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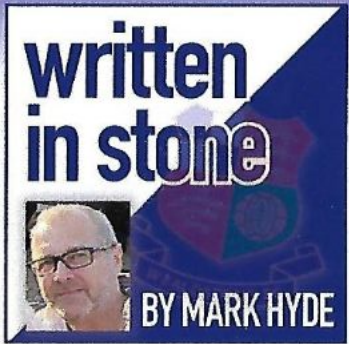
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Hot-shot Micah Obiero and Dom Hutchinson celebrate the second goal in the 4-1 win at Braintree

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Good evening warm welcome to you all as we entertain Yeovil in the National League.

Life as a Wealdstone supporter is rarely dull but the excitement levels are currently at an all time high, even amongst our longest suffering and most cynical of supporters. Putting aside the potentially era defining FA Trophy Semi Final this coming Saturday, there is plenty more that points towards this month ranking as one of the most pivotal in the club's history. Since the last programme, the news that our future at Grosvenor Vale was secured following the signing of a new lease running until 31st May 2036 and more importantly which meets the recently introduced tenure requirements of both the National League and the English Football League, was announced.

The security of the lease allows the club the time to continue its firm focus on developing plans for a long-term future elsewhere within the Borough of Hillingdon. It should be noted it contains strong incentives for the club to vacate the site by 31st May 2031.

The list of those deserving our thanks over the protracted negotiations is extensive but we must acknowledge Wealdstone FC's Board of Directors, as well as our local MP and Councillors.

The lease extension also overcomes one of the last remaining hurdles to Nick Semaca's proposed investment into the club, which subject to any small outstanding points and formal legalities, should be concluded very shortly.

- Please remember tickets for this Saturday's FA Trophy Semi Final must be purchased in advance. At the time of writing remaining tickets are limited and available from wealdstonefc.ticketco.shop/ There will be no on the day sales, so please act quickly.
- The Supporters Club is looking to run a coach to Rochdale on 11th April, departing the Vale at 11am. Tickets are £35 for adults and £20 for U16's. Please book now at wfsc.demoed.co.uk/

Up the Stones **Mark**



History - Wealdstone FC confirms the lease extension at Grosvenor Vale (left to right): Nick Symmons (Director, Wealdstone FC), Cllr Steve Tuckwell (South Ruislip) (Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Growth, Hillingdon Council), Cllr Susan O'Brien (Ruislip Manor) (Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education, Hillingdon Council), Cllr Douglas Mills (Ruislip Manor), Quentin Fox (Hon. Sec. Wealdstone FC), Murtaza Gulamhussein (President, KSIMC), Cllr Philip Cortlorne (Ruislip) (Mayor of Hillingdon), Danny Beales MP (Uxbridge and South Ruislip), Dominic Wigley (Acting Chairman, Wealdstone FC), Mahmood R. Jessa (Hon. Secretary, KSIMC).

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The Gaffer's column



By Gary Waddock

'I'm still in that space, finding my feet and learning about what the players can do, and can't do'

GARY WADDOCK was refreshingly honest when I caught up with him the day after the disappointing defeat at Gateshead.

He and the team had been on the road for almost six hours but when he finally got into bed at 5am he found himself still processing thoughts of what had gone wrong.

"I'm still in that space, finding my feet, finding out about the players while they're finding out about me. It's going to be the case that a few things come off and a few things don't, but it's only fair to assess all the players rather than getting new people in the building just for the sake of it.

"But what I really want to do is to thank the 34 fans valiant fans who were at Gateshead on Tuesday evening... that's a magnificent effort. I'm only sad that we couldn't win the game for them, and all the players want to pass on our gratitude".

I was among the 100 or so fans gathered at the Vale for the live-

stream of the game, scratching our heads as to why the scintillating form of the previous seven days hadn't been replicated. The intensity and creativity of the wins over Braintree, Tamworth and Solihull Moors seemed to be absent...but we all know there's a whole world of difference between performing close to home to making things happen at the cold, bleak International Stadium against the rapidly-improving Heed.

