will be remembered as they made history by reaching the 5th round for the first time ever. After beating Leeds in the 4th round the U's were drawn at home to Premier League giants Arsenal and put up a creditable performance in a 2-0 defeat. The following season the focus turned back to the National League as Sutton achieved their highest ever finishing placing of 3rd, but again suffered play-off disappointment, losing 3-2 at home to Boreham Wood in the semi-final. After a 10th placed finish a year later, Paul Doswell announced the end of his eleven

year tenure, coach Matt Gray stepping in to the manager's role.

For the 2020-21 season U's were challenging at the top from the start, with the result being a place in the Football League for the first time ever as they finished four points clear of Torquay.

Sutton's first EFL season saw the team continue to impress, and finished in 8th one point short of a place in the play offs.

There was also a memorable run in the Papa Johns Trophy, where U's came through their group with a 100% record without conceding a goal, then beat Stevenage, Colchester, and Harrogate before a penalty shoot out success away to League One high-fliers Wigan saw U's at Wembley for the first time since 1981. They were within a minute of a first ever success there before a last gasp equaliser saw eventual League One champions Rotherham take the game to extra time and ultimately win 4-2.

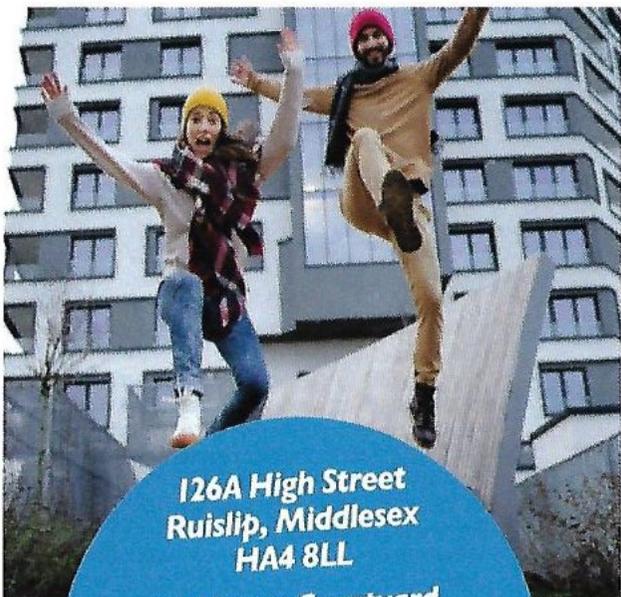
U's followed this up with a mid table finish in the 2022-23 season, at one stage looking as though they would again challenge for a play-off place before a disappointing end to the season saw them finish 14th.

With the club at the bottom of the EFL just before Christmas 2023 the decision was taken to part company with manager Matt Gray, assistant manager Jason Goodliffe taking interim charge before former Millwall, Leeds and Wales striker Steve Morison was appointed in January.

Although a run of four consecutive wins at the end of March raised hopes that relegation could be avoided, and the battle was taken to the last game of the season, U's finished the season in 23rd place and returned to the National League.

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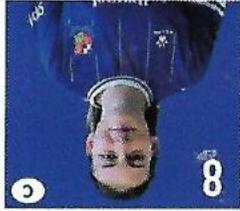


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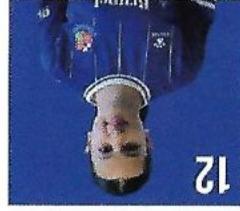
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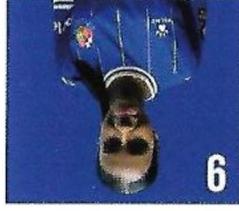
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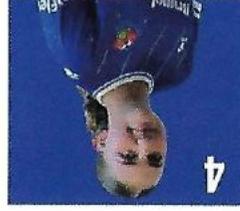
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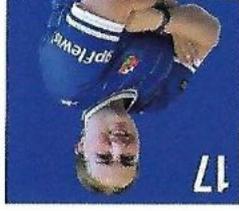
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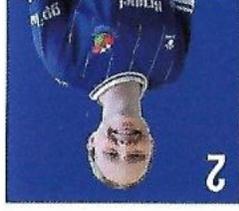
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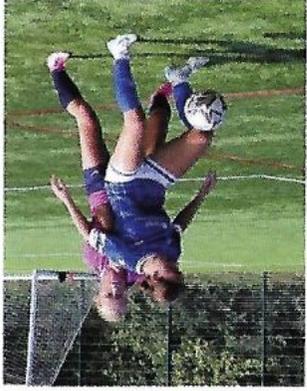
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SEPTEMBER			
Sun 7	Fusion	L	A 0-6
Sun 14	Rose	L	A 5-2
Sun 21	London Football School	L	H 2:15pm
Sun 28	Frenford & MSA	L	A 2:15pm
OCTOBER			
Sun 12	Balham	Cup	H 3pm
Sun 26	Wandsworth Borough	Cup	A 11am
DECEMBER			
Sun 2	London Football School	Cup	A 1pm
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SUTTON UNITED SATURDAY 25th OCTOBER 2025 SUPPORTERS CLUB UPDATE

BY TONY BOOTH

We're delighted to welcome Sutton United and their supporters to Grosvenor Vale for today's National League fixture.

This match carries real significance, with both teams fighting for valuable points—but it's the Stones who come into the game with the upper hand. Sitting higher in the table, we have shown resilience and quality in recent weeks, unbeaten in four League outings before last weekend's defeat to a quality York City side.

Sutton, meanwhile, find themselves out of form with just the one win to date, but with a strong squad will be looking to turn things around. Having home advantage and with cohesion and confidence growing in the squad, hopefully we will come out on top and maintain our midtable position.

Off the pitch, Mark Randall and Nick Dugard, Chairman and President respectively of the Wealdstone FC Supporters Club, recently joined Chris Lane and Mark Hyde on Stonescast. In a candid and forward-looking conversation, they shared insights into the Supporters Club's structure and decision making process, discussed the importance of fan engagement, and their thoughts on the exciting plans on the horizon. Well worth a listen.

Our FA Cup journey continues with a cracking 1st Round tie against Southend United next Saturday. It's set to be a proper cup clash, full of passion, grit, and the magic this competition is known for.

Southend will bring a strong challenge, looking to avenge their 3-2 League defeat at the Vale earlier this Season. With your support ringing around the Vale, we'll be looking to make it a memorable afternoon and take one step closer to a potential giant-killing run.

Introducing Heads Up! — A New Men's Support Group in Ruislip

We're proud to support Heads Up!, a welcoming new initiative supported by the Wealdstone FC Foundation and Head In The Game. Set up by Stones fans, Ian Stapleton and Simon Hibbs the group meet every Wednesday from 7:00 PM to

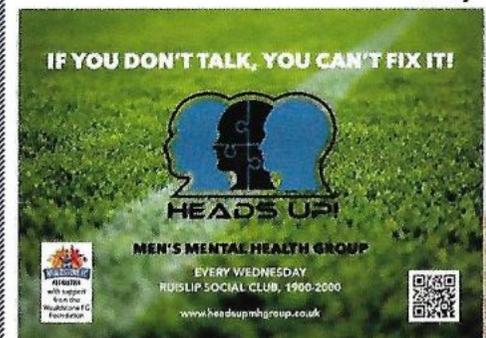


8:00 PM at Ruislip Social Club.

Heads Up! is designed for men aged 18 and over in our community who want a space to talk openly—whether you're facing mental health challenges yourself or supporting someone who is. This is a judgement-free zone where you can share, listen, and connect with others who understand.

What to expect: The meetups are informal and relaxed, making use of the club's facilities like pool, darts, and the outdoor space to create a friendly atmosphere. Whether you're chatting over a game or simply taking a moment to unwind, you'll find a safe environment to talk and be heard. Together we can help break the stigma around mental health and encourage honest conversations—because no one should have to struggle alone.

