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Dylan Kadji in the thick of the action in the unfortunate 0-3 defeat by league leaders York City at the Vale

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BY MARK HYDE

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**A very warm welcome to you all as we welcome you to Grosvenor Vale for our National League fixture against Brackley Town.**

Following the disappointment of last weeks home game against Hartlepool United falling foul to some heavy and prolonged rain we are now faced with the unenviable task of playing Saturday and Midweek for at least the next five weeks which will prove a huge test for our playing staff.

Postponements are a huge frustration and despite the incredible hard work put in by Adam and his team they are an inevitability at our level at this time of year.

At the time of writing we are still awaiting a new date for the Hartlepool game so keep a close eye on the clubs social media channels for the latest news.

These notes are written before our away trip to Sutton but fingers crossed we have ended our difficult recent form and that tonight we can add a further 3 points to our tally.

Although a new opponent in the National League this season Brackley are no strangers to us here at Wealdstone and besides our away win at St. James park in October many of us will remember the previous meetings as we faced each other across the two legs of 2017/18's FA Trophy at the Semi Final stage and battled for a place at Wembley.

Without wishing to open old wounds we ultimately fell short to a very talented Brackley side firstly 1-0 away on one of the coldest days I can remember followed by a 2-0 defeat here at the Vale the following Saturday

We are of course looking to continue our run in this seasons FA Trophy this coming Saturday (28th) as we face Kidderminster away in the Quarter finals



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and at the time of writing there are limited spaces still available on second of the Supporters Club coaches. See the top of the page for details but be quick, this is truly a game not to be missed.

In other news around the club we are pleased that Michael Adu-Poku's loan from Watford has been extended for a further 28 days.

The clubs 2-4-1 ticket deal is also proving very popular and is aimed at the club supporting you, supporting us and in recognition of the almost unprecedented run of midweek home fixtures.

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It's no secret that the support of you, the Vale faithful sucking the ball towards the goal from the Bulla as the team charge down the slope is a massive factor behind the solid home form enjoyed by Sam Cox's squad. Available now, if you buy a ticket for Tuesday March 3rd game v Morecambe you can get a free ticket for Tuesday March the 10th game v Tamworth.

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Mark

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# Gaffer's column

By SAM COX

## Enzio's red card was unjust: It's hard enough to take on a top of the table side like York City with eleven players, let alone with ten!

**We welcome Brackley Town to the Vale this evening knowing that they're likely to be a different animal to the team we beat 2-0 on their ground earlier this season.**

That win was one of my favourite performances of the season, probably our most complete performance alongside the 3-0 at Forest Green Rovers. But it will be a real tough test this evening as they have a brand new gaffer in charge, Andy Whing, who was boss at Solihull Moors, and no doubt a few changes and a change of system. They are very close to us in the table so three points

Sam Cox urges on his team in the unlucky home defeat to York City Pic: Jon Taffel



A horror moment for skipper Enzio as he receives a contentious red card Pic: Jon Taffel

will be very valuable. This programme went to print before the game at Sutton United but our home defeat to York City last week was really frustrating! I felt we matched them in the first half and probably had as much possession – and this is a York City side who have the best in-possession stats in the National League, with ourselves in second place.

We were really well disciplined and we got our tactics spot-on structurally... but it was the sending off of our captain Enzio Baldwin (who had been excellent in the first half) that completely changed the game. His first yellow card, yes that was a valid one, and even watching his second yellow card from the dugouts we wouldn't have argued with that either. But when you watch back on the highlights you can see that Enzio was actually trying to get out of the way of the York player who had lunged at him. It's bad enough taking on a team like York with eleven players, let alone ten!

Having the game against Hartlepool called off last Tuesday means a bit of fixture congestion later in the season – but we've coped with that before in my spell as interim manager two years ago, and in the long-term it means the pitch is protected and will be in good condition for the final couple of months of the season.

Adam has done a terrific job on the playing surface over the last year or so – it is definitely much better shape than when I was playing on it, or even two years ago. The football we try to play needs a good surface and it would have been very heavy and spongy had that game gone ahead.

As for our ever-growing list of injured players... Omar Mussa had a bit of bad news this week with the scan results showing that he's got injuries to both his anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and his lateral collateral ligament (LCL) which could keep

him out for another four weeks - added to the two weeks he's already missed. He was instrumental in our good run of form in January particularly because he's worked hard on his out-of-possession play.

Moussa Diarra is available while Charlie Waller - who picked up a strain at Altrincham - is now undergoing rehab at his parent club MK Dons, and we anticipate him being available for this game against Brackley.

Mason Barrett, out on loan at Farnborough, had a slight quad strain and he is also going to be missing for two weeks in rehab. Jack Cook unfortunately could be out until pretty much the end of the season with the torn tendon in his calf - bad news as Cookie is such an influential player for us.

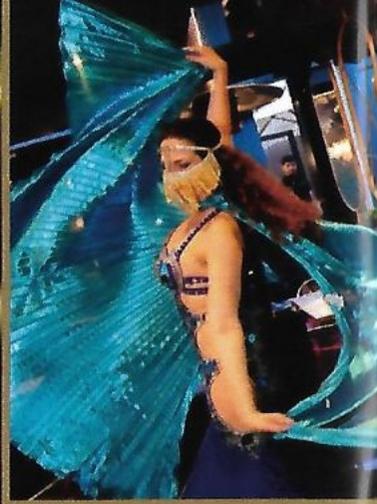
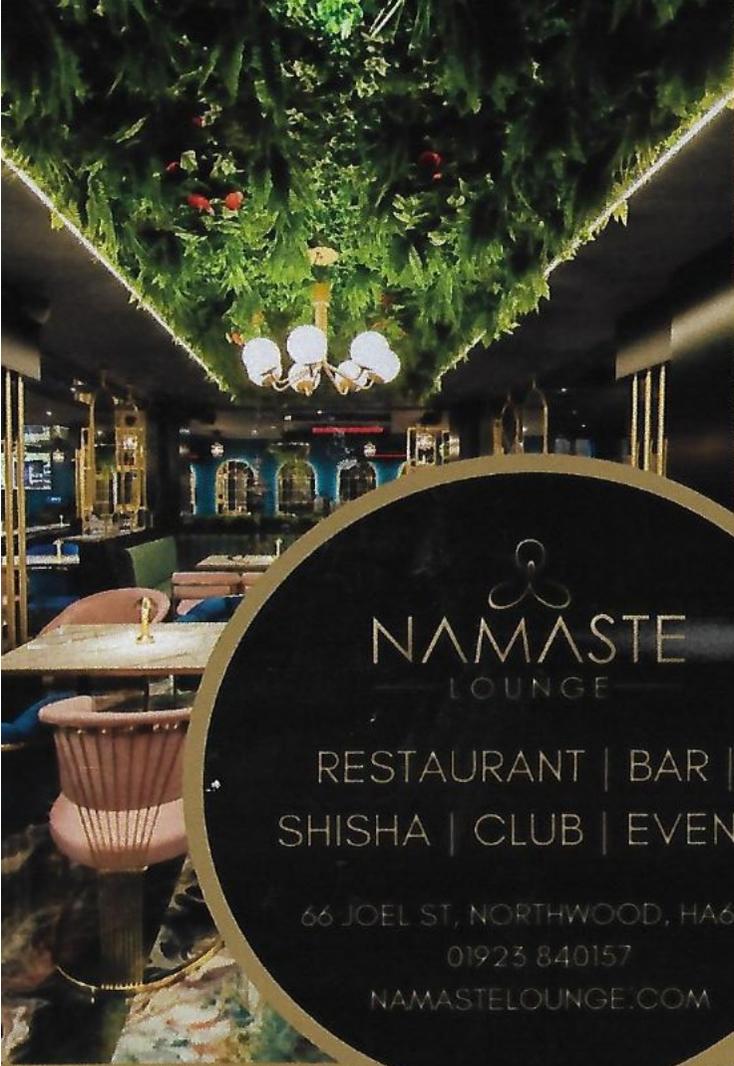
Sean Adarkwa is pretty much up to speed now - he's getting sharper every time he trains and he's had a couple of short spells at the end of games. Earlier in the season he might've been getting games in the National League Cup. With Micah and Sean both fit, and Fela also capable of playing there we have good options up front at the moment but we have to ensure they all stay injury-free.

I'm not one to bring in bodies just for the sake of it... anybody we sign has to be the right sort of player in every way.

Our eyes then turn to the big FA Trophy quarter-final at Kidderminster on Saturday. They are a formidable obstacle to our further progress in the competition, flying along near the top of the National League North, and I know from my time managing Oxford City what a very powerful division that is. Kidderminster have some excellent players and they are a good old-fashioned non-League club - but we have a big stake in that game.

**We have felt the love from our fans this season, and with hundreds of them behind us I think: Why not dream of going all the way?**

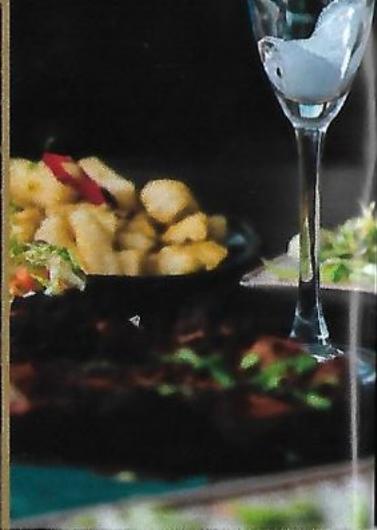
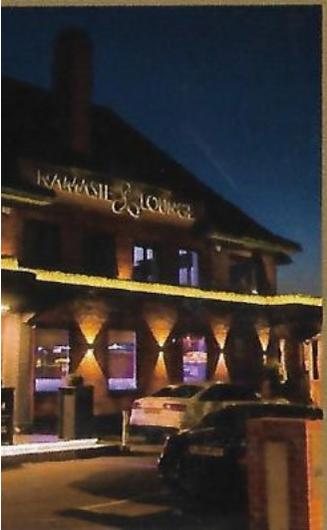




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**All eyes turn to the FA Trophy quarter-final on Saturday but I wonder if anybody present this evening remembers the Stones' embarrassing first season in the competition?**

It came 55 years ago. In previous seasons, in fact too far back to remember, we had competed in the FA Amateur Cup but after turning semi-pro in 1971 (and joining the Southern League Div One North) we had a newly-invented trophy to compete for: The FA Trophy.

This was eminently sensible as the top sides in the professional Southern League and Northern Premier Leagues had only the FA Cup and regional knockout competitions to enter.

The first FA Trophy season was in 1969-70, with Northern Prem Macclesfield beating Southern Prem outfit Telford Utd 2-0 in the final at Wembley. And Telford retained the Trophy by overcoming fellow Southern Prem side Hillingdon Borough (who were then a force in the non-League game) 3-2.

So, after a rich 1960s record in the Amateur Cup (winning it in 1966 and being semi-finalists in '68) Stones fans were excited at the prospect of being paired with the top semi-pro sides of the day.