"It was a frustrating evening. Gateshead are a good side in a false position, they are picking up results now after a poor run and were very solid. It was one of those games when neither goalkeeper had a save to make - and as for the goal, we've looked at it from different angles and it appears that the ball just went straight into the net from the throw-in" said Gary.

"But to be honest, we just didn't repeat the levels from the previous three games. I'm not gonna be over-critical because we've got a lot of games coming up and the

most important one is the game in front of you.

"I'm gonna have to rotate the squad to keep it fresh, and it's encouraging that we've got players like Mason Barrett and Cookie waiting in the wings. I was really delighted for Mason on his return from that bad injury, really pleased and he looked like he'd never been away.

"Obviously we're going to be light on bodies going into the next few games, particularly the trophy game because of suspensions, but I'm hearing that they (Marine) could be missing a few players too. What you do know is that they'll suddenly be fit, ready and raring to go when they play us!"

The Mariners' midweek podcast spoke of a clamour for the Liverpool-based club to sign a few loan players to get their numbers up, dangling the carrot of a possible Wembley appearance at the end of the season. But I don't think Mo Salah or Virgil van Dijk, both local lads, are likely to be tempted! Espe-

Arsenal are playing a 16-year-old Gaffer... maybe my boy is ready?

I'm supposed to be old school, he's more pre-school

Sorry dad I can't play against Yeovil, I've got to be in bed by nine

Bobby Payne gives Stones management team something to think about
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Goals No. 2 and No.3 against Solihull twelve days ago, courtesy of Sean Adarkwa and Junior Tiensia Pictures: JON TAFFEL

cially as there's a good chance Liverpool would be playing in the FA Cup final 24 hours before the FA Trophy final!

But that is all in the future. "We've had Marine watched a couple of times and I'll be travelling up to see their game at AFC Fylde on Tuesday night (yesterday)" said Gary. It's a knockout cup game and anything can happen, we just need to look after our own performance"

And following on from the week when the long-awaited signing of the lease finally happened, was Gary aware of the long-term situation at the Vale? "It had been touched upon, in the background, but it's great to know that the club's future is now secure".

It looks like we have a great five years ahead of us, with a new investment and the new stadium coming online...

Gary celebrated his 64th birthday last Tuesday and I joked that he'd be in the Neil Warnock category if he was still the Stones' gaffer in 2031!

"Well, I don't know about that, not sure I could go on that long... but never say never!"

Interview by Tim Parks



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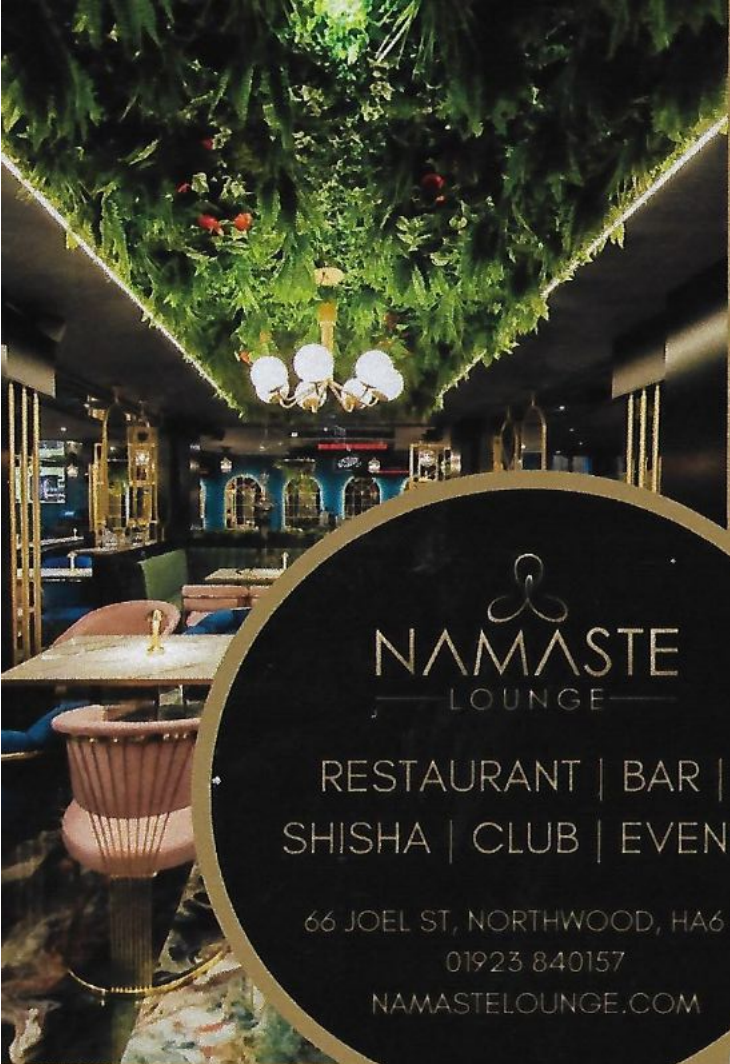
WEALDSTONE FC'S Board of Directors is delighted to announce that the club's future at Grosvenor Vale has been secured by the signing of a new lease expiring on May 31, 2036.