Tony



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Month	Rank	Opponent	Comp	Score	Goals	Assists	Lge	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	ENL	2-2	1,109	50	9	Hutchinson, Kretzschmar
SEPTEMBER	16	LEICESTER CITY	NLC	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	2-0	837	157	11	Bouldewijn, Obiero
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NOVEMBER	4	Yeovil Town	ENL					
NOVEMBER	8	BRAINTREE TOWN	ENL					
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NOVEMBER	25	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	NLC					
NOVEMBER	29	Solihull Moors	ENL					
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DECEMBER	26	BOREHAM WOOD	ENL					
DECEMBER	30	Aldershot Town	ENL					
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APRIL	6	ALDERSHOT TOWN	ENL					
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APRIL	18	SCUNTHORPE UNITED	ENL					
APRIL	25	Southend United	ENL					

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KEY

- P Yellow card
- P Red card
- P Starter
- P 1st player off
- P 2nd player off
- P 3rd player off
- P 4th player off
- P 5th player off
- P Substitute
- P 1st player on
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- P 5th player on



Pictures from our defeat up at York 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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PART 3:
SL SOUTHERN
DIVISION 1981-82

WHEN the Stones were relegated from the Alliance Premier League on that awful day in May 1981 even the most optimistic fan found it hard to imagine us bouncing straight back. We would have to win the new-look Southern League (from which we'd been promoted two years earlier) and that league had been split into two divisions of 24 clubs each. Although the standard was comparatively poor it was still a big ask. MICK FISHMAN details the eventually-glorious campaign in this series of the Wealdstone title winners...

Allen Batsford and Brian Hall had stepped into a basket case at the end of 1980 and almost rescued the club from relegation - putting together a very competitive unit which just needed a couple of quality additions and a good start to the new season in the Southern League to engender confidence.

That is exactly what happened. The vastly experienced goalkeeper



Total appearances (goals in brackets):
S Pearce 72 (5)
R Goddard 72
F Barwick 70 (1)
P Bowgett 69 (27)
D Byatt 66 (5)
R Wainwright 64 (12)
A Cordice 58 (37)
R Knowles 56 (19)
P Waites 56 (5)
C Hardman 55 (1)
N Cordice 48 (19)
S Perkins 40 (2)
R Davies 36 (2)
N Johnson 28 (18)
J Morris 14 (1)
C Forde 10
G Churchouse 6 (2)
P Geddis 1
I Ferguson 1

SOUTHERN LGE SOUTH DIVISION, 1981-82

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
WEALDSTONE	46	32	8	6	100	32	72
Hastings Utd	46	31	9	6	73	34	71
Dorchester Town	46	21	18	7	76	41	60
Gosport Borough	46	26	8	12	76	45	60
Fareham Town	46	20	14	12	58	48	54
Poole Town	46	19	15	12	92	63	53
Waterlooville	46	22	9	15	75	53	53
Welling Utd	46	19	13	14	70	48	51
Addlestone & Weybridge	46	17	17	12	71	53	51
Chelmsford City	46	20	11	15	64	53	51
Aylesbury Utd	46	19	12	15	79	61	50
Basingstoke Town	46	18	12	16	75	61	48
Dover	46	19	8	19	61	63	46
Ashford Town	46	16	14	16	52	56	46
Tonbridge AFC	46	19	7	20	62	70	45
Dunstable	46	18	8	20	63	68	44
Salisbury	46	16	10	20	64	81	41
Hounslow	46	15	11	20	64	81	41
Hillingdon Borough	46	14	10	22	46	58	38
Canterbury City	46	10	16	20	49	78	36
Crawley Town	46	9	12	25	46	81	30
Folkestone	46	10	6	30	49	101	26
Andover	46	4	11	31	39	100	19
Thanet Utd	46	5	7	34	37	110	17

What a year! 73 games played, 50 wins, 162 goals and 4 trophies!

Ray Goddard and forward Ray Knowles were both recruited from Wimbledon and Tooting & Mitcham respectively. Also added to the squad was young Paul Waites from Chelsea and roly-poly midfielder John

Morris who had done the rounds of local clubs. But this team was built on a rock-solid defence. Goddard was an outstanding goalkeeper, and to those long enough in the tooth to have seen

The famous picture taken at Lower Mead in the summer of 1982. With manager Allen Batsford (top), director Michael Macario (left) and chairman David Morrirt (right), the club shows off its hat-trick of Southern League trophies.. with the Merit Shield to add

Paul Bowgett lifts the Southern League Cup for the Stones at Lower Mead in April 1982, winning both legs of the final 1-0 v Gloucester City in front of 2,200 crowds



him play, is considered the club's best custodian of modern times. A settled back four of Colin Hardman, Dennis Byatt, Paul Bowgett and Stuart Pearce was near-on impassable. The capture of Byatt had been vital. An uncomplicated stopper who read the game, was good in the air, and could thump the ball into the next Borough, he allowed the previously-inconsistent Paul Bowgett to realise his potential as a superb central defender. Young Pearce was quickly learning his trade while the centre of midfield was a fine balance of Fred Barwick's industry and tackling and Robin Wainwright's wonderful touch and passing ability.

Young Waites on the right was perhaps lightweight but highly gifted and became an important member of the team.

To complete the midfield, Batsford pulled off a masterstroke in converting striker Nigel Johnson into a left sided midfielder. Johnson was a revelation arriving late into the box to score vital goals: he scored 18 by mid-December when a hamstring injury put paid to his season.

The other inspired move was converting inconsistent winger Alan Cordice into a free-roaming "false 9". His electric pace allowed him to run on to enormous punts from Byatt and invariably wear down opposition defences. He was

joined either by his brilliant brother Neil or Ray Knowles.

On its day, the team forged by Batsford was too good for the Southern League. By early December we had played 18 league games, winning 12, drawing 3 and losing 3. Following poor weather and cup football, when the league campaign resumed on 2nd January the team cemented itself as one of the promotion favourites by enjoying a run of 6 wins and 1 draw: all achieved with a tiny squad. As already mentioned, Nigel Johnson was suffering a long-term injury and Clevere Forde had left to join neighbours Harrow Borough. Fortunately, Steve "Polly" Perkins, who had been suffering from hepatitis, had regained his health and fitness and came into the reckoning. Also, Roy Davies, an experienced midfielder player, came in from Hayes while defensive midfielder Gary Churchouse played an important role at the end of the season.

After suffering a minor wobble - picking up just 1 point from 3 consecutive home games - the Stones showed grit and determination and went on a superb run that took them to the penultimate home game... against Hastings United who were seriously vying with the Stones for top spot. This was a classic finale: to the winners went the spoils. On a tense evening in front of a large and expectant

crowd, both teams put on a mesmerising display and were only separated in the end by a brace of Alan Cordice goals.

The 2-0 win effectively gave us the championship and automatic promotion back to the APL. **But this was not quite the end of the story.** Because the Southern League was split into two regional divisions, the champions of each would play off to decide who would be the out and out champions... and over two legs Wealdstone and Nuneaton could not be separated. The Midlanders won 1-0 at Manor Park and the Stones shaded the second leg 2-1 at Lower Mead. After extra time it was still 2-2 on aggregate... and the tie went to penalties which we won 3-2 on a dramatic night and a 1,504 crowd.

Amazingly, just 17 players were used in 73 competitive matches! Batsford and Hall knew exactly what they needed to do to achieve success and either altered a player's position to great effect or slotted in new ones as required.

We won 50, drew 13 and lost just 10 of the 70 games, scoring 162 goals and conceding 57. The run-in from 16th March until 3rd May (49 days) involved 22 games with just two lost... and to think current Premier League players complain about tiredness!