You can imagine the conversation in Wealdstone's Lower Mead boardroom, through the pall of cigar smoke and the heady whiff of brandy. The portly club secretary Ken Wiltshire sitting opposite his chairman.

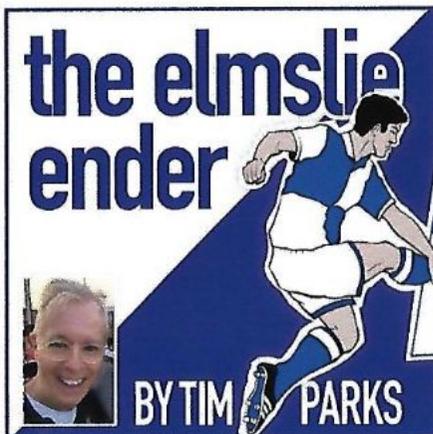
"So Ken, we must prepare for some big crowds once the Trophy draw is made. Barnet, Nuneaton, Wimbledon, Telford, Wigan... the sky is the limit!"

"Yes", the other members would chip in, their cotton-rich blazers rustling against the oiled mahogany of the boardroom table, "When is the draw, Ken?"

Then the room must have gone quiet as everyone shifted in their seats towards the long-serving, quietly efficient Wiltshire.

"Ah, in fact there has been a bit of a technical hitch" mumbled the club secretary. "A bit of a cock-up".

You can imagine the awkwardness in the room. It was only decades later that the reasons for this aberration on the part of the otherwise-faultless Ken Wiltshire came to light. At the time it was suggested that because Wealdstone were switching competitions



## Strange but true...the day that we forgot to enter the FA Trophy (er, and the FA Cup)

from the FA Amateur Cup to the FA Trophy, the Football Association had somehow neglected to put our ball in the bag for the draw. Whereas in fact Mr Wiltshire had simply forgotten to enter!

We all make mistakes, as the Dalek said climbing off the dustbin, but this was one of epic proportions. There is little chance that the dysfunctional Wealdstone side of 1971-72 would have had any sort of FA Trophy run, but it would have been nice to have been in it.

(As an aside, Barnet actually reached the final in May 1972, losing 3-0 to Stafford Rangers in what is the Bees' most-recent appearance at Wembley. Their only other time at the home of football was in the 1959 Amateur Cup final when they were beaten 3-0 by Crook Town).

**But probably the most embarrassing part of the whole episode for Ken Wiltshire was the fact that he had 'previous'.**

In the summer of 1964, after many years of hammering at the doors of the Isthmian League (the top amateur league) for admission the Stones were finally allowed entry when Wimbledon FC turned professional. And it was doubtless a similar cigar-smoke-and-malted-whiskey atmosphere in the boardroom when Mr Wiltshire had to stand up and



An unusual team picture to commemorate the 1966 winning of the FA Amateur Cup. The committee and players include the subject of our light-hearted ire, Ken Wiltshire (ringed)

admit that he had forgotten to enter Wealdstone in the FA Cup!

Was this an even more heinous crime? He was probably deluged with new paperwork from the Isthmian League, but even so. Forgotten to enter the world's greatest cup competition? The one that automatically raises the profile of any successful club?

Admittedly, our record in the FA Cup in the previous four years was wretched, with a 0-5 defeat by Enfield, a whopping 0-9 to Barnet, and 1-2 and 0-1 to minnows Harrow Town and Hertford Town respectively maybe muddying the waters. But the season after Ken Wiltshire's cock-up the club sailed through four thrilling rounds (including the titanic 6-5 defeat of Stevenage) before being ousted 3-1 at Third Division leaders Millwall.

See what we could have had, Ken.

Anyway, before this descends into a probably unfair vilification of the then club secretary, let's look back at some highlights for the Stones in this competition.

In 1972-73, the first year in which we actually entered (!) there was a decent run to the fringes of the competition proper with a bit of a 1-0 giant-killing in our 1st Qual Round tie against Southern Prem side Waterlooville (in the days before the Havant merger). Harrow Observer reporter Phil Sugden made a memorable gaffe, in his usual style, in the match report by saying the the FA Trophy is "better known as The Non-League Cup" which was patently preposterous. The FA Amateur Cup continued until 1974, after which *shamateurism* was ended and every non-League club took part in the FA Trophy or the FA Vase.

1973-74 was the 'ghost' season when Weald-

stone - runaway winners of the Southern League Div One South - would have been a good shout to get to Wembley if we had got through a tough last-16 tie against South Shields. Ace marksman George Duck missed the game through illness and we went out in a replay. Dartford lost to Morecambe in the final.

1981-82 saw us play through four rounds before exiting 2-1 at Lower Mead (with ten men) against a beast of a Dagenham side. But we only had to wait until 1984-85 when Brian Hall's Stones beat Harlow Town, Wycombe, Welling, Frickley and Enfield (over two legs) before gloriously shading Boston United 2-1 in the final.

That was the end of the glory years... but after we had been sidelined (briefly) into the FA Vase, a home of our own again at Ruislip saw the FA Trophy passion stirring again. 2010-11 saw a run of sorts, ending up with a 0-0 draw at Conference side Newport County in the First round proper, and an extra time defeat in the replay. A last-gasp 1-0 win at tonight's opponents Brackley Town was probably the highlight.

But all that was eclipsed in 2011-12 when Gordon Bartlett's side marched all the way - and it was a long way - through seven rounds and and ten games, only to lose the two-legged semi-final to Newport County (again). There was of course another trip to the semi-finals in 2017-18 under Bobby Wilkinson ending at the hands of Brackley Town (detailed later in this programme) and then a decent campaign in 2023-24 ended in a quarter-final knockout on penalties at the Vale against Solihull Moors.

Looking back in a sober mood, the only seasons when (hand on heart) we were genuine contenders to reach Wembley were 1974 and 1985... and this season. **Player for player, we have the ability. And at least we're in it!**



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I really wish I'd been there

NO.5 BY JON TAFFEL



No.5 of our new series breaks new ground as our ace photographer Jon Taffel missed two games in the space of three days 48 years ago... and both of them were in Italy! All will be revealed below...

### GAMES 1 & 2

**Reggiana 1 Wealdstone 0 and Arezzo 2 Wealdstone 0, Anglo-Italian Tournament, Tuesday 20 June and Friday 23 June, 1978**

IT WAS 1978, and I was in the Lower Sixth at St Nicks School in Northwood, 'studying' towards my A levels. I was never a great student, always failing to fulfil my potential the teachers would say. In short, I was lazy.

However, the price to pay for this laziness would prove to be catastrophic: Wealdstone were named as one of the competitors in the Anglo-Italian tournament, a competition between semi-pro teams in the two countries.

As soon as the fixtures were announced there was some excited talk about how we would get to Italy to watch our games at Reggiana Nel Emilia and Arezzo (both in central Italy) that June.

My very understanding parents were supportive of the proposed trip and I was excited to be part of the planning for such an historic away adventure. But all that was blown away when the teachers at school decided that my output for economics was so poor that I would have to sit an O-Level exam in the subject bang in the middle of



Jon was planning to travel with five fellow members of the Supporters' Club football team (SFC Wealdstone) until his hopes were dashed. They were (left to right) Duncan Towell, Mark Chamberlain, Dave 'The Dog' Thomas, Kevin Bright and Dave Heath. Picture was taken outside our old Lower Mead ground

## The Stones' first-ever trip abroad... and I was stuck back at home in an exam!



What Jon (above left) missed: The view overlooking Reggiano's stadium (left) and Arezzo's concrete construction (right). Below: Fan Steve Paull poses with posters outside the ground

the planned trip.

I had no choice, and so I was sat in an exam hall whilst my friends were swanning around Europe in their self-drive hired Jafvan (the five pictured above, while another eight intrepid fans also made the 1,000 mile jour-



ney). The upshot was that I passed the exam - and was allowed to continue my A level studies - but this was the most jealous I'll ever be of my fellow Stones supporters. That we lost both games poorly, without scoring, is completely irrelevant!

### GAME 3

**Gateshead 1 Wealdstone 1, Alliance Premier League, Saturday 20th August 1983**

WHEN the 1983-84 fixtures were announced, all Stones fans were eagerly looking forward to our first-ever visit to newly-promoted Gateshead. The International Stadium there was in better nick in those days, and that very summer Gateshead-born Steve Cram had beaten Sebastian Coe over 800 metres in front of 15,000 fans - not to mention the many millions on Sunday Grandstand.

That the opening fixture of that APL season was to be played in front of a somewhat smaller crowd was not going to deter the Stones fans from travelling,



Happier time: Rhys Browne scores the winner at Gateshead three seasons ago. Pic: Jon Taffel!

and I was one of those who had purchased my train tickets as part of a large group.

The evening before the match I was as usual to be found in the Black Horse in Eastcote - this was the middle of August and the weather was hot, and as was often the case back then after a 'few' pints I'd mount my trusty pushbike for the journey home. But sadly I

came a cropper at Eastcote traffic lights... by all accounts I'd cut across a car and hit the deck. Next thing I knew I was in A & E at Mount Vernon Hospital covered in blood. A passing neighbour delivered my damaged bike back to my house and explained to my parents what had happened. The hospital powers that be determined that my concussion warranted an overnight stay for observation, which meant that they woke me up and shone lights in my eyes every hour to make sure that I was OK. They rather selfishly seemed more concerned for my health than the fact that I needed to be at King's Cross by 9am.

The rest is history. I wasn't allowed to leave and I missed our historic 1-1 draw.

## Sick, sick, sick... until I heard the final score

### GAME 4

**Wealdstone 6 Braintree 0, Isthmian League Div 3, Tuesday 18 February 1997**

ONE OF the most talked about matches amongst Stones fans and I wasn't there! This was featured (again) in the recent Braintree programme for good reason - we were locked in a promotion battle with Braintree, a match under the lights at the White Lion eagerly awaited by all. Throughout my working life I was fortunate to be in good health, and even on an off day would always make sure I was at work rather

than throw a sickie.

However, the day of the match arrived and I was in a complete mess. A shivering trembling wreck, only leaving my duvet to rush to the bathroom where anything was possible to rear its ugly head from either end. No amount of Lucozade was going to enable me to leave the house that day.

I was absolutely gutted, no media or phones back then to keep me updated. I don't recall how or when I found out that we put in the complete performance, demolishing the visitors 6-0, but I'm sure it put a smile on my face. This was really not one to miss... and we went on to pip them to the title by 1 point.

### GAME 5

**Halifax 0 Wealdstone 1, National League, Tuesday 10 November 2020**

THIS was the COVID era and I won't get much sympathy for this but missing Halifax away (behind closed doors) was a tough one to take.