With Heads Of Terms having been signed back in June 2025, work towards the signing of a fuller document had continued unabated. The new agreement will meet the recently-introduced tenure requirements of both The National League and The English Football League.

It should be noted that the lease contains strong incentives for the club to vacate the site by May 31, 2031 - allowing Wealdstone FC the time to continue its firm focus on developing plans for a long-term future elsewhere within the Borough of Hillingdon.

It was signed by director Quentin Fox, the club's legal counsel, on behalf of Wealdstone Football Club (2000) Ltd, with the lease document signed by Murtaza Gulamhusein, President of landlords KSIMC (The Khoja Shia Ithnashari Muslim Community of London Trust).

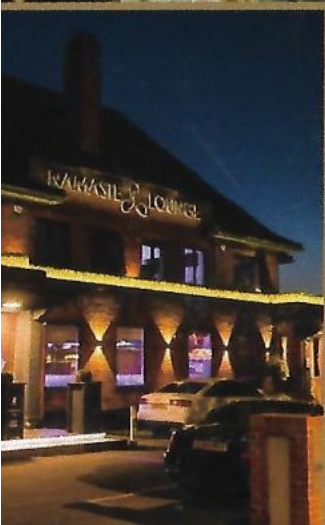
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This may come as a surprise to some of you that know me, but I go to the gym. Of course, I tend towards baggy outfits so that the rest of you aren't rendered green with envy by my chiseled physique, but in fact I have been working out assiduously for more than thirty years. If I hadn't I would probably be dead by now.

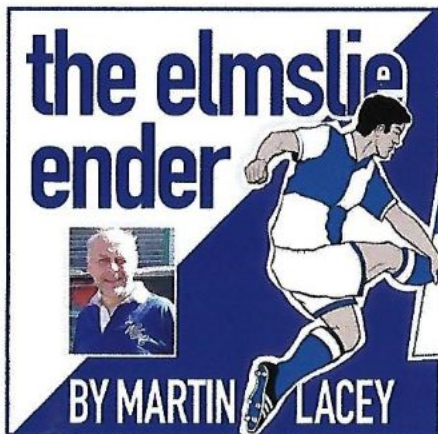
For many years I'd go to the gym at Sheffield University (close to my home; I'm a long-distance fan) and for some of that period Sheffield Wednesday were in the habit of bringing their injured players there for rehab, so it wasn't unusual for me to find myself on the next bike to people like Kevin Pressman or Derek Geary. I got to know one or two of the players and coaches a bit, just exchanging politenesses in the changing room, "Good game on Saturday?", that kind of thing.

Most of you will be aware that Wealdstone had a player called Jermaine Beckford. He made his debut for us as a 20-year-old in 2004 after being rejected by Chelsea as a youth and getting a job fitting windscreens.