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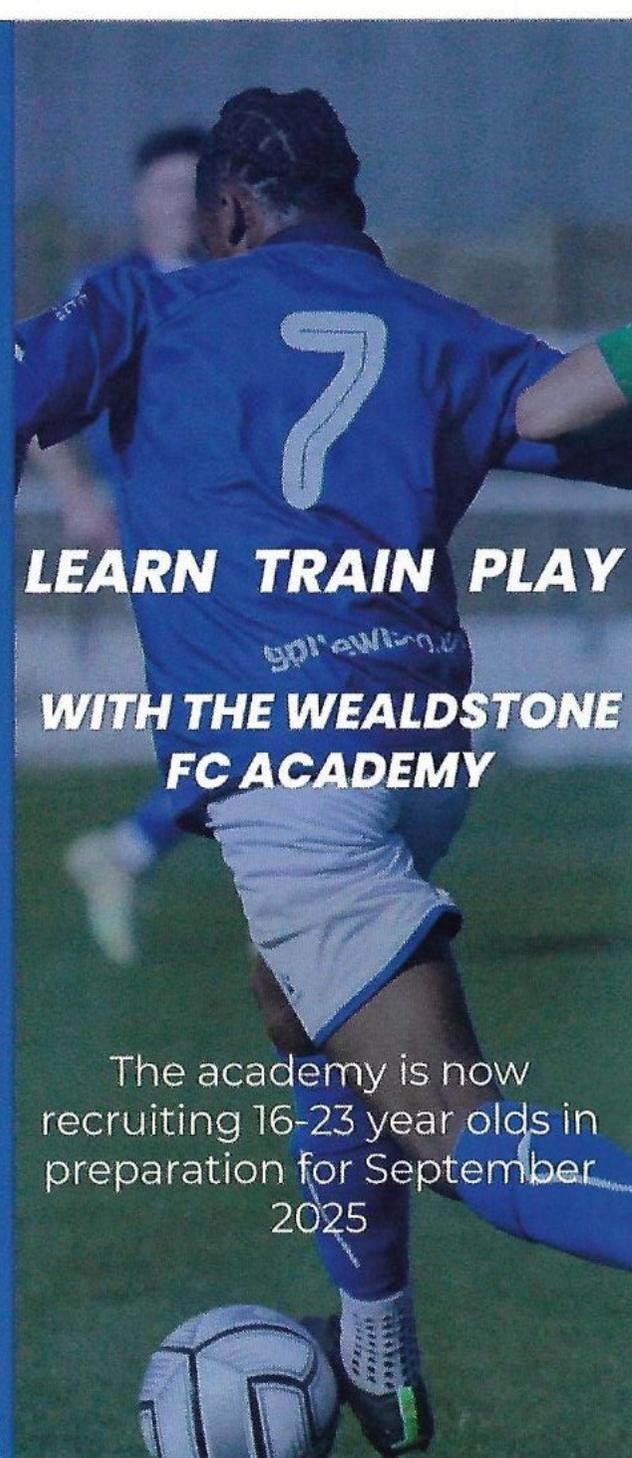
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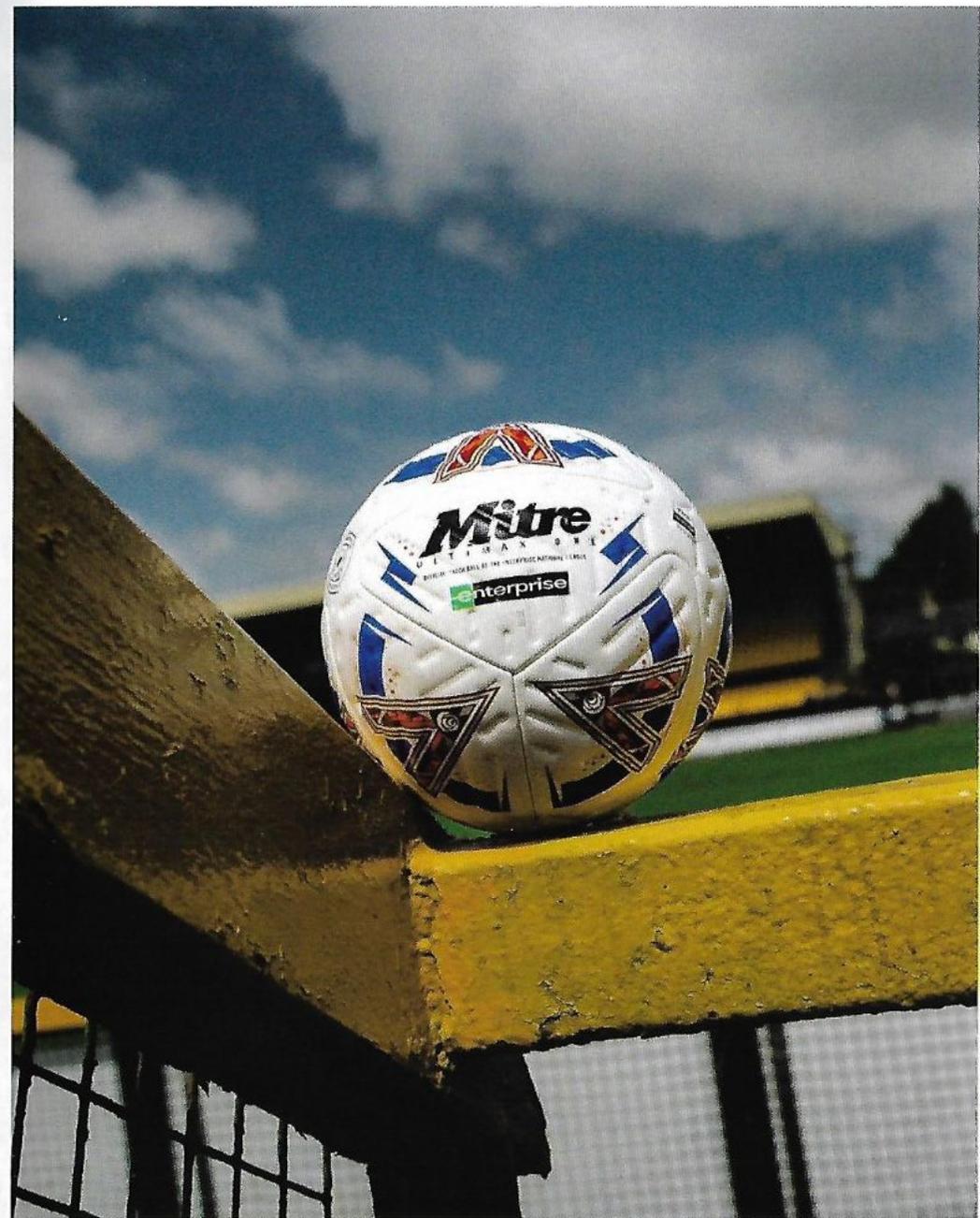


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BY TIM PARKS

Here it is! The match report of my very first Stones game... coincidentally against Sutton United in '69

It's the cutting I've been looking for!

That childhood recall of my first trip to Lower Mead: the baying and belligerence of the crowd, the awful finishing of John Connell and the play-acting of a star-studded Sutton side that didn't have to do it... were they all distorted memories?

Well, as it turns out, they weren't. Leslie Jones' idiosyncratic match report (right) is hopelessly skewed in favour of the home side and I remember reading this very account of the game and feeling cheated. To be honest, the apparent bias of the referee passed me by, but the profligacy of our new striker Connell - and the moment he rounded Sutton keeper Bill Roffey, looked up at the empty net and then waited for the gloverman to disposes him - had this 12-year-old angry and puzzled.

But I still couldn't wait for the next game to come round!

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TUPPENCE FOR THE REF.

WEALDSTONE 0, SUTTON UTD. (1) 1

Attendance: 1,563

TWO MINUTES from the end of a match he had wrecked, referee Coghlan, appropriately from Kent, complained to Wealdstone officials that he had been hit by a missile.



JOHN CONNELL

Back at Wealdstone

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe W	5	4	1	0	13	4	9
Woking	5	4	0	1	11	3	8
Sutton United	5	4	0	1	16	8	8
Gravesend	5	3	1	1	17	8	7
Grays	5	3	1	1	8	5	4
Leytonstone	5	3	1	1	14	7	4
Wealdstone	5	2	2	1	12	5	6
Tooting	5	2	2	1	10	5	6
Enfield	5	2	1	2	10	3	6
Barking	5	2	1	2	13	6	5
St. Albans	5	2	1	2	8	6	5
Hitchin Town	5	2	1	2	12	8	5
Clapton	5	2	1	2	9	12	4
W. Snow Avenue	5	1	1	3	9	11	4
Wood	5	1	1	3	9	4	4
Kingstonian	5	1	1	3	9	10	3
Maidstone United	5	1	1	3	4	8	3
Dulwich Hamlet	5	0	0	5	3	9	2
Bromley	5	0	0	5	3	23	0
City Casuals	5	0	0	5	2	18	0

He produced it, a penny, and another was later found on the pitch, thrown, apparently, by fans behind the Elmslie Stand and Wealdstone broadcast an appeal to their supporters to cease.