Having taken on the photographer role that season I was very fortunate to see most of our games - but I had a problem. My knee injury, first sustained play-

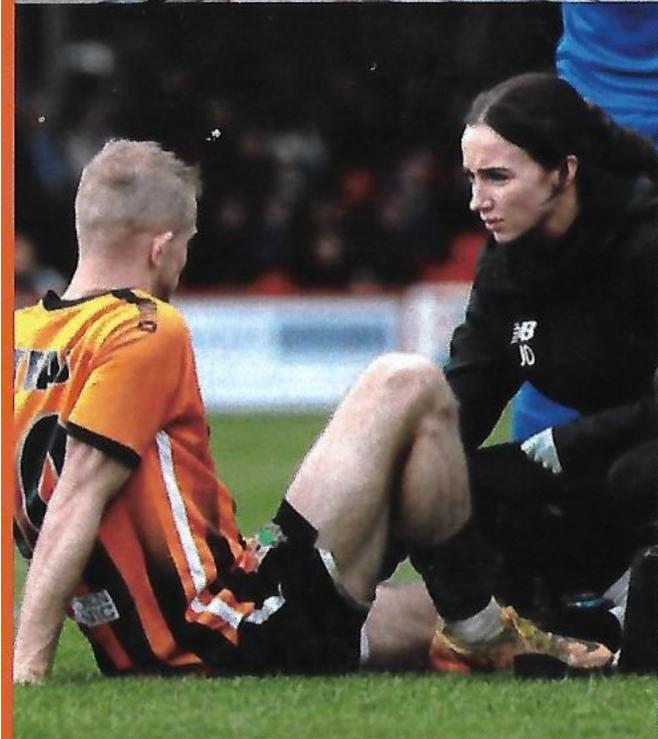
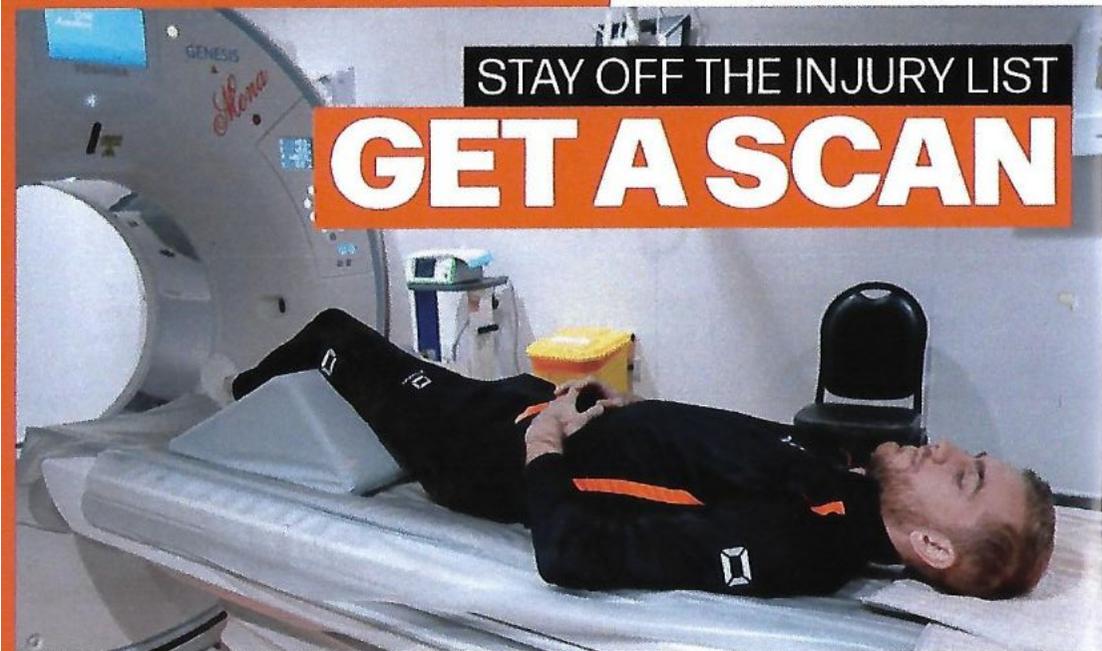
ing for our Supporters' team in the early 80s, had given me a lot of problems over the years and I was now struggling to walk or even get in or out of my car.

A knee replacement was the only solution, so a quick check on the fixture list determined that November 4 was ideal, allowing me to go to FC Halifax Town (for the first time) the week before, and then recover for the trip to Notts County later in the month. Missing Eastleigh in the middle was no great

loss. But bloody pandemic! With 2 days' notice, the scheduled fixture on 31st October was postponed due to suspected COVID in the Halifax ranks. With the shenanigans experienced this season I am building a nice collection of unused and wasted Halifax train tickets. It was rearranged for six days after the operation so I had to miss out. I was able to hobble on the train to Notts a few weeks later though... luckily these days we can still watch games on the live stream when unable to attend in person!

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# RIP, Paul Gbogidi

## Farewell to the Stones' nineties midfield icon

**PAUL GBOGIDI loved Wealdstone and we loved him.** The tigerish midfielder, who died last month at just 60, cost a staggering £9,000 from Dulwich Hamlet in the autumn of 1989 - the days when we were blind to the eventual price we

had to pay as the debts mounted up - but nobody begrudged all-action Paul his wedge. When he returned to the Vale in 2021, prompted by the untimely death of ex Stones and Dulwich boss Eddie Presland, I eagerly inter-

viewed him and those pages are reproduced here. He even walked for Charity from Dulwich to Ruislip for the NLS game six years ago with Hamlet fans (pictured here on the far right)... typical of the man. RIP to the Wealdstone Warrior.



BY TIM PARKS



THE BIG STONES INTERVIEW

# Paul Gbogidi

Paul Gbogidi is one of those players that stick in the memory, despite the revolving door policy that operated at Wealdstone when he played just 34 games at the turn of the 1990s.

It was a crazy time of mind-boggling transfer fees for that level of Southern League football. Sean Norman, a pretty ordinary fullback, was signed from Wycombe Wanderers for £9,000 and then sold on to Chesham United for £20,000 six months later; a club record £10,000 was splashed out for striker Tony Kelly from Hayes, £7,500 on Steve Tapley from Yeovil, and around £8,000 for John Margerrison from Barnet - and he was sold back to the Bees 18 months later for the same sum. And midfielder Paul Gbogidi was snapped up from Dulwich Hamlet for £9,000.

"I know, it was an unprecedented time" marvelled the now-55-year-old Paul, who witnessed many bonkers years in a football career that spanned Croydon, Dulwich and the Stones, then Kingstonian, Bognor and Weymouth before deciding to retire at the age of 32 and take up a career as a Met Police community officer.

He has come back into the club's consciousness following the sad recent death of Eddie Presland, the former Stones manager who was also Paul's team boss at Dulwich.

"I got back in contact with Wealdstone because of the Eddie connection; I just wanted people to know what a great man he was. A true, honest, human being who put the players first... and as you travel through football you meet many people who put money and themselves first, and Eddie just wasn't like that".

Paul came along to join the minute's applause for Eddie - and Stones fan Brian Kelly, who died that same week - before the opening game of the season against Woking. And he is sponsoring the matchball today as a mark of respect for his former mentor. "I can honestly

## The man from Dulwich who has stayed in the club consciousness... thirty years later!

say that Eddie was the making of me, because he forced me to give up a cosy life in South London at Dulwich and sign for Wealdstone" he said.

Paul had grown up in Bermondsey and played eight years for Croydon, through that club's youth system before making his Isthmian League debut at the age of 17.

"We were playing the Wycombes and Yeovils and Enfields of this world, and within three weeks of making my first team debut, Dulwich signed me for £2,500 to play in the same division. I wasn't a confident lad, but I lived two miles from the Dulwich ground and it was a great community there - and still is" he said.

"You'd go down to Dulwich Park on a Sunday and every other person seemed to be a Dulwich fan who wanted to talk about the game. I was working then as a clerk for the Crown Prosecution service and I was a known face. Football breaks down all the barriers: even lawyers and solicitors wanted to talk to me about the game!"

Dulwich manager Eddie Presland was 'precise, and knowledgeable, and straight as a dye' according to Paul but one day he called the young midfielder over after training and said that Wealdstone had made a bid for him.

"To be honest, I told Eddie that I didn't want to go. I'd just been chosen to play in the Isthmian



Paul is pictured with Hamlet super-fan Mishi Morath (left) on a return visit to Dulwich a few years ago

League representative team and I was loving my football. Wealdstone had been the top club in non-League only a few years before and they'd had players like Stuart Pearce and Vinny Jones. They

resigned after an FA Cup knockout from Wivenhoe Town - and he identified the need for 'a bit of steel in midfield'.

Paul was thrown straight into the side to take on high-flying VS Rugby on November 16, 1989 and quickly knitted into the midfield alongside former Fulham ace Margerrison, with Steve Browne (father of our current player Stephan) on one side and Paul Goyette on the other.

"It was quality" said Paul. "I know that the Southern League Prem was bracketed alongside the Isthmian Prem, but really this was a pro league and a step up. The Isthmian was all around London, nothing more than an hour away but now I had a long journey to Wealdstone and then

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## Stones sign Gbogidi for £9,000



BY JOHN COMFORT

WEALDSTONE boss Alan Gane started spending some of the transfer cash the club received from the sale of Sean Norman to free spending Chesham. Unsurprisingly, when he splashed out £9,000 to sign Paul Gbogidi from Vauxhall League Dulwich Hamlet.

Gbogidi is a tough tackling midfielder who Gane sees as the perfect partner for John Margerrison and his slick ball skills in the middle of the park.

He made his debut for Stones on Tuesday night's 4-0 Wealdstone Cup defeat against Danford and afterwards Gane declared himself well satisfied with his new signing, who had impressed with his momentary being challenges.

Gane's venture into the transfer market is unlikely to end with Gbogidi's arrival. Other new signings are expected at Lower Mead within the next few weeks, with the manager's power

## Stones spend record £10,000 to sign Kelly

Jennings brings star striker back to Lower Mead



WEALDSTONE boss Alan Gane has signed a star striker back to Lower Mead. The club has spent a record £10,000 to sign Tony Kelly from Hayes. Kelly, who was a top scorer for Hayes, is expected to make his debut for Wealdstone in the next few weeks. Gane is also expected to sign other players in the next few weeks.