Now, if I could find one fault in the reign of 'King' Gordon Bartlett (our manager then) it would be that he tended to favour experience over youth. To this day I'm convinced we could have had much more out of Marvin Morgan, and certainly Lawrence Yaku, if they'd been given more of a run earlier. And so it was with Beckford. He would come on as sub, score a goal, get a yellow card, same again next week, then was loaned out to Uxbridge.

He was obviously a raw talent, athletic and skilful but with limited vision as to what was happening around him and, some said, a slightly dubious level of commitment and an ambivalent attitude to training, highlighted when he turned up for an away match a hundred miles from where it was actually taking place.

Around this time I was match sponsor for a game against AFC Wimbledon and I got into conversation with the guest of honour, Allen Batsford, who of

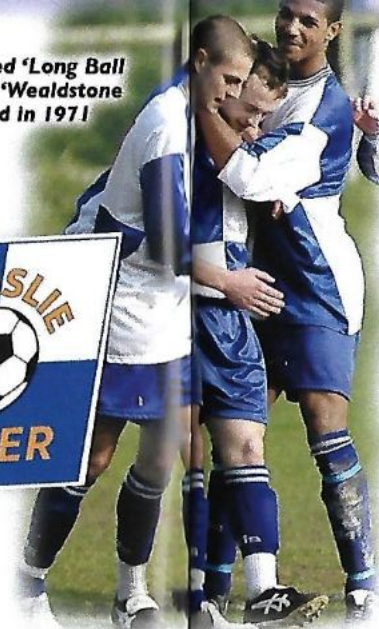


Which is harder to believe? That I go to the gym or that I nearly sold Jermaine Beckford?

course managed both Wealdstone and Wimbledon with distinction and was by that time scouting for Charlton. I asked him if he'd watched Beckford. He had, but was adamant Beckford wouldn't make the grade, a player who, he said, "stood around waiting for things to happen rather than making them happen himself."

We've had a few players like that at Wealdstone, youngsters who have shone brightly and then faded away, such as Mario Celaire (the fact that he was discovered playing for Feltham Young Offenders Institute may not have been a good sign) and the injury-prone Callum Martin (left), on his day one of the best players I've seen in Wealdstone blue. After two years in a Stones shirt Beckford could have gone the same way.

But at some point before the start of the 2005-06 season somebody, presumably Gordon, must have got in his ear and said, "Look, Jermaine, you can make it, but it's now or never." And suddenly Beckford was on fire, striking up a partnership with Richard Jolly which struck terror



Left: Jermaine celebrates a Stones goal with Richard Jolly while (right) he takes the Everton plaudits after scoring a magnificent solo goal to sink Chelsea 1-0 at Goodison in May 2011.

Far right: Another solo goal beat Manchester United 1-0 in the FA Cup 4th round a year earlier, sparking a £10m transfer request to Newcastle that sadly never came about. Stones had a 25% sell-on clause



into the hearts of Isthmian League defences, which was a good thing because our defence was mostly striking terror into the heart of our goalkeeper. Shall we say, despite Beckford and Jolly, this wasn't an all-conquering Stones line-up.

By the midpoint of the season it had become clear the Isthmian League Premier Division couldn't hold him and speculation turned to where he might go and for how much. And that's where I thought my contacts might come in handy.

I approached our chairman Howard Kraiss, standing in the mud behind the Cemetery End goal (we were ground-sharing at Northwood at the time) and asked if it would be worth mentioning Beckford to one of the Wednesday coaches, which he was fine with.

"How much would we want for him?" I asked, "£25,000?"

To which Howard looked at me like I was crazy and said, "Nobody pays £25,000 for an untested non-league player these days!"

So next time I met my gym friend, the coach, I said, "I don't know if you're interested, but I know where there's a decent young striker with potential to make it at Championship level, first offer of £25,000 gets him." And the coach - whose name I am withholding to avoid embarrassment - asked for his name and said he'd get their London-based scout to take a look.