Yet the dissident fans had reason on their side. Mr. Coghlan was the prime cause in denying two good sides the chance to play football, whistling at will, waving, wobbling on decisions and generally giving England team manager Charles Hughes and what looked like the entire Middlesex F.A. hierarchy a wasted afternoon.

In the process he booked international Mick Mellows for a charge on home keeper Andy Williams after 38 minutes, then, on the hour, added Denny Monague's name for a barge in front of the stands on Tim Waughman that was almost

polite and then wound up by putting Keith Searle in the black book for a foul on Rod Brooks.

DISASTER

Right from the start, after John Connell had blasted wide twice in 90 seconds, the teams realised that it was going to be fussy. The home side showed the better spirit as Montague, Connell and then Bernie Bremer were all wide.

Dave Swain nodded over after Gordon Sedgley had cleared away on 20 minutes but the next time he touched the ball was a home disaster. He missed a tackle on Waughman on the edge of the Sutton area and fell, handling the ball instinctively as he dropped.

Mr. Coghlan gave a free-kick to Sutton and England skipper Ted Powell, back again from the broken leg that denied him a place in the Amateur Cup final, tapped the ball sideways.



Dave Swain heads goalwards in the first half against Sutton at Lower Mead on Saturday

Trevor Bladon hammered it low towards goal with Williams watching but the shot hit poor Montague and skidded away into the far corner of the net with the 'keeper helpless.

One would have hoped that a meticulous referee would have noted John Faulkner pushing Searle off the ball in the Sutton area just three minutes later but he didn't, noting instead a nasty clash between Mellows and Williams on 26 minutes.

He paid little attention to Swain being elbowed off the ball on the byeline and the nearest Wealdstone got to a goal was a neat Bremer header from a Dave Bullock pass.

Williams saved from Peter Drabwell but had to dive at Mellows' feet after Dave Bullock had brought down Bladon. Mellows, booked shortly afterwards, charged into Sedgley's back without penalty and an effort from John Draper on the right was neatly covered and cleared by Powell.

Howard Moxon had so far

things going.

What he got going was another Connell move that ended in a replica of the first, Roffey again being allowed to grab the ball after missing first time.

Mellows, though, came back with a fine drive that Williams pushed over and then so did Wealdstone with a sweet move, Doyle-Montague, and then Connell moving the ball right through midfield for Draper to hit wide of the far post.

Waughman survived a Montague tackle, swerved and hit hard for a shot that Williams saved on his line.

Wealdstone, hopes fading or laded, wasted the final minutes lobbing high balls into the middle for the minute Connell but Sutton, with Garfield now on for Mellows, had one worrying moment, a Swain centre pushed over by Roffey.

As it stands, this side doesn't blend so back to the coaching board, I feel.

Wealdstone: A. Williams, Sedgley, Doyle, Moxon, Bullock, Draper, Bremer, Connell, Searle, Montague, Swain, Sub: Hutchinson. Sutton: Billy Roffey, Brooks, Clarke, Powell, Faulkner, L. Grad, Bladon, Waughman, Leonard, Drabwell, Mel. Sub: Sub: Garfield.



John Draper rises above Sutton's Dennis Clarke to head this one away with Swain watching



'Met You Before' continued 43 years ago: The Cordices are rampant as Stones sink the Ambers

For long-term Stones fans, remembering all those Isthmian League clashes from the 1960s, we've faced Sutton United so many times over the years it's almost impossible to know where to start.

But I'm going to choose this FA Cup Fourth Qualifying round clash from 1982 as my favourite. I know our newer, or younger fans won't remember it - it was so long ago that Stuart Pearce was playing! (sorry Stuart)..

Saturday October 30 1982, FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round: Wealdstone 3 Sutton United 1

AT THE TIME, the Stones appearing in the FA Cup First Round was no big thing: This was the sixth time we'd made it in the previous eight years and this game before a 1,200 crowd at Lower Mead was almost a routine victory.

Wealdstone had made a flying start to the season, back in the Alliance Premier (National League) after winning the Southern League the previous year, and were in fact unbeaten with seven wins and four draws from the opening 11 games.

Yet Sutton's 1981-82 season was perhaps even better - they had finished runners-up in the Isthmian Premier Division on the back of reaching the FA Trophy final in 1981, losing to fellow Isthmians Bishops Stortford.

That Wembley trip had earned the Ambers exemption to the First Round proper where coincidentally they were drawn against Stortford again! Sutton won that tie after a replay but were beaten 3-2 at Fourth Division Swindon Town in the Second Round.

That cup run also won them exemption to this final qualifying round at Lower Mead, while the

FA Cup
1982

'Stones keep the dream alive

FA Cup special

Wealdstone 3,
Sutton United 1

DREAMS of causing a sensation in the FA Cup are just one step nearer to reality for 'Stones after Saturday's win against Sutton.

Following the clinical dismissal of the U's, Wealdstone were paired against fourth division Swindon Town in Monday's first round draw, the game to be played at the County Ground on November 20.

'Stones progressed thanks largely to a sharp first half performance. They without ever showing the sparkle they are capable of, 'Stones did not allow the clearly talented Isthmian side a scoring chance.

And for their part Wealdstone conjured up two goals which, differing as they were proved typical of this season's Alliance campaign, coming as they did via the well worked set pieces and Alan Cordice's individual magic.

The first, came after just five minutes. From Davies corner on the right, the ball got a help on for Graves to dive in and head firmly home from close range.

Sutton had a left off after 'Stones had scored when Lee Batt's slip let in an unmarked Neil Cordice, but he miskicked from 12 yards. And, as 'Stones came forward thick and fast, a tremendous run by Alan Cordice ended with a well hit low cross that was well gathered by Collyer.

But there was not stopping Cordice on the half hour.

Stones had played through three qualifiers against Hertford (won 5-0), Hendon (3-2 after a replay) and Dulwich (2-1 after a replay).

So Sutton were clearly talented. On the day, howev-

Davies won the ball in midfield, releasing Cordice one more time, and despite being under pressure from two defenders, and the on-rushing keeper to narrow the angle, he found the gap and fired superbly into the far corner.

The first half finished with brother Neil firing one in from 30 yards that Collyer was well positioned to take, but if half time thoughts were of 'Stones stamping even greater authority on proceedings, they couldn't have been more wrong.

For Sutton came out looking a lot more positive and as the midfield at last began to reap some reward, Joyce and Sparks both fired over when in with chances.

And five minutes into the second half Sutton pulled one back as Tony Rains crossed for captain John Rains to fire past Goddard from 12 yards.

However there was no panicking from 'Stones, and although Sutton never stopped trying they could never match the all round strength of the Alliance side.

Only the superb reflex's of Collyer prevented Graves from scoring with another header from a Davies corner, and, as Cordice showed little signs of stopping, Mark Golly was booked for his tackle on the quicksilver striker - so joining teammate Batt who had his name taken for dissent earlier.

But it wasn't until the 84th minute that 'Stones made absolutely sure of a place in the first round.

Fred Barwick worked himself some space on the far side and his destructive through ball found Neil Cordice who all alone, gave Collyer no chance from close range.

Wealdstone: Goddard, Perkins, Pearce, Batt, Bowyer, Barwick, Davies, Waiter, Cordice A, Graves, Cordice N. Sub not used, Knowles.



The ref's right there as Mark Graves (10) dives to head home 'Stones first goal against Sutton

'Tough' says Allen

WEALDSTONE manager Allen Batsford, fresh from hearing the news of his "weekend's manager of the month" award in the Alliance, faced up realistically to the news of 'Stones first round draw in the FA Cup.

"It's a tough one. Obviously we are disappointed because we are looking to get through to the next round," said Batsford on 'Stone's away draw against in-form fourth division side Swindon Town.

He added: "It's an interesting draw and one which will be hard. It's a bit of a blow but that's the way it goes in the FA Cup."