Right: The Harrow Observer reports on the capture of Gbogidi from Dulwich... the latest in a mind-boggling series of big-money signings that we'd never seen the like of before... or since

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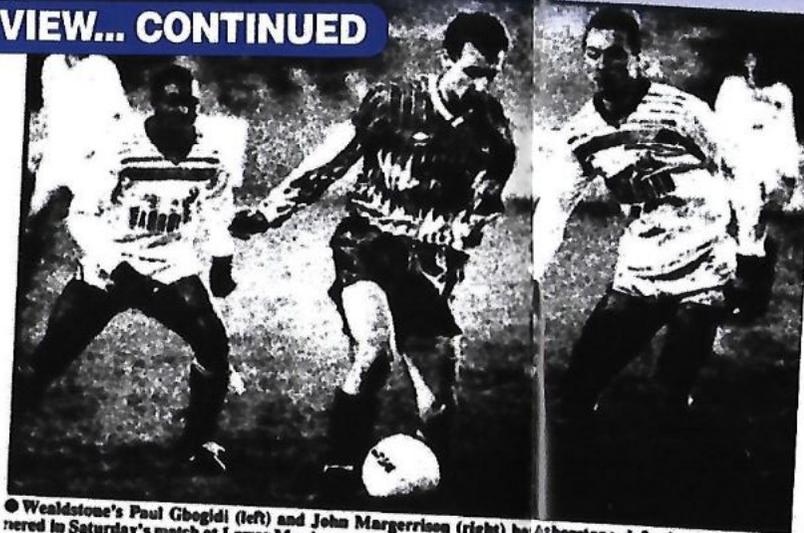
## THE BIG STONES INTERVIEW... CONTINUED

a long coach journey on top of that for away games. I hated the travelling, but I knew I had to do it, to keep stretching myself, to be as good as I could be. And you know, I loved visiting these new grounds... Bromsgrove, Cambridge, Weymouth, Margate. Wealdstone provided everything, food, training kit and it was a proper professional environment.

"And the money was good! I was on £65 a week at Dulwich and very happy with that, but when Wealdstone offered me £150 I snapped their hands off! Some of the others said I should have asked for more but I was just proud to be at the club with all those good players... little Steve Smart, the full-back, was signed for £2,000 and I remember joking with him that he should stand behind me in training 'cos I'd cost nine grand".

It really was a time of Moneyball at Wealdstone. It was with a supreme lack of irony that, within weeks of shelling out tens of thousands on new players, chairman Alan Clifton was bemoaning the fact that the club was £1m in debt and blaming on previous administrations... circumstances that led, in the end, to the tragic sale of Lower Mead.

But back to Paul. He provided the ball-winning element in midfield that the Stones craved and Rugby were swept aside 5-1 in front of the baying Lower Mead crowd (see match report below). With Goyette bagging two penalties in a bad-tempered match, he also scored a well-taken goal on his debut.. as the match report says "Goyette pulled



© Wealdstone's Paul Gbogidi (left) and John Margerrison (right) battle Atherstone defender Smithers cornered in Saturday's match at Lower Mead.

the ball back from the byline and the impressive Gbogidi fired home from 14 yards".

I asked him if he'd remembered that first game. "No, not at all really. I remember it being a short walk out onto the pitch and the ground was very enclosed and tight, so there was always a good atmosphere. I remember my second game though, at Dartford as Paul Taylor was player-manager and it was an honour to be out on the pitch with the former England international".

Paul picked up an injury after half a dozen games which contributed to his stop-start Stones career.

"It didn't help that I was parachuted into the club in November, only knowing a couple of the players like Tony Lynch and Paul Morris. If it had been in the summer I'd have had a chance to integrate into the team".

By the start of the following season, the unpredictable Clifton was beginning to get twitchy about the number of well-paid players on the club's books and was urging Gane. But with half a dozen players - including Paul Gbogidi - waylaid with injuries the manager was hamstrung.

"How could I offload players when I was waiting for others to return from injury? Many were on them good contracts that had been agreed before I arrived, so they don't want to go" said Gane, quite reasonably, in the local press.

I have to confess that this was a period in my Stones-supporting life when I probably only saw

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half of the games, often working on Saturdays for LBC Radio. And the dynamic midfielder was often absent through injury when I was on the terraces.

So my first real look at Paul was in his second season, when he returned to the first team for the visit of top-of-the-table Worcester City on October 6. Stones were third in the table after a decent start and should really have won the points instead of subsiding to a 1-0 defeat. With serial underperformer David Gipp (another £10,000 signing from Barry Fry's Barnet) up front, who'd have though it?

But the midfield and defence had a beautiful balance and in Gbogidi and Mark Harrison Stones had the best players on the field - 'Stroller' almost breaking the crossbar with one typically meaty strike in the dying minutes.

"I really liked Mark Harrison" said Paul. "He'd be listening in to the team talks and would interrupt in a playful manner, keeping Alan Gane on his toes. He was great for the changing room".

Two weeks later we were back at Lower Mead for back-to-back games against Weymouth and Poole Town that would go a long way to deciding if the Stones could mount a promotion challenge.

And I couldn't take my eyes off the one-man wrecking ball that was Paul Gbogidi.

If one moment summed up his career it came after ten minutes of the Poole game. Stones had

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# Wealdstone take five

Best win of season as Stones see off physical Rugby

**Wealdstone 5 VS Rugby 1**  
WEALDSTONE recorded their best league victory of the season on Saturday with this emphatic win over VS Rugby.

The visitors proved to be very tough competitors and Tony Kelly, for one, was the victim of some highly dubious challenges, notably from Liam Halton. The referee took no action and when Kelly was again clattered to the ground in the 22nd minute the Wealdstone striker amazingly found himself booked for dissent.

Soon after the referee, rather belatedly, booked McGinty for a two footed tackle and the remainder of the half was a bad tempered affair with Rug-

By **Steve Marshall**

by's Butterworth and Stones' Olaleye, Margerrison and Byatt all being cautioned.

Tony Lynch suffered a knee injury and was replaced by Paul Wilkins midway through the half and there was little goalmouth action until the 37th minute when the game suddenly came to life when Margerrison's splendid 25 yard free kick curled into the top corner of the net to put Stones in front.

Rugby replied with Ross crashing a 20 yard drive against the crossbar, but there was no let off for Stones a minute from the interval when Shearer can-

noned a 20 yard thunderbolt onto the inside of an upright and Halton was on hand to slot in the rebound.

Fortunately the second half saw more soccer with Rugby making a promising start which saw Riley clip the top of the Wealdstone crossbar.

However, in the 55th minute Olaleye and the excellent Steve Browne combined well and when Browne was tripped as he broke into the box, Goyette scored with ease from the penalty.

Wealdstone increased their lead in the 75th minute from another penalty when Angus charged Wilkins from behind. Goyette again made no mistake from the spot.

Harrison replaced the injured Wil-

kins and Wealdstone finished the match in style.

Goyette's astute pass from the byline allowed the impressive Gbogidi to fire home from 14 yards and just on time Olaleye pulled the ball back for Kelly to fire a goalbound shot which was helped home by Margerrison, capping a fine individual performance.

It's a pity the same could not be said for referee New who completed a most unhappy afternoon by cautioning Steve Tapley for dissent.

Wealdstone: Foster, Tapley, Gbogidi, Byatt, Morris, Margerrison, Browne, Goyette, Olaleye, Kelly, Lynch (Wilkins, Harrison).



© John Margerrison - had fine game and scored twice.

## THE BIG STONES INTERVIEW... CONTINUED

dispensed of Weymouth 4-2, the all-action Gbogidi joining Barry Blackman, Solomon Eriemo and Michael Brown on the scoresheet, and there seemed no danger as a Poole defender played the ball back towards his keeper Michael Hughes. The ex-Welsh youth international, who had played 160 games for Swansea City, seemed set to clear it comfortably but he had reckoned without the express-train arrival of Gbogidi - Paul got there a split second before the keeper and bundled both ball and keeper into the Cinema End net.

**T**oday's National League referees would probably rule out the goal, and red-card Gbogidi to boot, but Mr Leach from Bedford was happy to allow it to stand and the terraces erupted!

Stones went on to win 4-1, with new signing Brown (2) and Blackman again on target, and it was only a few weeks later that it became obvious that Paul's good form would soon see him leave the club.

The chairman returned from a winter holiday to find that manager Gane had still not shifted any players from the wage bill - and took advantage of the fact that Gane had not committed to signing a contract himself by sacking him!

It was also handy for Clifton that Brian Hall, the man who had been in charge when Stones won their unprecedented non-League double five years earlier, was now available after leaving Yeovil Town.

"I never even played one game for Hally" said Paul. His last game was at Waterlooville where he again scored in a 2-2 draw.

"Kingstonian put in a £10,000 bid and that was exactly what Wealdstone wanted to hear. So I was off to Kingston".

The Ks had just moved into their new ground at Kingsmeadow (now the home of Chelsea Ladies) and were gearing up for winning the Isthmian League and FA Trophy over the next decade. Their manager was Chris Kelly (who had found fame as the 'Leatherhead Lip' in the mid-70s) but he was "Totally mad - too enthusiastic for his own good" according to Paul. The sensible head was worn by coach Mickey Droy, the ex-Chelsea centre-half.

"We had a great start, winning eight of my first ten games but then I needed an operation on my knee and Kelly was livid! But to be fair to the Ks, they had health insurance so I was looked after at Harley Street - I had the same surgeon who'd



● Wealdstone's Peter Bartlett in an aerial duel with an opponent in Saturday's clash with Worcester at Lower Mead.

operated on Gazza's knee after he bust it in the 1990 Cup Final".

**P**aul was back to his best the following season but fell out with the management after the Ks had stormed to the FA Cup First Round. "I realised how much it meant to the fans: some were in tears after we beat Welling in the final qualifying round" he said.

But the home tie with Div Three Peterborough United - which should have been a high point in in

## Stones miss their chance to take over at top of table

By **Steve Marshall**

**Wealdstone 0 Worcester City 1**  
WEALDSTONE lost their unbeaten home record and the chance of going to the top of the table on Saturday when a 65th minute goal from Paul Johnson gave Worcester a victory that takes them out in front in the chase for the Beazer Homes League Championship, writes Steve Marshall.

Stones played into the strong wind in the first half and it was Worcester who enjoyed most of the play. Chris Vagg made three excellent saves to deny Green twice and Dornon and Solomon Eriemo excelled when he dispossessed Dornon when he seemed set to score.

After the break Wealdstone tore into Worcester. Leon Donnellan's perfect corner was met by Mark Harrison who shot just past and then the excellent Mark Gayloe denied Paul Gbogidi. Just one minute after Steve Jenkins had replaced the injured David Gipp, Worcester shook the Stones by taking the lead. Ferguson's cross found Johnson unmarked in the six yard area and although his header was held by Chris Vagg, the ball somehow squirmed from his grasp and rolled agonisingly over the line.

This spurred Wealdstone into a splendid period of attacking but Gayle saved a deflected Gbogidi effort and then blocked Browne's follow up.

In injury time Mark Harrison almost saved a point for Wealdstone but his magnificent 30 yard free kick struck the angle of bar and post and Samson Olaleye, on for Steve Smart, volleyed the rebound over the bar.

A sad end to a say day, but with the majority of their suspended players now available, Wealdstone look set to continue their title challenge despite this setback, which drops them from second to fifth in the table.

**Wealdstone:** Vagg, Bartlett, Harrison, Eriemo, Smart (Olaleye), Donnellan, Browne, Blackman, Gbogidi, Gipp (Jenkins), Kelly.

his career - ended in acrimony when manager Kelly used the occasion as a lever to try to get Paul to sign a new contract. "I was stalling on signing but he told me that if I didn't sign I wouldn't be playing against Peterborough.. so all my mates turned up to see me play in the First Round but I wasn't out there. I just went home and watched it on telly later". Kingstonian drew 1-1 and lost the replay, but it was the end

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of Paul's time in the red and white hoops.