A couple of weeks later he saw me again. "What was the name of that player you mentioned?" "It's Jermaine Beckford." Then, a week or so further on... "What did you say his name was?" "JERMAINE BECKFORD."

Next thing I knew, Beckford had signed for

Wednesday's Yorkshire Championship rivals Leeds, for quite a bit more than £25,000, and the coach is mortified. Thereafter he regularly asked me if I knew of any other promising non-league players, to which the answer was no. Until I thought... "Actually we've got a player called Ben Alexander; I think Liverpool are watching him. But we'd be looking for £100,000."

Now this is very tenuously true. Liverpool had indeed shown an interest in Ben Alexander; but that was a few years and quite a few kilos on the waistline earlier. Sadly Sheffield Wednesday didn't take the bait, but if you ever came across a gaggle of baffled scouts at Chestnut Avenue wondering why Ben Alexander never moved from the subs bench, that's your answer.

● As a footnote to Martin's piece, it seems likely that it was a small story in the 'Players to Watch' column in the Daily Mirror sports pages that was spotted by Leeds chairman Ken Bates. We know that Bates would devour the pages of that paper for litigious reasons, and the two-paragraph article doubtless caught his attention.

"League One Yeovil Town and Championship contenders Watford and Crystal Palace are all chasing explosive Wealdstone striker Jermaine Beckford - who has scored an impressive 35 goals in 43 games this season for the Ryman League Stones".

Leeds subsequently offered £70,000 - a sum that went a long way to securing our survival in those Northwood shoestrings days - and Jermaine went on to enjoy a stellar career at Eland Road, and later at Everton. Though our 25% sell-on clause never saw the light of day as he moved to Goodison Park once his Leeds contract expired in May 2010.

His estimated worth then was between £5-10m. How annoying was that?



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Barry
O'Sullivan

TODAY'S Fan in the Stand is a bit unusual in that we featured Barry O'Sullivan's 12-year-old son John in the last programme... and it was so popular that it was a no-brainer to reproduce (and update) his dad's own Fan in the Stand from back in 2010. Yes, only 16 years ago back in FIS infancy. So here we go: it's Barry O'Sullivan Take II.....

Are you still living in Kenton, Barry, and still teaching? Still living in the Borough of Harrow but now back in the Wealdstone area close to where I grew up. And yes, still teaching but with a slight change in direction. Left my previous school after 23 years to take up the role of teacher /Chaplain at St Columba's College in St Al-

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▲ Barry O'Sullivan pictured on Tuesday night before the Dartford game... hopefully his play-off prediction can still come true

This is a big day for rabid Stones fan Barry O'Sullivan, who is sponsoring the game as part of his stag do. He's marrying Helen next month but the Pope is not officiating..

Name: Barry O'Sullivan

Date of Birth: It is my birthday today.

Marital Status: Engaged to the wonderful Helen. Getting married on 29th May. Very exciting. Best Man is fellow Wealdstone Fan Darren Linden. This game is part of my stag do.

Where you live: Just off Belmont circle.

Occupation: Teacher at Nicholas Breakspear Catholic School, St Albans. My job title is the rather grand 'Director of Spirituality'. Still not 100% certain what it actually means.....

First Stones game attended, and memories of it:

I have a vague memory of attending a pre season friendly against QPR, not certain of the year, maybe 1980 or '81? I just remember Bob Hazel getting lots of stick and someone offering me 50p for my team sheet as I left. How friendly Wealdstone fans seemed to an impressionable 7 year old.....The 1st game I remember in more detail was the Trophy Final of 85. A group of us from St Josephs Primary School went along and were very impressed to have such a successful team on our door step!

bans, a varied role that has different joys and challenges each and every day!

How do you manage to fit football into your busy working/family life? Life, as for most people, is busy and family life means priorities have certainly shifted. We encourage John in his sporting and leisure activities so they will always take a priority. He plays football, cricket, tennis and swimming as well as being a Scout so he is busy and as a result so are his parents! However, football is still a big part of

our family life! It helps that John loves it almost as much as I do...We get to most home games but certainly less away games, maybe 7-8 a year. However we go to Anfield 3 to 4 times and also watch ice hockey when Stones are on a long away trip, so live sport is a big deal in our weekly life.