But Batsford says: "I think we are capable of getting something there." League cup winners in the 1968-69 season with a famous win over Arsenal, Swindon had conceded just one goal at home this season before Tuesday night's 4-2 win against Tranmere

Exciting times: The Harry O match report from the Sutton game, and the garish yellow & blue programme cover (right)

er, they were sunk by Allen Batsford's side's sheer buoyant confidence and enthusiasm.

All of us who were regulars in the 1980s will remember the momentum that followed on from the all-conquering Southern League season. With the Cordice brothers unstoppable and the defence seemingly impenetrable, it was actually a surprise when we came unstuck at Swindon (coincidence again) in the First Round just a few weeks later.

The Robins had just been relegated from Division Three (today's

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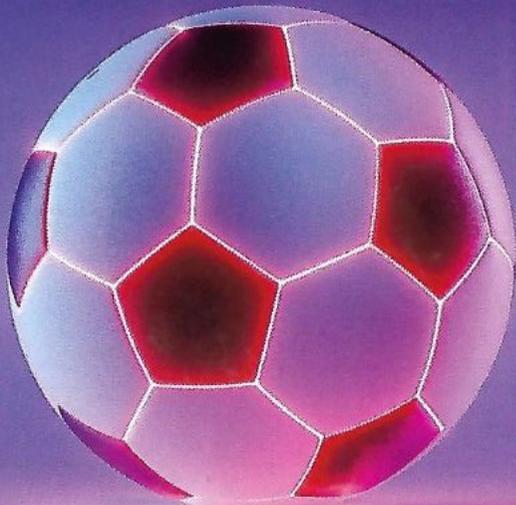
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'Met You Before' continued

League One) but were aiming for an instant return with Paul Rideout (who went on to star for Everton) their danger man. He scored the decisive second goal in our 2-0 defeat and couldn't resist rubbing it in against the part-timers.

Stuart Pearce enjoys relating his story about how Rideout goaded him after the game saying: 'You can

go back to your painting and decorating now son'... but that Pearcey got his own back a few years later when he was an established England international at Nottingham Forest and Rideout scrabbling around for a new contract.

"I'm sure you'll get a game in non-League, son" Stuart told him as he dumped the Everton player on his backside on the way to a handsome Forest victory.

"I didn't know whether he recognised me, and I didn't care. That was a very sweet moment".

2010: A seven-goal heartbreaker as Jolls comes back to haunt us

Saturday November 27, 2010, Ryman League Premier Division: Sutton Utd 4, Wealdstone 3
STONES were praised as the 'best attacking team to visit Gander Green Lane' by home boss Paul Doswell as they were beaten in heartbreaking fashion this November afternoon 15 years ago.

Leading 2-0 after half an hour (both scored by the then-young Alex Dyer) and then 3-1 just after the break it seemed we would inflict defeat on the runaway leaders... then our former striker Richard Jolly came on as sub for Sutton and his very presence caused the game to turn on a calamitous own goal by James Hammond. Sutton scented blood, now just 3-2 behind, and devastated the visitors by netting twice in the last two minutes to grab all three points.

It's painful remembering it even now!

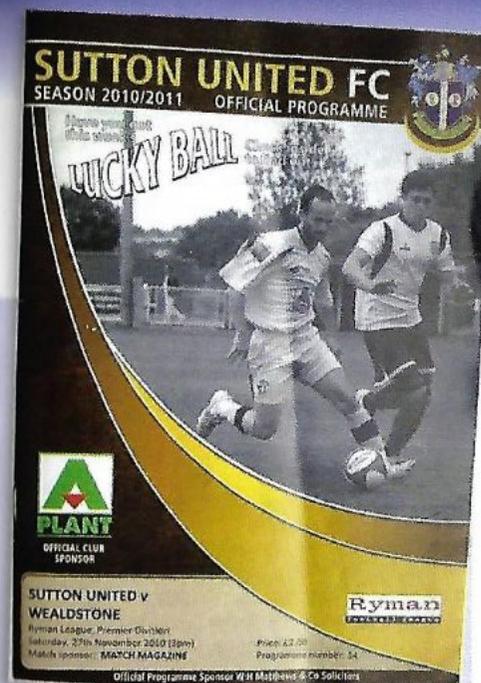
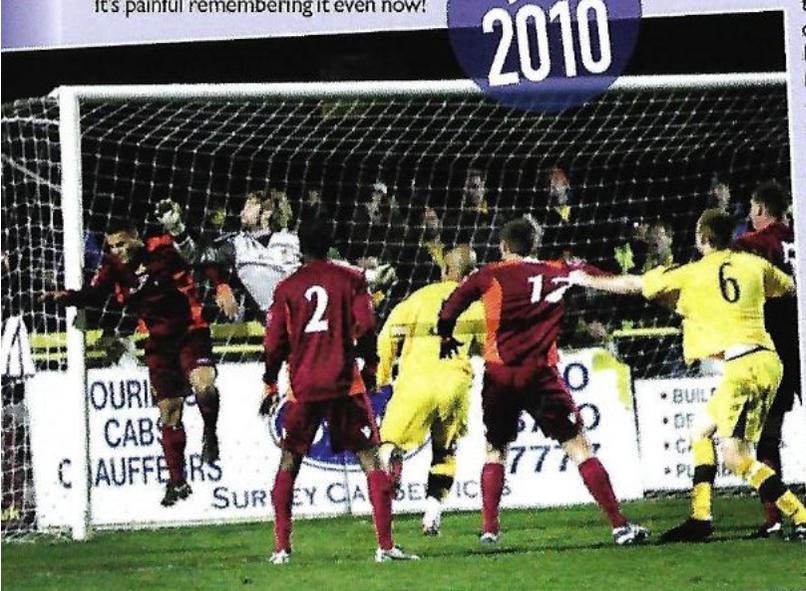
This was an impressive performance from the Stones, though, with Dyer, Keiron Forbes and Danny Spendlove - playing behind sole striker Peter Dean - baffling Sutton with their incisive passing and movement. Dyer struck twice in six minutes but Sutton pulled one back just before the break when Orilonishe chipped in a cross from the left and Andy Forbes managed to direct a superb header which found the top corner of the net.

We feared a Sutton onslaught at the start of the second half but Spendlove ran superbly from halfway and unleashed a shot which crashed in to the net, with just three minutes gone.

Sutton's response was to bring on Richard Jolly and Tom Kavanagh, and push Woods-Garness alongside Dundas and Jolls in a front three. But it was the Stones who looked as likely to extend their lead... until a dreadful misunderstanding between Hammond and North saw James attempt to turn a hopeful chip from Dundas back to his keeper - only to wrongfoot him and see the ball end up in the back of the net.

There was still half an hour to go but Sutton were going nowhere until Us pushed Downer into the forward line - possibly mindful that against Wealdstone two seasons ago a similar move saw him win a penalty that effected a 3-2 win after again trailing 2-1. The immediate effect though was to leave gaps

Ryman
2010



The Sutton programme with a prophetic picture of Richard Jolly on the cover

at the back and Spendlove should have ended the contest when he burst through on the left but sent his chip over the stranded Scriven - but also wide of the post.

With a minute to go, though, Us' increasing pressure won a corner and a Dundas header came back off the post, only for Downer to bundle the ball over the line. The home crowd were happy then, but absolutely delirious 60 seconds later when a right-wing corner was met by Page with a thumping header (pictured left).
Wealdstone: North, Hammond, Chappell, Parker, Massey, Dyer, Dean, Cronin (sub B Gill 69), Brooks, Forbes, Spendlove. Subs unused S Leggett, L Lavers, R York, M Carter. Booked: Dean, 82 mins.

FOOTNOTE: The game had a happy ending for the Stones as Sutton were happy to loan Jolls to us for a month at the end of that season... and his ten goals in just five games saw us finish just short of the play-offs.

Then, of course, we snapped up the prolific goalscorer when Sutton bizarrely released him at the end of the season, and his predatory instincts arguably turned us into the club we are today.

56 years ago... the day it ended Dave Bromley 2, Dave Bromley 2!