"Jack Pearce, who had managed the Isthmian rep side, asked me to play for him at Bognor - and I had two great years down there. It was good to get out of South London, I was on good money with travelling expenses and the pitch was lovely. Then a brief spell at Weymouth, and I called it a day at the age of 32".

**P**aul says he knew that always knew that he was going to work for the police but, after joining as a regular in the mid-90s, quickly realised that that side of the Met wasn't for him.

"The workload, the information that you have to take in.. it just wasn't for me. I just wanted to work with people, relate to people and one of the senior officers told me that they'd like me to work as a Met Community Officer. Within six months I was in senior management and I only found out years later that Brian Hall had given me a recommendation when I first joined the force.. he'd been a top police officer, of course, all through his management career and I think that was his way of helping me out after his awkward return to Wealdstone.

"A life in non-League football really teaches the basics of respect and honest graft. I can name about 30 ex-players who are working in the Met and they all have that broad outlook that accepts everyone.

"I just loved helping people in my job - I'd talk to anyone and was accepted everywhere. My parents said I was a fool for going back to Bermondsey and Millwall to work there, but I was there for the community and I was recognised for that... I didn't cross the line, and neither did they. The Met is so important in any community and the work they do is not always recognised".

Paul retired from the force in 2013 and it was good to see him here at The Vale to pay tribute to his guiding light, Eddie Presland.

"I was so sorry to hear about his passing because he always did the right thing - often the unexpected thing" said Paul.

"In my first season at Dulwich I should have been on top of the world but I slipped into depression and went missing for a couple of months... Eddie came round to my Mum's house and said 'Where is he?' He left a message to say that the club has some money for me that I'd not collected so I'd better turn up!

"That got me back on an even keel. And then I found that Eddie had written 'summer money' into my contract which was something you just didn't get in those days.

"Can you imagine Barry Fry doing that? Eddie wasn't in it for himself, he genuinely cared for other people and that's why he was loved".

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BY ADAM EDWARDS

*Good evening one and all and welcome to The Vale for today's game versus Brackley Town. 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.*

**Still waiting** – By the time these notes go to press we will have had our Supporters Club AGM (which will no doubt be standing room only), hopefully had some long-awaited positive news on the Vale lease and picked up some wins in the league. Which of those scenarios comes true I could not guess at present, but I know which is by far the most important scenario to this football club. I would personally be happy to accept a twenty-game losing streak and a FA Trophy final loss in the 99th minute, if it means we can secure our future at this ground in the short term. This would enable us to start planning and looking towards the new ground project.

With all the unknowns around our future, the fan zones we put on for league club fans playing at Wembley in Cup finals and play-offs have never been more important. Our first fan zone of 2026 will be the Man City fans travelling down for the League Cup final in March. This season's fan zones could be our last opportunity to raise huge funds via the Supporters club and over the social club bar. As can be expected we will do our utmost to maximise the money that comes into the club; but as always, we need help, even if it is only for a couple of hours. We always need chefs, car parkers, stewards, food servers, meet and greeters, raffle ticket sellers, social club decorators, food runners, tea & coffee makers & onion choppers. There is always a role no matter what your ability. Just come and see any of the committee and see what you fancy trying.

**Megastore News** – Now that we are in the middle of winter it seems as good a time as any to point out our range of Wealdstone FC themed hoodies and jackets. We have royal blue sweatshirts (with small Wealdstone Logo on the left breast) at £25; Black Sherpa hoodies (this is a fluffy wool like lining inside the hood and shoulders) at £28; some sapphire and grey hoodies with Wealdstone down the arm (£28); The navy 'Established' college jackets (£25), as well blue and white hoodies, black & yellow hoodies and lastly the grey mist ¼ zip stones



sweatshirt (all £28). Where else can you buy a jumper or hoodie for under £30?

For our younger fans we now have the "I'm a Pebble... When I grow up, I want to be a Stone" which are available from ages 3-4 up to 9-11 years old and for a very reasonable £19.95

Lastly, we have been restocked with those dependable grey Wealdstone beanie hats. Guaranteed to look stylish and keep you warm for just £12.

**The 'Old Programme Hut'** – We continue to receive programme donations in large quantities. We have quite a few old England programmes, FA Cup finals, Chelsea, Arsenal, Fulham, Millwall, West Ham, Palace & 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. We also have old football directories and both hardback and paperback autobiographies and a selection of Elmslie Ender magazines and Long Ball Down the Middle. There is something for everyone.

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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	2-0	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
OCTOBER	4	ALTRINCHAM	ENL	1-1	1,217	58	10	McAvoy
OCTOBER	11	WHITSTABLE TOWN	FAC40	5-1	1,132	260	10	Obiero (2), Mussa, Olomola (2)
OCTOBER	18	York City	ENL	0-4	6,026	142	11	
OCTOBER	21	NOTTINGHAM FOREST	NLC	0-2	TBD	TBD	11	
OCTOBER	25	SUTTON UNITED	ENL	4-2	1,536	250	11	Obiero, Hassan, McAvoy, Georgiou
NOVEMBER	1	SOUTHEND UNITED	FAC1	1-0	2,146	1,020	11	Olomola
NOVEMBER	4	Yeovil Town	ENL	2-0	2,337	52	8	Hutchinson, Kretzschmar
NOVEMBER	8	BRAINTREE TOWN	ENL	1-0	1,407	79	8	Nkrumah
NOVEMBER	15	Hartlepool United	ENL	1-1	3,394	105	8	Tshikuna
NOVEMBER	22	FOREST GREEN ROVERS	ENL	1-1	1,560	192	9	Obiero
NOVEMBER	25	WEST BROMWICH ALBION	NLC	2-0	126	TBD	9	Olomola, Nkrumah
NOVEMBER	29	Solihull Moors	ENL	1-1	841	122	9	Mussa
DECEMBER	6	Grimby Town	FAC2	0-4	3,365	322	9	
DECEMBER	13	CHESHUNT	FAT3	2-1	621	55	9	Obiero, McAvoy
DECEMBER	16	Truro City	ENL	0-2	2,014	50	11	
DECEMBER	21	FC Halifax Town	ENL	2-2	1,285	TBD	12	Hutchinson (2)
DECEMBER	26	BOREHAM WOOD	ENL	0-4	1,982	358	12	
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JANUARY	10	DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE	FAT4	1-0	891	260	13	Obiero
JANUARY	17	WOKING	ENL	1-0	1,622	360	12	Woodman
JANUARY	31	Forest Green Rovers	FAT5	3-0	1,607	180	12	Bouldewijn, Olomola, Adarkwa
FEBRUARY	7	Eastleigh	ENL	2-2	2,152	180	11	Tshikuna (2)
FEBRUARY	10	Altrincham	ENL	0-1	1,104	45	15	
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MARCH	24	BRACKLEY TOWN	ENL					
MARCH	28	Kidderminster Harriers	FAT6F					
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APRIL	10	TAMWORTH	ENL					
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APRIL	17	Gateshead	ENL					
APRIL	21	Forest Green Rovers	ENL					
APRIL	25	YEovil TOWN	ENL					
APRIL	28	BOSTON UNITED	ENL					
APRIL	3	Boreham Wood	ENL					
APRIL	6	ALDERSHOT TOWN	ENL					
APRIL	11	Rochdale	ENL					
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APRIL	25	Southend United	ENL					

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# ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW BRACKLEY TOWN

**Founded in 1890 Brackley Town was, around the turn of the century, a prominent side in the local area. At one time the name of Tottenham Hotspur appeared on the fixture list, London being a short journey away on the newly opened Great Central Railway.**

The Club then slipped into relative obscurity, competing mainly at a very junior level. Most of the time before the war was spent in the Oxfordshire League, games being played in Manor Road, before they transferred to the North Bucks League in the post-war years. Here they stayed until 1968 when they took what appeared to be a step down the ladder by joining the Banbury & District League. During this time they had moved their ground to the Buckingham Road with the changing facilities and headquarters situated in The Plough public house.

In 1974 the club moved back to the North Bucks League and this coincided with a move to the current St James Park ground. A small clubhouse and changing rooms were built and within 3 years the major step up into the Hellenic League was made. They stayed in Division One until 1983 before moving into the United Counties League, winning the Division One title at the first attempt and gaining promotion into the Premier Division.

Then followed some difficult years with even the very survival of the club in doubt. The 1992/93 season ended with the ignominious distinction of having the worst playing record of any senior side in the country.

But in 1994 they moved back across the pyramid into the Hellenic League and fortunes improved dramatically with former manager Phil Lines returning and in 1996/97 winning the Premier Division title.

With finances at full stretch however, the club was forced into voluntary liquidation in February 1999. It was saved at the last minute to ensure that the season was completed. The "new" club finished bottom of the Southern Section and were therefore demoted back into the Hellenic League.

The 2003/04 season saw an exciting run-in and the championship shield lifted on the last day of

the season and with it promotion back to the Southern League.

The 2006/07 season finally saw the team fulfil its potential. Leading the table from early December, the league was won at a canter. Lines then stepped aside and the club appointed the experienced Roger Ashby as they took the step into unknown territory at Step 3.

An eleventh-placed finish in 2008/09 consolidated Premier Division status and the club's growing ambitions and proceeds from a successful FA Cup run, reaching the first round proper for the first time, brought a new all-seater stand behind one goal to match the newly constructed, small covered terrace at the cricket ground end. The FA Cup run that ended at Eastwood Town was matched by a first appearance in the first round proper of the FA Trophy. 2011/12 saw arguably the most successful season in the club's history to that point culminating in winning the Southern League Premier Division and a second Senior Cup victory.

The first season in the Conference North saw the side make it all the way to the play-off final losing by a single goal to FC Halifax Town at St James Park.

The 2013/14 season brought a 7th-placed finish and FA Cup success beating Division One Gillingham at St James Park in a 1st round replay on live TV.

There followed two difficult seasons each of which ended in fairy-tale escapes at the wrong of the table with last day wins.

Rumours of moves into National League South proved unfounded and a fifth season in National League North saw Brackley finish just a single point outside the play-off places. The season also saw great cup success reaching Round 2 in the FA Cup having beaten League One Gillingham (again!) in a televised replay at St James Park in Round 1.

2017-18 was a remarkable season and the club's most successful ever with a third placed finish earning a play-off spot and a Wembley appearance against National League Bromley in the FA Trophy final. The defeat of Bradford Park Avenue in the play-off semi-final brought a play-off final at Harrogate Town but that game proved one match too far. The following Sunday Kevin Wilkin and captain Gaz Dean led the side out at Wembley in brilliant sunshine. The game matched the weather as Dean's added time equalizer led onto a penalty shoot-out which was won 5-4 and sparked wild celebrations. A day and a season never to be forgotten.