What's your favourite away trip to watch the Stones? A tough question! So many to choose from...the win over Cambridge in the trophy in 2012? The FA Trophy semi-finals at Newport and

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How you came to be watching the Stones: The season following the Double a few from the lower years of the Salvatorian started to attend regularly. I went to most Saturday home games for the next few years. My first midweek game was the Enfield game following Meldrum's sacking - wow, what an atmosphere! My Mum knew we had won, she heard the cheer for the winning goal from near the Leisure centre in Wealdstone. So I was a new fan that thought Stones were a team that won regular silverware with fantastic atmosphere at its games. I was hooked.....

Have you followed any other teams? Southampton and the Republic of Ireland. I went to University in Southampton. My accommodation was a 3 minute walk from the Dell. Not able to get back to as many Wealdstone games as I would have hoped I started to take an interest in the Saints. Matt Le Tissier was in his prime. (See answer below) My 1st game was against Newcastle in October 1993, Le Tissier scored twice. Both goals were contenders for goal of the season. I went to most Saturday home games during term time. When I came back to London I still tried to get to a few games each season. However once they left the Dell the visits became fewer and fewer. I still look out for their results and hate Harry Rednapp.

I always followed the Irish national team. Euro 88 was a wonderful memory, especially 3.06 on Sunday June 6th. Thank you Ray Houghton. However tickets at Landsdowne were very difficult to come by. The odd away game, but only one home game. The temporary move to Croke Park gave me the opportunity to take out a block booking and attend games more regularly. Unfortunately it co-incided with the reign of the worst football manager ever, at any level, in any era. Mr Steve 'Stan' Staunton. I once thought he was nicknamed Stan because he looked like Stan Laurel, I now realise it is because he manages like him.

Follow Stones fans, Alan McHugh and Paul Ryan have been fine travelling companions in this more hopeful era of Giovanni Trapattoni. Despite what some elements of the Irish media may say I

am confident we are heading in the right direction and an appearance at a major finals is within our grasp. So hopeful I have decided to take out a 10 year ticket for the new Landsdowne. That was before it was decided to play most games on a Friday and before I got engaged. That 10 year ticket really did seem like a good idea at the time.....

Player you've most admired (for any team, live or on TV)? Matthew Le Tissier. He is the most gifted footballer I have ever seen. The 1st season I watched Southampton he had at least one goal in the goal of the month competition for the whole season. As well as amazing natural ability I admired him for his incredible loyalty. Many questioned his decision to stay at Southampton for his whole career. His hunger and desire were called into question. Why not just call it loyalty?



▲ Helen and Barry. All together now. Aaahhh

Advantages and disadvantages of non-League football? Advantages: At this level of football you really feel part of it. No over-priced prima donas taking your club for a ride and then leaving. The cost as well. I just could not afford to watch league football on a regular basis. Disadvantages: Not so much now, but it used to be very difficult to find league tables and match reports etc. I also