MY PAL Mick Fishman has a much happier memory of a Wealdstone-Sutton game, though... the Isthmian League one at Lower Mead in which Stones defender Dave Bromley (below right) scored all four goals in a 2-2 draw!

Mick writes: "The match in question took place on Tuesday 4th March 1969 (only yesterday really). The previous Saturday we had been cruelly knocked out of the Amateur Cup by North Shields in an incident-filled match.

So the Sutton game was eagerly anticipated... and memorable! From memory all four goals were scored in the second half. Sutton took the lead when a speculative shot was being covered by Andy Williams until Dave Bromley (right) lunged in and deflected the ball into the top corner of the net leaving Williams helpless.

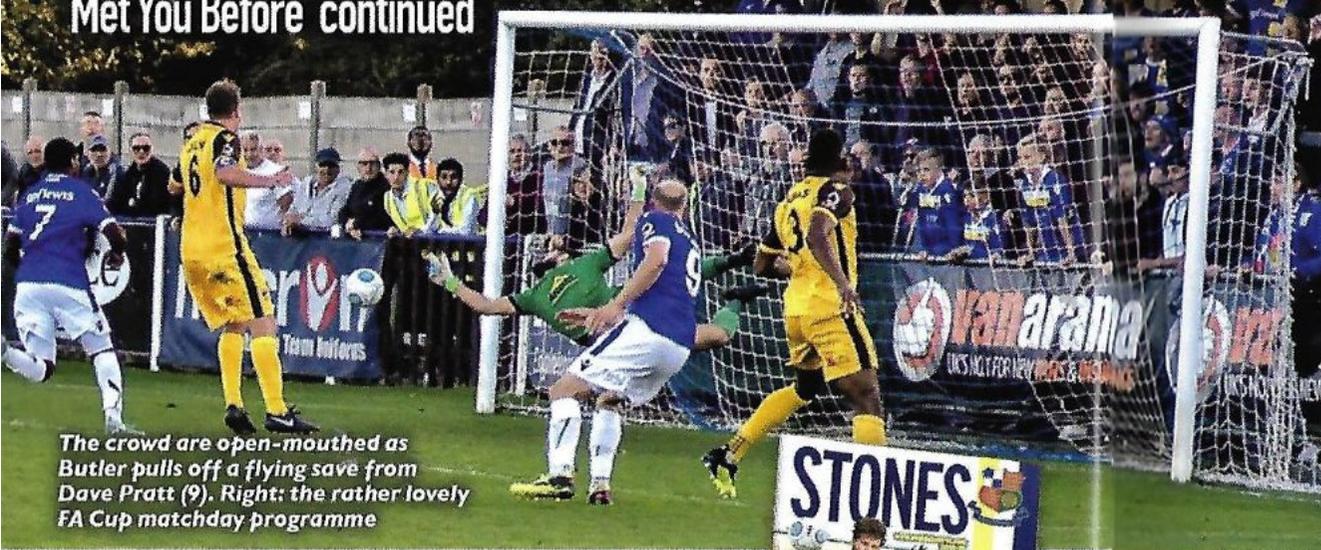
We equalised when centre-back Bromley bundled in a corner at the Cinema End. But then Mr Bromley presented Sutton with the lead with an identikit goal to his first. Our equaliser came when a corner was swung over and a crazed Bromley bundled the ball, goalkeeper, referee and a stray pigeon into the net. That's my recollection of it and you know I'm a never given to exaggeration. One of my very favourite matches.

Wealdstone: Andy Williams, Charlie Townsend, Dave Leonard, Dave Bromley, Tony McGuinness, Dennis Montague, John Lavin, Hugh Lindsay, Dave Swain, Keith Searle, John Hutchinson, sub Colin Franks.
Sutton: Derek Roffey, Glyn Garfield, Ken Grosse, Rod Brookes, Dennis Clarke, Dario Gradi, Trevor Bladen, Alan Gane, Peter Drabwell, Larry Pritchard, Terry Howard.

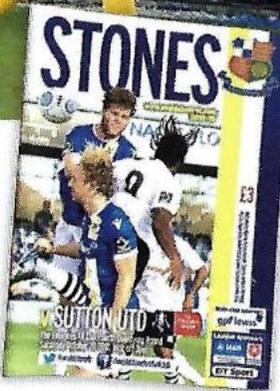
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The crowd are open-mouthed as Butler pulls off a flying save from Dave Pratt (9). Right: the rather lovely FA Cup matchday programme



And then the toughest of them all.. as Bradley Bubb misses his late FA Cup spot kick and Sutton race to the other end to win it

Saturday October 20 2018, FA Cup 4th Qualifying Round: Wealdstone 1 Sutton United 2 **Just about the most agonising big-match FA Cup defeat in Wealdstone's history unfolded at The Vale - Stones' Bradley Bubb fluffing an injury time penalty with the game poised at 1-1, and Sutton racing to the other end for Drinan to score a 94th-minute winner... which sent the away fans into raptures.**

It was a game of three penalties: National League Sutton had more of the play but went behind when a rash challenge on the ram-paging Rhys Tyler allowed Bubb to blast the ball confidently home.

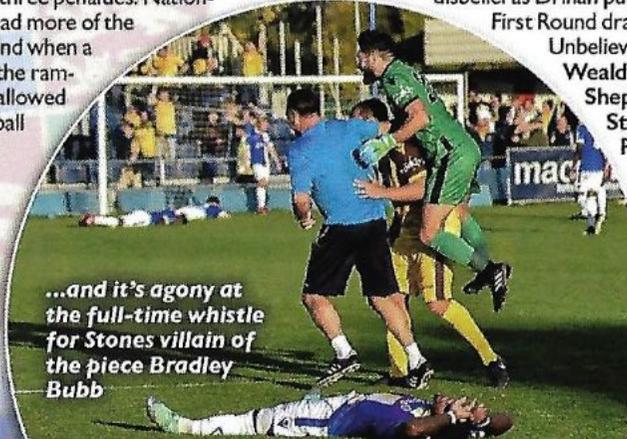
That was on 50 minutes and 13 mins later - after Dave Pratt had somehow been denied on the goalline - Sutton levelled with Nicky Bailey's

spot kick. Fumnaya Shomoton was the ace in the Stones' pack but Pratt's header from his cross (above) was denied by a flying save from Butler... and with Elliott Charles adding muscle off the bench and the crowd baying for late drama, Bobby Wilkinson's side threw another long ball into the box and the referee blew for another penalty as the big man was bundled over.

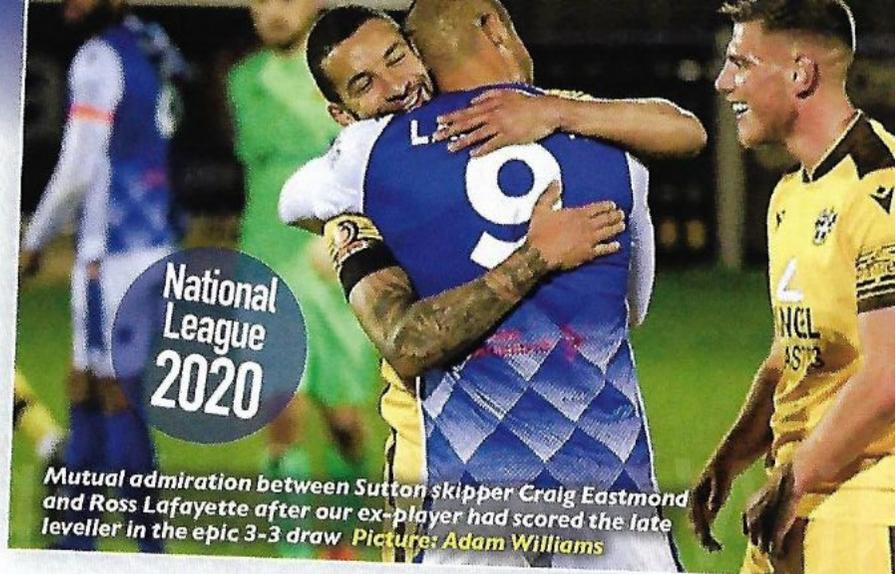
But a despairing Bubb tried to place his shot inside the post, Butler guessed right to save and moments later we were in disbelief as Drinan put Sutton into the First Round draw.