The 2018-19 season again saw success in the league and FA Trophy. A 3rd placed finish brought a semi-final



play-off at St James Park, a goalless draw and penalties that fell 5-4 in Spennymoor Town's favour.

At the beginning of 2020, with 34 games played and with Saints again in the play-off places, the Covid pandemic took over. Leagues were decided on unweighted points per game and play-off games finally permitted in the heat of July, behind closed doors and under the strictest of medical conditions. Penalty shoot-out defeat against Gateshead drew a final line under the season.

The 2020-21 season was abandoned after 16 games without promotion but included a terrific FA Cup campaign that ended in Round 2 with live Friday night coverage on BBC2 and a 1-0 defeat at Tranmere Rovers. And so we came to 2021-22 where Brackley were never out of the top two all season long. A record points tally, just five defeats, only 23 goals conceded and 28 clean sheets marked a magnificent campaign, eventually ending runners up as Gateshead took top spot. Defeat at home against York City in the play-off semi-final was the final action of a long season.

And so on to two further seasons of great success but near misses as far as promotion to Step 1 was concerned. The 2022-23 season saw Kevin Wilkin move on and Roger Johnson installed as manager before he gave way to captain Gaz Dean who stepped in for the final run-in in a caretaker capacity as Saints finished 4th and contested another round of play-off games. A penalty shoot-out against Gloucester City took Saints to Chester where a 1-0 win saw them through to the promotion final at home against Kidderminster Harriers who had put in an exhilarating late surge. This momentum carried through and it was the Harriers who celebrated that day leaving Brackley once again agonisingly short of

the season's goal.

Gavin Cowan was in post for the 2023-24 season and a 3rd placed finish behind surprise runaway champions Tamworth and Scunthorpe United. A semi-final win over Chorley set up another promotion final on home soil but it was Boston United who triumphed 2-1 on the day delivering another final day defeat that was hard for loyal Saints supporters to take but that stiffened the resolve of Cowan and his team for the next campaign.

The 2024-25 season will be remembered for its dramatic conclusion and the enormous achievement of amassing 92 points and 29 wins and finishing ahead of the likes of Kidderminster, Scunthorpe, Chester and Hereford. The final day denouement needed a Brackley win over relegated Farsley Celtic at St James Park and the unlikely scenario of Kidderminster dropping points at Southport. A thumping win in front of home supporters delivered the first part and Harriers slipped up at Haig Avenue as the stars aligned. When the news came through of the final whistle at Southport wild celebrations erupted at St James Park as finally Brackley Town had made it to the National League and as final day champions. There would be no more play-off tension and heart-ache. Incredible away form of 14 wins and just five defeats and a six game final winning run-in conceding just once sealed a two point lead over Scunthorpe as Kidderminster finished 3rd.

And for the 2025-26 season a new chapter opens up with fresh challenges, new teams to play and new grounds to visit – a test on the pitch and off it but one eagerly embraced and let's see where energy and enthusiasm, commitment to the cause and enduring club values can take us.



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**Stones' Under-23s face the camera... top row, left to right: Alfie Sanger and Simon O'Neill (coach), Pompeyo Castillo, Myles Kins, Yousef El Jabouri, Enoch Folorunshin, Shane Johnson, Kai Bartolo, Ayo Alotin, Harry Phillips, Dale Welch (Head of Academy), Kevin Fernandes, Kevin Rabee, Joshua Abud, Eyad Omar, Seamus Atem**



**My chance to check out the mighty u-23s**

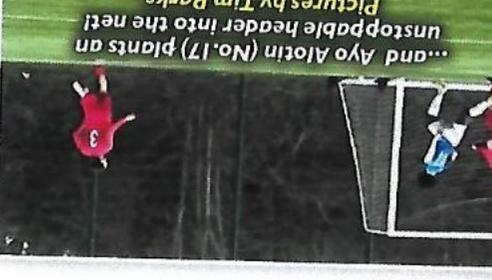
**Weststone 6 International Dev Football Academy 1** THERE IS evolution taking place in the Stones under-23s - not immediately obvious, comparing the side's second placed finish last season and this year's fourth - but evolution nonetheless **writes Tim Parks.** I saw the Under-23s play a few a few times last season but this trip, a fortnight ago, was my first chance in 2025-26 to weigh up their progress at the club's Brunel University home. And they were impressive. Last year's stars Josh Clay and Jeffrey Sekyere are rarely available now (both training with the first team, with striker Jeff also knocking in 20 goals so far on loan to Leversstock Green in the Southern League) but there seemed to be a greater understanding and intuitive link-up play in Dale Welch's side.

"Yes, some of the football's been great and we are also benefiting from switching Kai Bartolo from an out-and-out forward into a central defender. He reads the game so well and his use of the ball is excellent," says Dale. Kai, you may remember, is 20-year-old Jaiden Bartolo's younger brother and is currently representing Matala under-19s. He's also playing for Amersham Town while Jaiden (signed by Wycombe from the Stones two years ago) is currently on loan at AFC Totton in the National League South. Rangy 6ft 4 in striker Shane Johnson - a little in Brunel University allows us to provide accommodations from overseas players now, partly because and across the UK. We are also receiving applications from overseas players now, partly because of a reputation as one of the most outstanding degree (with us or elsewhere) and we have graduated players have progressed on to University to study a particularly proud personally is seeing our young resources to give us plenty of options. Our objective is to find players capable of joining the first team in the future, but what makes me Recruitment is ongoing as we search for the best talent with players from all across London applying to attend trials. Wealdstone Youth provides talented, locally-based players but we also have players being recommended by agents, scouts and other sources to give us plenty of options. Our objective is to find players capable of joining the first team in the future, but what makes me particularly proud personally is seeing our young players achieve qualifications.

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Winning the league (BUCS) and are also in with a chance of promotion to the next tier up. Some Brunel University players have also signed and registered for our u-23s as we try to recognise and develop the talent available to us. Recruitment is ongoing as we search for the best talent with players from all across London applying to attend trials. Wealdstone Youth provides talented, locally-based players but we also have players being recommended by agents, scouts and other sources to give us plenty of options. Our objective is to find players capable of joining the first team in the future, but what makes me particularly proud personally is seeing our young players achieve qualifications.



# Our objective is to develop players for the 1st team, but it also makes me proud to see them excel educationally

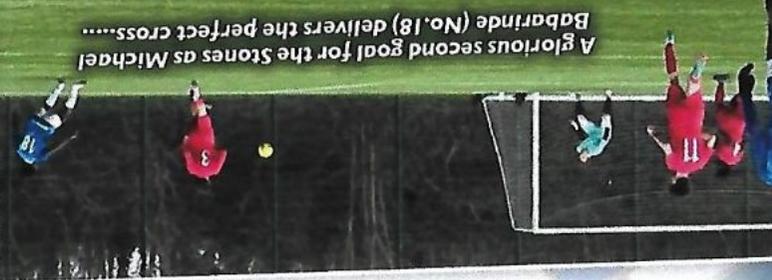
**wealdstone under-23s update**

**BY DALE WELCH (ACADEMY MANAGER)**



The Wealdstone Academy has been through a steady period of growth and change with some exciting developments and changes that Stones fans may not be aware of. In recent years we have grown from a very small programme (less than 30 in number) to now hosting around 150 players / students at Brunel University, Harrow College and Harefield School. After successful results on the pitch in the last two seasons we applied to become an official National League (Category 4) academy at the end of last season - and were successful - which allowed us to enter a team in the National League South Premier division. The elite u-19s squad initially found the promotion a tough step up but they have since scored wins over Dagenham and Redbridge away (2-1) and a 4-2 win last week over Welling United.

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# First Team Appearances 25=26

A = APPEARANCES AS STARTER  
 S = APPEARANCES AS SUBSTITUTE  
 G = GOALS SCORED  
 \* = HAS SINCE LEFT CLUB

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# rewind: on this day



BY TIM PARKS

February 24 is a great day in WFC history... especially with a quarter-final coming up at the weekend! Here are two of the Stones' most memorable last-eight games

## Saturday Feb 24 1968, FA Amateur Cup Quarter-Final: Barking (H) Won 3-1

THIS was probably the most straightforward of all nine Wealdstone quarter-finals in history. In fact the club has only lost three times at that stage: to Leytonstone in 1949, North Shields in 1969 and then two years ago, on penalties, to Solihull Moors.

Being drawn at home against fellow Isthmian League side Barking - who were also beaten on their own ground on our march to winning the trophy two years earlier - was the one we wanted as they sat in lower mid-table while our fans were quietly expecting the Stones to finish close to the top of the table... and probably win the Amateur Cup again too.

Dave Underwood's side had only lost once in 22 competitive games between August and December, and come the new year had navigated past Torpoint Athletic (Cornwall) and Eastwood Town (Nottingham) along with Kingstonian to make the last eight. And despite the shock of Barking taking an early lead to silence the 3,246 Lower Mead crowd, Hughie Lindsay rifled in a free-kick (helped by a dummy from Bernie Bremer) before Dave Swain gave the Stones a half-time lead by drifting past three defenders and hitting an oblique shot into the Elmslie End net. Fellow striker Keiron

Supremely confident Wealdstone line up at Lower Mead before the kick-off to the 1967-68 season

# Stones stride into the semi-finals.. before it all went a bit Barking

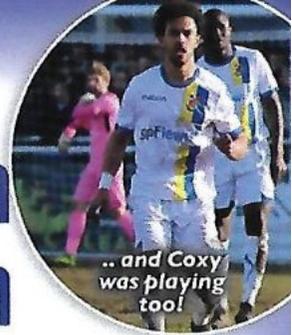


Somers, soaring like an eagle, met a Bremer corner with his head for 3-1 and that was that. **What happened next?** Do you really want to know? Well, the semi-final against Athenian League Div Two side Chesham United - who had played about a dozen qualifying games in their heroic effort to reach Wembley - was a total disaster from the moment the supporters coaches turned up late at Craven Cottage (where the semi-final was staged) to the moment our excellent keeper Andy Williams inexplicably

fumbled a shot into the path of our ex-reserves striker Kent to set up possibly the biggest shock in Amateur Cup history. We caved in 2-0 on a horrible, blustery afternoon in tangerine shirts - colours the club never played in again. Chesham, to their credit, gave the mighty Leytonstone team a run for their boot money in the final and were only beaten by a sole Ken Gray goal in front of a 52,000 crowd shamelessly backing the Buckinghamshire underdogs.



# The day Bradley Bubb tore them apart...again...and again...and again



.. and Coxy was playing too!

## Saturday February 24, 2018, FA Challenge Trophy Quarter-Final: Billericay Town 2 Wealdstone 5

IF YOU believe in good luck paving the way to Wembley then the Stones' run to the semi-finals under Bobby Wilkins in 2018 was even more blessed than two years ago.