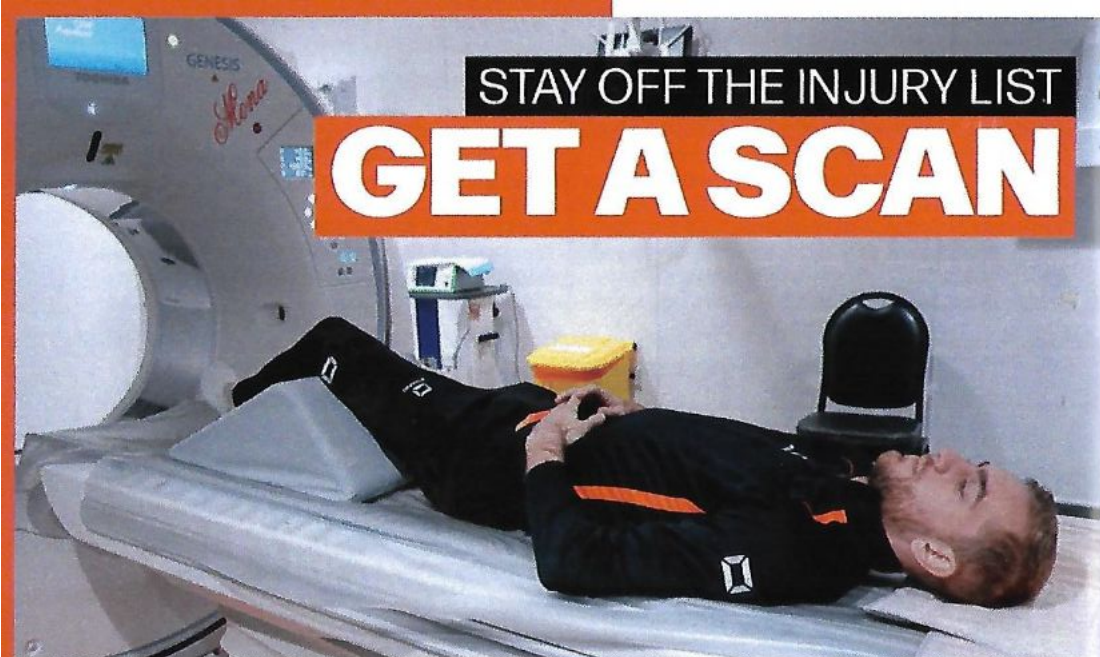
hate it when you tell people you support a non league team, those that know little about football then ask 'Which proper team do you support?' I enjoy watching football at this level because it is my team, my club.

Most memorable Stones game/s ever seen? Choosing between the Northwood title decider in 1997 and the Dulwich Playoff win in 2004 is difficult. However the winner has to be the Northwood game. Not just the game but the importance in our history. After what seemed like years of what can only be described as park football we were finally on the up again. We were off life support and making progress again. It was also the first time as a Stones fan I REALLY celebrated silverware and boy did we celebrate.

Yes, there's more! ❖❖❖

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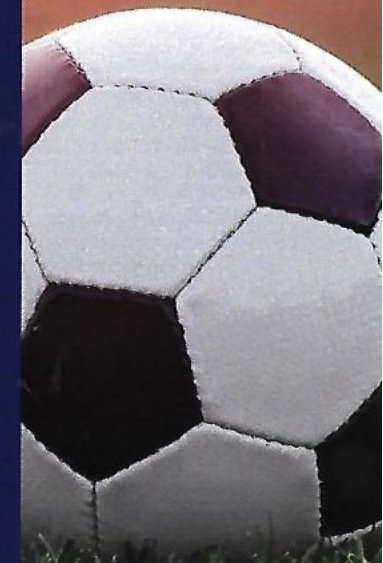
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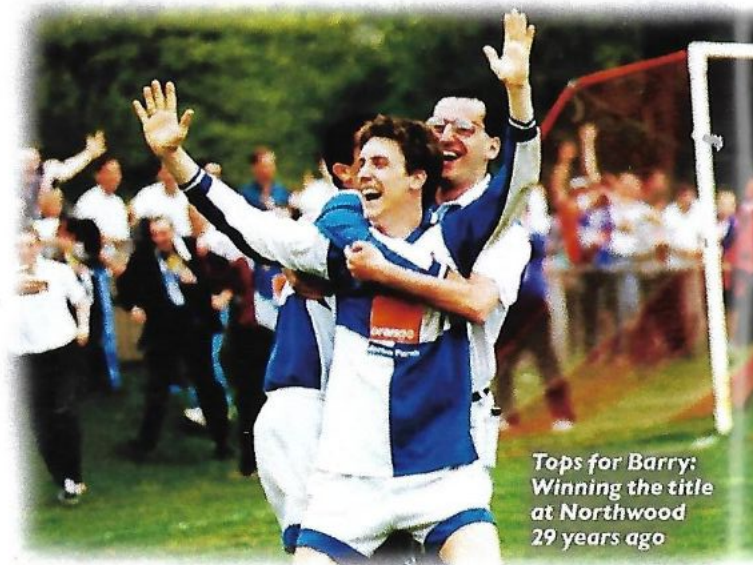
Brackley? Barnet when we won 3-1? The Kidderminster penalty shoot-out win earlier this year? All of the above are honourable mentions and I am sure I have left out an obvious game, however my favourite away trip has to be the victory over Grimsby in the FA Cup last year. In my 40 years of watching the Stones our FA Cup record has been terrible, so to finally go to a Football League club and win (with a last gasp goal) was something I had dreamt of for many a year. It took a while for my heart rate to return to a level where I could drive home!

