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FA CUP SPECIAL

Unhappy memories of League opposition



WEALDSTONE'S last FA Cup clash with a Football League club ended in controversy, with two Wealdstone players sent off at Reading and the side branded as thugs.

The first round match at Elm Park last season, against the then runaway leaders of the Third Division exploded in the 67th minute when a centre-field brawl, involving most of the outfield players, resulted in Stones' Paul Bowgett and Derek Doyle and Reading's Glen Burvill receiving their marching orders.

That sparked memories of their pre-

vious visit to Reading, in 1976, when they also had two men dismissed at the same stage of the competition.

Wealdstone eventually fell to a controversial penalty last year and were branded 'thugs' and 'animals'.

But Wealdstone manager Brian Hall is determined to put those memories out of his mind for Saturday's encounter with Swansea.

"As far as I am concerned there are no bad memories to be erased," he said. "We certainly do not want the same sort of publicity but I do not think we did anything to be ashamed of at Reading."

"We played really well and deserved to hold them."



FLASHBACK ... Tempers flare at Reading in last season's cup clash.

I'm backing Swansea — Chamberlin



ONE MAN who will be watching closely for the result of the Wealdstone Swansea City tie is Harrow Borough boss Keith Chamberlin.

And although he realises what the game means to Stones' boss Brian Hall and his team, Chamberlin will be praying for a Swansea win.

For he has been a fervent fan of the Welsh club since has boyhood. Chamberlin was born and bred in Swansea and still his family living there. He knows Swans' boss Terry Yorath and has even been to train with the club.

"It will be the first result I will be looking for on Saturday," he said.

"I go to watch then whenever I can. Terry Yorath seems to have injected a bit of steel into their play and it's good to see them doing well again."

Ironically, while Swansea head for London on Saturday, Chamberlin will be going in the opposite direction for his side's game at Yeovil in the West Country.

And he will also miss out if there is a replay at The Vetch Field next Tuesday.

"I'm going to watch our FA Trophy opponents, Canterbury City, play that night," said Chamberlin.

Hall hammers a cup warning



WEALDSTONE will be brought back to earth with a bump if they manage to pull off an FA Cup shock at the expense of Fourth Division Swansea City on Saturday.

For manager Brian Hall will tell his players: "There is no point in reaching the 4th round of the Cup and then getting relegated."

Hall fully recognises the benefits Saturday's 1st round tie will bring — extra revenue, publicity and the chance to attract new supporters, writes *Simon O'Neill*.

The FA Cup is a great money spinner and creates enormous interest," he says.

"The responsibility we carry on Saturday is to show the football public that GMVC league clubs can hold their own against Football League opposition. We are flying the flag."

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But he adds: "Although it is important to have a good Cup run to get our name known again I cannot get away from the fact that we are still in the bottom five. As a manager my main priority has to be league points."

And Hall is under no illusions about the task facing his side on Saturday. "They are obviously promotion material, are well organised, very hard working and are where they are in the table on merit.

"It is going to be a very difficult game but if we can get in from we might spring a surprise," he continues.

"To be realistic though, they are a very good side and are not second in their league on luck. But that must not detract from the fact that we are now starting to play a bit and have started to score goals.

"Ours is a difficult task, but we are playing with confidence at the

Relegation fear haunts Stones' quest for glory

moment. We seem to have turned the corner and we are looking forward to the game. I am sure everyone will be psyched up, bubbling and raring to go."

For the first time this season, Hall has no injury worries with Neil Cordice and Gary Donnellan both available for selection after long lay-offs.

Swansea had a spy at Lower Mead last Saturday to watch Stones demolish Nuneaton 6-0.

But one of the star performers from that day, striker Steve Galloway, will be missing on Saturday.

The former Sutton and Crystal Palace forward, who became an instant hit with Stones' fans during his month's loan, has now returned to Maidstone.

His long-term replacement is likely to be 19-year-old ex-Wimbledon striker Gary Dollin, signed by Hall last week from Swedish club Galivare IS.

Dollin, however, will not be available on Saturday as his international clearance has not come through in time.

Swansea, managed by Terry Yorath, warmed up for the game in an identical fashion to Stones — losing at home on Tuesday by two goals.

They slumped to a surprise 3-1 Welsh Cup defeat against Newport County, conceding all the goals in a 30 minute spell.

But their league form this season is impressive. Swans have lost only three times in 16 games and lie second in the Fourth Division behind runaway leaders Northampton Town.

Full back Chris Harrison, who takes all the penalties, is their top scorer with nine goals.

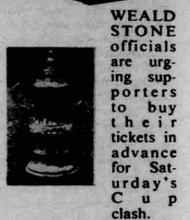
The man to watch out for, though, is Sean McCarthy, a highly rated striker snapped up from non-league Bridgend.

Experienced midfielder Gary Emmanuel is likely to return after suspension while Welsh international Colin Pascoe is in line for a recall.

One man who will definitely start is the evergreen Tommy Hutchison.

Now aged 36, the fiery former Manchester City and Coventry veteran has just been offered a new contract as player-coach at the Vetch Field.

Swansea's line-up is likely to be: Hughes, Harrison, Phelan, Lewis, Melville, Williams, Pascoe, McCarthy, Emmanuel, Andrews, Hutchison.



WEALDSTONE officials are urging supporters to buy their tickets in advance for Saturday's Cup clash.

With a crowd of more than 2,000 expected at Lower Mead, they are anxious to avoid any congestion at the turnstiles.

"We are expecting a bumper crowd and we do not want to be left with huge queues outside as we near kick off," said Wealdstone press secretary David Freese.

"We would advise people to buy their tickets in advance and to get their early on Saturday."

Tickets, priced £2 for ground admission and £3 for seats, are on sale at the club office, in the stadium car park.

The office will be open from 9 am to 5 pm tomorrow (Friday) and from 10 am onwards on Saturday.

With Swansea expected to bring 500 supporters to the match on Saturday, the crowd will be segregated.

Wealdstone supporters will be put in the Elmslie End and should use only the turnstiles adjacent to the club office.

If a replay is needed it will be at Swansea on Tuesday.

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GMAC Cup 1st Round: Witney Town v Harrow Borough.

Middlesex County League Cup 1st Round: Harrow St Marys v Hanworth Villa (Roxborough Road, 2 pm).

Saturday, November 15
FA Cup 1st Round: Wealdstone v Swansea City (Lower Mead, 3).

Suburban League: Harrow Borough v Edgware; Wembley v Hayes.

Vauxhall Opel League — Premier Division: Yeovil Town v Harrow Borough; Division One: Kingsbury v Wembley (Silver Jubilee Park, 3).

Monday, November 17
AC Delco Cup: Bognor Regis Town v Harrow Borough.

Spartan League — Premier: Ulysses v Edgware.

Tuesday, November 18
Capital League Presidents Cup replay: Orient v Wealdstone (subject to FA Cup replay).

Hellenic League — Premier: Rayners Lane v Abingdon United (Lucas Avenue, 2.30); Viking Sports v Thame United (Avenue Park, 2.30).

Vauxhall Opel League — Division One: Staines Town v Wembley.

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