In 2024 we faced two clubs from two divisions below (Billericay and Hendon), one from one division below (Chelmsford) before finally facing Solihull Moors from the National League... while our path eight years ago took in wins over Chelmsford (same level then, National League South) in a replay followed by three home draws against clubs from the division below in Wingate & Finchley, Hereford and Warrington Town. Then we pulled out the most glamorous of all, Billericay from the Isthmian Prem who were in the national news due to the Glenn Tamplin Circus.

The owner had sacked his latest manager and appointed himself, claiming that he would resign if high-flying Riccay from level three failed to beat the mid-table Stones, from level two.

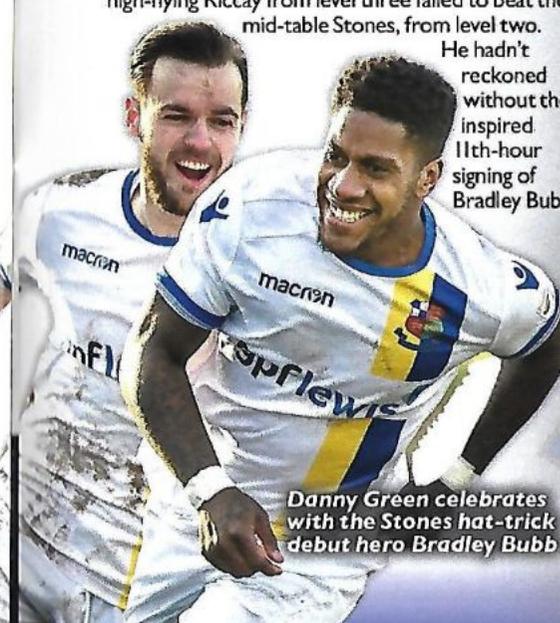
He hadn't reckoned without the inspired 11th-hour signing of Bradley Bubb



from Ebbsfleet United. It was Bradley's first start since the previous April - almost ten months - following a ruptured achilles tendon but he became an instant folk hero to the boisterous 550 travelling Stones among the 1,823 crowd at New Lodge.

He scored twice to help Stones to an astonishing 4-1 lead at half time - Ricky Wellard, from a tight angle at the near post, and then Matty Whichelow straight from a corner putting the fans in dreamland. Bradley's final strike, on the volley, led to the glorious realisation sinking in that we were again in the FA Trophy semi-finals.

**What happened next?** Bromley, Orient or Brackley would be our opponents and of course we drew the awkward and unglamorous Brackley - who'd knocked us out the previous season. We were edged out 0-1 away and 0-2 at home. And the Northants side went on to lift the trophy against Bromley (on penalties) in a low-key final.



Danny Green celebrates with the Stones hat-trick debut hero Bradley Bubb



Ricky Wellard makes it 3-0, beating home keeper Alan Julien, and runs off to milk the applause Pictures: Alan Palmer



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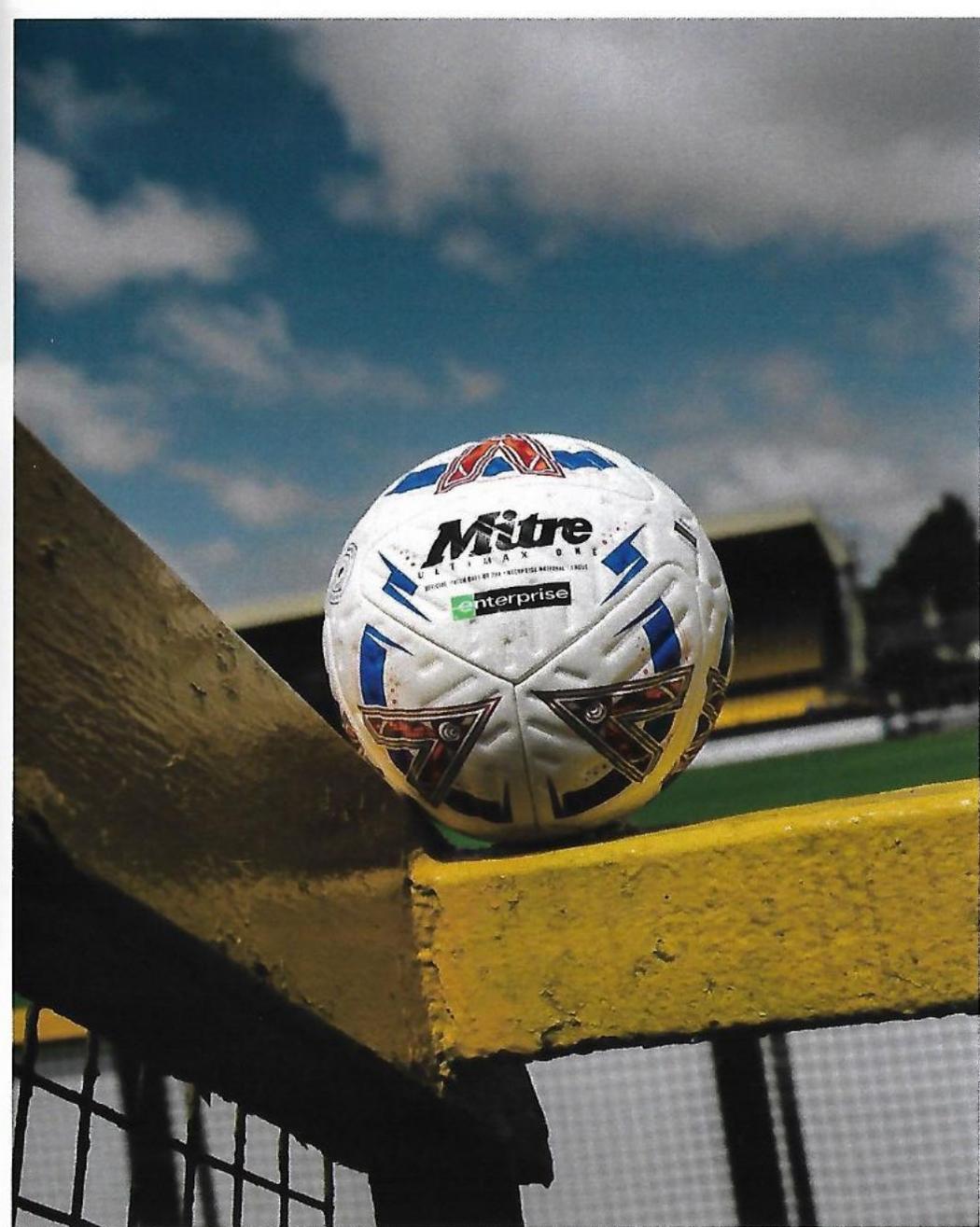


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Flying young winger Alicia Ramkissoon in action

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Date	Opposition	Type	H/A	KO/Res	Date	Opposition	Type	H/A	KO/Res
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>					<b>FEBRUARY</b>				
Sun 7	Fusion	L	A	0-6	Sun 1	Grenfell Athletic	C	A	-
Sun 14	Rose	L	A	5-2	Sun 8	Alexandra Park	L	A	-
Sun 21	London Football School	L	H	2-6	Sun 15	East Finchley	L	H	2-15pm
Sun 28	Frenford & MSA	L	A	2-0	H: Brunel University Sports Park, CC: Capital Euro				
<b>OCTOBER</b>									
Sun 12	Balham	Cup	H	2-0					
Sun 26	Wandsworth Borough	Cup	A	2-6					
<b>NOVEMBER</b>									
Sun 2	London Football School	Cup	A	2-1					
Sun 9	Edgware & Kingsbury	Cup	H	7-1					
Sun 16	Hilltop Women	CC	H	Waikover					
Sun 30	Tower Hamlets	L	H	3-0					
<b>DECEMBER</b>									
Sun 7	Grenfell Athletic	Cup	A	Abandoned					
Sun 14	Edgware & Kingsbury	L	A	4-2					
<b>JANUARY</b>									
Sun 18	Goldsworth Park Rangers	CC	H	1-0					
Sun 25	Rose	L	H	6-0					