Unbelievable!

Wealdstone: North, Sheppard, Grant, Stevens, Okimo, Poku, Bubb, Ahmidi, Pratt, Green, Shomoton. Subs: Charles, Tyler. Unused: Wilson, Lench, Hudson-Odoi, Slew



...and it's agony at the full-time whistle for Stones villain of the piece Bradley Bubb



National League 2020

Mutual admiration between Sutton skipper Craig Eastmond and Ross Lafayette after our ex-player had scored the late leveller in the epic 3-3 draw. Picture: Adam Williams

...while we've yet to beat the Ambers in eight National League games. Time for a change!

The results list below tells you all you need to know about our poor recent record against Sutton United.

Our only decent performance, in fact, came in the behind-closed-doors season when Ambers actually won the title and were promoted to EFL 2.

In eerie silence, we fought back from an early 0-2 deficit in front of the BT Sport cameras and suddenly my front room echoed to cheers and disbelief!

Isaac Olaofe and Omar Bugiel had put the U's into a commanding lead at halftime - until a second half brace from Ross Lafayette and a long-range strike from Jacob Mendy propelled the Stones to the brink of victory. How cruel it was when a 94th minute goal from Craig Eastmond rescued a draw for the visitors!

We were soundly beaten 4-1 in the return game at Gander Green Lane as Sutton cranked up their chase for promotion.... and didn't meet again until last season when there was more disappointment.

Charlie Waller's speculative early volley at the Bulla End proved to be the only goal of the first game in August as Sutton stole a 1-0 win - and it was another close affair when the teams met on a cold January night under the lights at GGL. Midfielder Josh Grant headed his first goal to give Stones an unexpected lead (pictured below) before Lewis Simper levelled with a low drive. And with our ex-star Dillon De Silva denied twice by our keeper Toby Steward it was no surprise when Will Davies pounced for 2-1. But Stones were playing well despite a paper-thin squad (with academy players Jeff Sekyere and Declan Phillips on the bench) and nabbed an unlikely point when Kallum Cesay got on the end of a cross and somehow steered his header past the home keeper.

So no win against Sutton for 14 years... let's hope that changes today.

Stones' sorry record v Sutton since 2011

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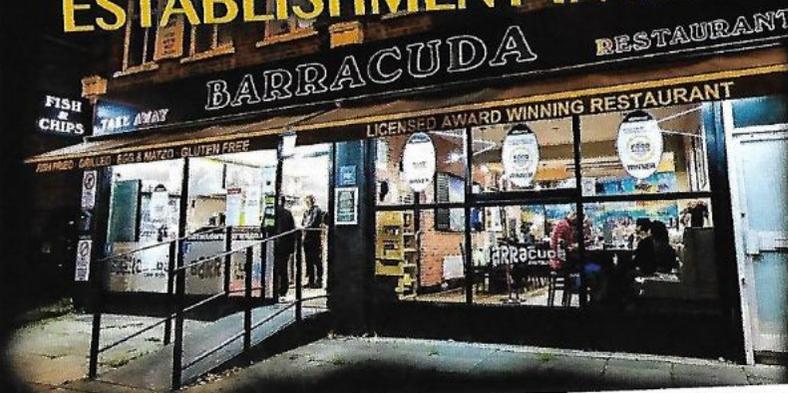


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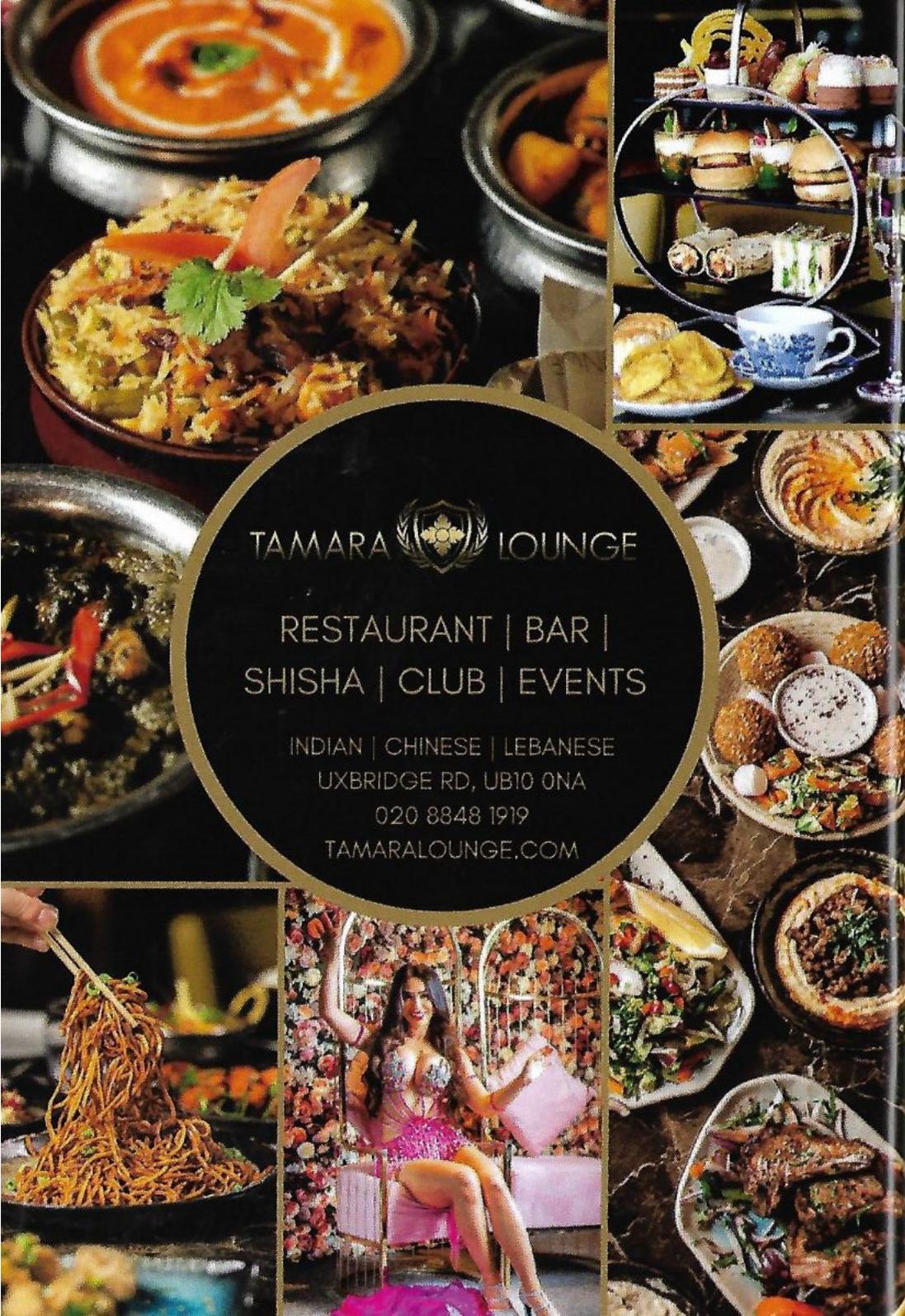
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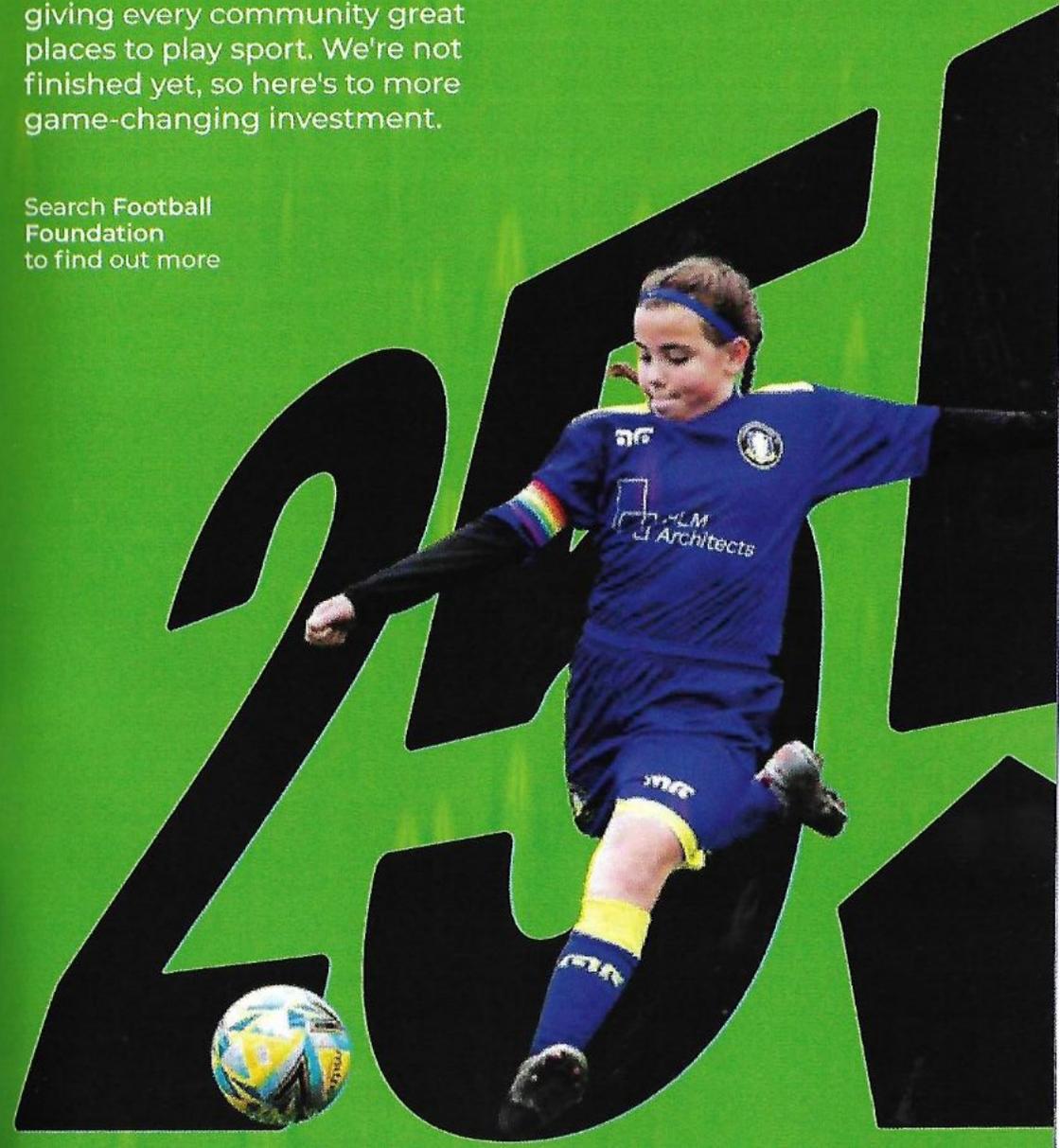
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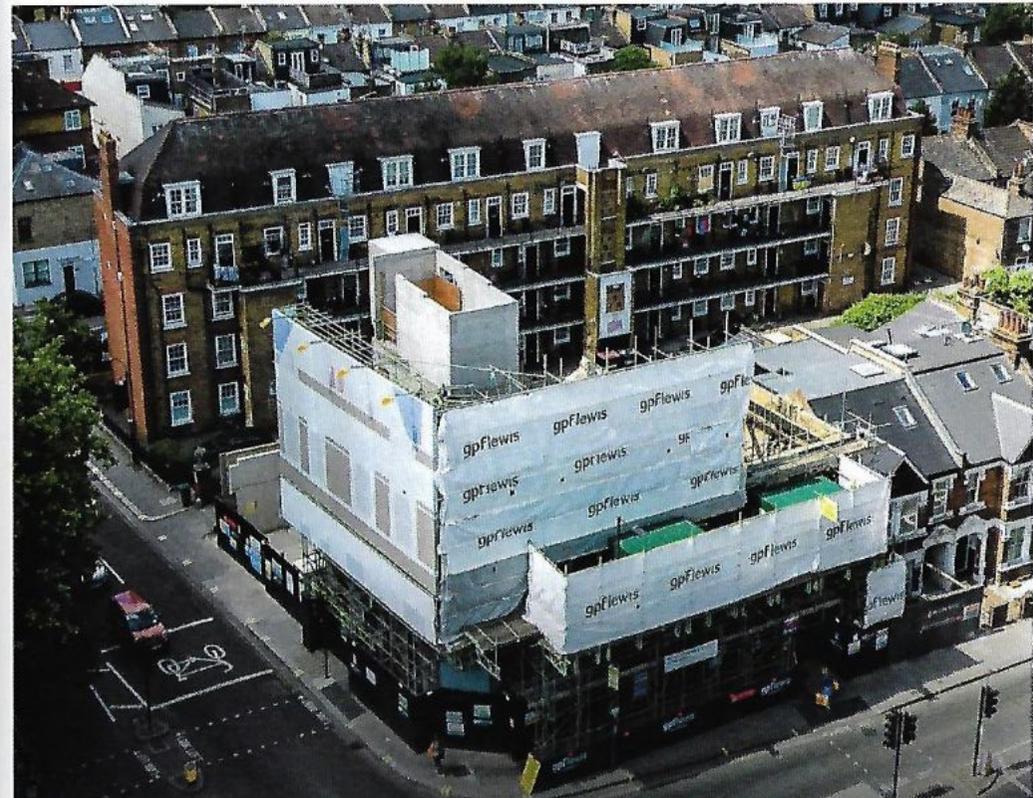
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3 Boreham Wood	8	6	1	1	6	3	3	0	14	9	4	1	27	13	14	31	
4 Scunthorpe United	7	4	2	1	7	4	3	0	14	8	5	1	25	12	13	29	0-0
5 Forest Green Rovers	7	4	2	1	8	4	3	1	15	8	5	2	23	12	11	29	
6 York City	6	3	1	2	7	4	3	0	13	7	4	2	28	12	16	25	0-4
7 Southend United	7	3	3	1	7	4	1	2	14	7	4	3	23	11	12	25	3-2
8 Tamworth	7	3	3	1	8	4	1	3	15	7	4	4	19	19	0	25	1-1
9 FC Halifax Town	6	3	2	1	9	4	1	4	15	7	3	5	23	23	0	24	0-0
10 Hartlepool United	7	2	4	1	8	2	3	3	15	4	7	4	16	13	3	19	
11 Wealdstone	8	3	3	2	7	2	1	4	15	5	4	6	20	22	-2	19	----
12 Yeovil Town	7	3	1	3	8	3	0	5	15	6	1	8	17	23	-6	19	
13 Eastleigh	6	3	1	2	8	2	2	4	14	5	3	6	15	17	-2	18	0-0
14 Gateshead	7	1	1	5	8	4	2	2	15	5	3	7	22	32	-10	18	2-2
15 Boston United	7	2	2	3	7	2	3	2	14	4	5	5	15	18	-3	17	1-2
16 Brackley Town	8	4	2	2	6	0	3	3	14	4	5	5	10	13	-3	17	2-0
17 Solihull Moors	8	2	2	4	7	2	3	2	15	4	5	6	17	26	-9	17	
18 Woking	7	1	3	3	8	3	1	4	15	4	4	7	20	20	0	16	2-1
19 Aldershot Town	8	2	2	4	7	1	2	4	15	3	4	8	28	33	-5	13	
20 Altrincham	8	3	0	5	7	1	1	5	15	4	1	10	18	25	-7	13	1-1
21 Braintree Town	7	2	2	3	8	1	1	6	15	3	3	9	13	24	-11	12	
22 Truro City	8	3	1	4	7	0	1	6	15	3	2	10	15	25	-10	11	2-0
23 Sutton United	8	1	3	4	7	0	3	4	15	1	6	8	18	28	-10	9	
24 Morecambe	7	2	0	5	6	0	2	4	13	2	2	9	16	39	-23	8	3-4



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