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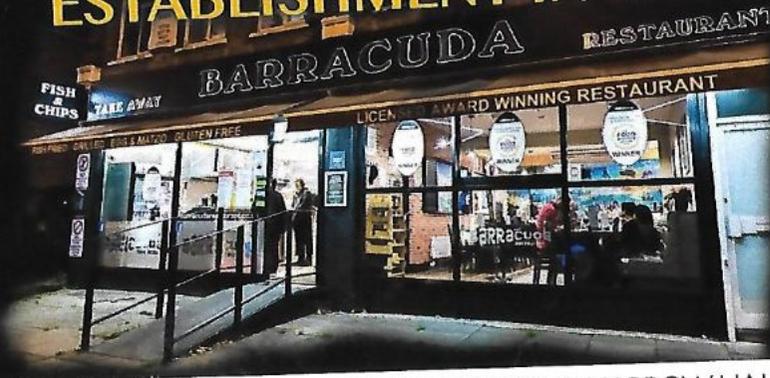
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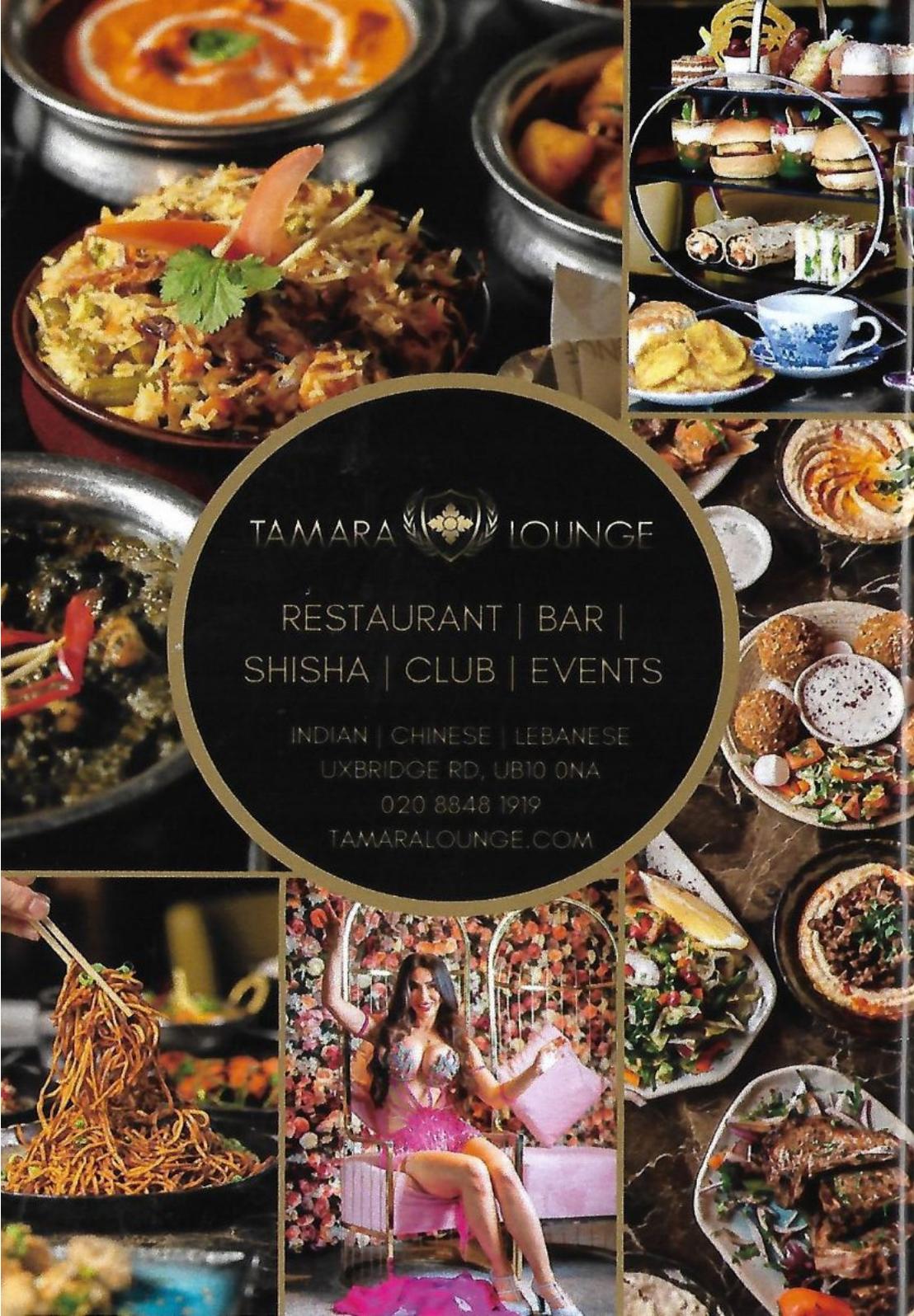
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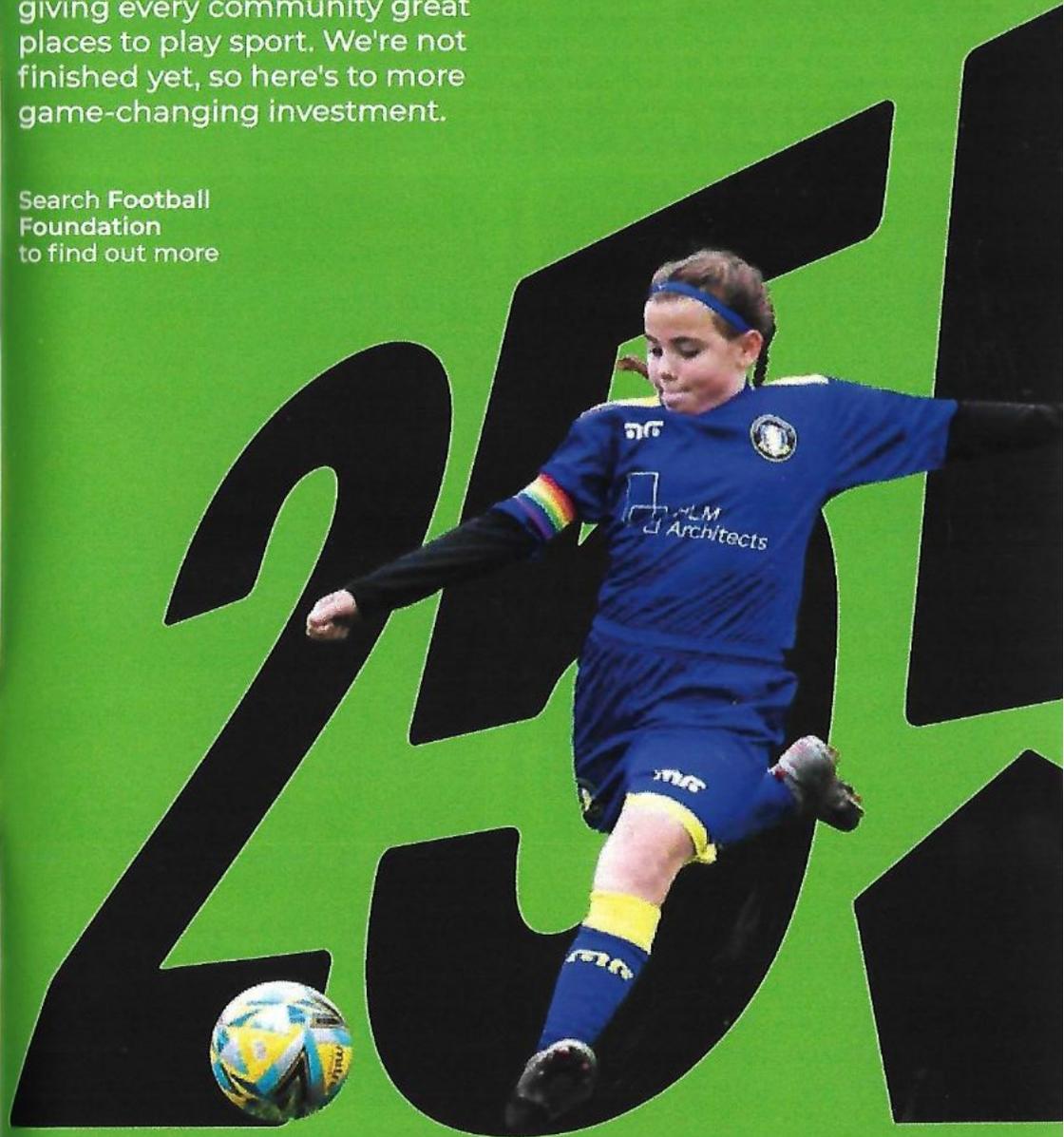
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**YORK CITY** February 14, Enterprise National League  
MATCH SPONSOR: Rolfe East  
BALL DONORS: In Memory of Tony Friday

**BRACKLEY TOWN** February 24, Enterprise National League  
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**TAMWORTH** March 10, Enterprise National League  
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**SOLIHULL MOORS** March 14, Enterprise National League  
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BALL DONORS: In Memory of Brian "Kat" Kelly

**YEOVIL TOWN** March 25, Enterprise National League  
MATCH SPONSORS: Enterprise  
BALL DONORS: John Boyle & Carol McDaid.

**BOSTON UNITED** March 28, Enterprise National League  
MATCH SPONSOR: Rolfe East  
BALL DONORS: Toby Jackson (Lapels Badges)

**ALDRSHOT TOWN** April 6, Enterprise National League  
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**SCUNTHORPE UNITED** April 18, Enterprise National League  
MATCH SPONSORS: Nick Symmons and the Team of 66  
BALL DONORS: Ron Moore, Dave, Adam & Guy Edwards | Alick Brown

**HARTLEPOOL UNITED** TBD, Enterprise National League  
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# Upcoming Fixtures 2025/26

Other National League fixtures taking place tonight and tomorrow:

**TONIGHT:**  
 FC Halifax Town vs Rochdale  
 Forest Green Rovers vs Boston United  
 Scunthorpe United vs York City  
 Southend United vs Boreham Wood  
 Tamworth vs Altrincham

**TOMORROW NIGHT:**  
 Braintree Town vs Aldershot Town  
 Eastleigh vs Truro City  
 Gateshead vs Morecambe  
 Hartlepool United vs Carlisle United  
 Woking vs Solihull Moors  
 Yeovil Town vs Sutton United

## Home

### Morecambe



Tuesday  
3rd March  
7:45pm

Enterprise National League

### Tamworth



Tuesday  
10th March  
7:45pm

Enterprise National League

### Solihull Moors



Saturday  
14th March  
12:30pm

Enterprise National League

## Away

### Kidderminster Harr.



Saturday  
28th February  
3:00pm

FA Trophy Quarter Final

### Braintree Town



Saturday  
7th March  
3:00pm

Enterprise National League

### Gateshead



Tuesday  
17th March  
7:45pm

Enterprise National League

Wealdstone FC's first team travel is sponsored by Osmo, specialists in the supply of wood finishes



Enterprise National League 2025 / 2026 - table as at Wednesday 18th February 2026

	HOME				AWAY				ALL GAMES				F	A	+/-	Pts	vs. Stones
	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L					
1 Rochdale	16	13	1	2	15	11	2	2	31	24	3	4	58	21	37	75	1-3
2 York City	17	11	4	2	15	11	4	0	32	22	8	2	84	31	53	74	0-3 0-4
3 Carlisle United	17	11	3	3	15	9	2	4	32	20	5	7	58	38	20	65	0-1 0-2
4 Boreham Wood	16	11	1	4	15	7	5	3	31	18	6	7	60	38	22	60	0-4
5 Scunthorpe United	15	10	3	2	16	7	6	3	31	17	9	5	56	40	16	60	0-0
6 Forest Green Rovers	17	10	5	2	16	6	5	5	33	16	10	7	55	38	17	58	1-1
7 FC Halifax Town	16	9	4	3	17	6	2	9	33	15	6	12	50	45	5	51	2-1 2-2
8 Southend United	13	8	3	2	16	6	4	6	29	14	7	8	49	27	22	49	3-2
9 Hartlepool United	16	6	6	4	16	5	6	5	32	11	12	9	35	33	2	45	1-1
10 Solihull Moors	17	6	4	7	15	5	5	5	32	11	9	12	52	47	5	42	1-1
11 Boston United	16	4	3	9	17	6	6	5	33	10	9	14	43	49	-6	39	1-2
12 Woking	14	3	6	5	16	7	2	7	30	10	8	12	41	35	6	38	1-0 2-1
13 Tamworth	16	5	5	6	15	5	3	7	31	10	8	13	37	51	-14	38	1-1
14 Aldershot Town	14	5	2	7	17	5	4	8	31	10	6	15	55	59	-4	36	1-4
15 Brackley Town	15	6	4	5	15	3	5	7	30	9	9	12	27	37	-10	36	2-0
16 Wealdstone	14	6	4	4	16	3	5	8	30	9	9	12	36	47	-11	36	----
17 Eastleigh	15	4	5	6	17	5	4	8	32	9	9	14	41	53	-12	36	0-0 2-2
18 Yeovil Town	16	5	4	7	15	5	1	9	31	10	5	16	32	42	-10	35	2-0
19 Altrincham	17	8	1	8	15	2	3	10	32	10	4	18	36	48	-12	34	1-1 0-1
20 Sutton United	17	5	7	5	14	2	4	8	31	7	11	13	41	51	-10	32	4-2
21 Braintree Town	17	5	6	6	15	2	3	10	32	7	9	16	22	45	-23	30	1-0
22 Truro City	15	5	3	7	16	1	3	12	31	6	6	19	29	54	-25	24	2-0 0-2
23 Morecambe	16	3	4	9	16	2	4	10	32	5	8	19	38	70	-32	23	3-4
24 Gateshead	14	1	2	11	16	5	2	9	30	6	4	20	33	69	-36	22	2-2



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