... And what's your favourite all time Wealdstone game? 16

years ago it was a toss-up between the title decider at Northwood, and the Dulwich play-off in 2004 and those are still two of my all-time favourite Wealdstone games. I would add Grimsby away to that list... however if pushed I would still go for the Northwood title decider in 1997. After a decade of watching glorified park football (including being one of the famous 42 fans at Canterbury), Wealdstone were on the way back. It was wonderful to celebrate silverware among friends whom I still watch Wealdstone nearly 30 years later.

What is your favourite all time Wealdstone lineup? GK: Jonathan North; LB: Dominic Sterling; CB: Jack Cook and Fergus Moore (Irish and proud); RB: Jerome Okimo; CM: Glenn Little and Ryan Ashe; LM: Jacob Mendy-Mendy; RM: Brian Jones; CF: Jermaine Beckford and Richard Jolly; Manager: Gordon Bartlett

What has been your favourite Wealdstone season? The National League South Championship of 2019-20. So many great games, such as Bath 7-0 at home, followed by a week later a 4-2 away win at Havant. And I am not sure if others agree, but it was so unexpected. New management, reduced budget meant play-offs at best... they were certainly my expectations for that season. So to win the league after leading from so early in the season was just incredible. It is



Tops for Barry: Winning the title at Northwood 29 years ago

such a shame that COVID took away that Good Friday feeling of winning the league at Hungerford and the amazing celebrations that would have followed.

16 years ago you were hoping that in five years the club could come to "some kind of satisfactory conclusion with Barnet" to sort out our future home ground, and hoped we will be in the National League south ... how have things turned out? Looking back at my FIS from 16 years ago it's incredible to think that the lease was an issue and potentially a barrier to Wealdstone moving forward then - and until very recently still was! The progress of the club on the field in that decade and a half, with promotions and Championships from the Ryman League and National League South and establishing ourselves as a National League club, despite significant barriers off it, are a testament to the hard work, wisdom and vision of the leadership of successive boards. With the lease extension finally signed it opens up the

... AND HERE'S BARRY'S ALL-TIME WEALDSTONE LINE-UP

1 Jonathan North	2 Fergus Moore	3 Dominic Sterling
4 Ryan Ashe	5 Jack Cook	6 Jerome Okimo
7 Brian Jones	8 Glenn Little	9 Jermaine Beckford
10 Richard Jolly	11 Jacob Mendy Mendy	

potential for the club to really push on and reach levels we could only previously dream of.

Wealdstone as a EFL club is now a realistic possibility, rather than just a pipe dream. My heartfelt thanks to our current board - who never gave up on the lease - and as the same time were able to reach a deal to bring in the Investment of Nick Semaca. It is an exciting time to be a Wealdstone fan!

Do you still watch Southampton and the Republic of Ireland? A few changes in this area! Still keeping the faith with the Republic of Ireland, though I'm definitely more of a "sofa supporter" these days. I gave up the 10 year ticket to the Aviva shortly before getting married as games were increasingly difficult to get to. TV schedules rarely took into account the travelling supporter. I have been to a few away games in recent years with my 12 year old son John and I hope to get him to the Aviva for a home game soon, subject to a favourable fixture schedule that fits in with school holidays and / or a Saturday afternoon. Southampton have fallen by the wayside. It is over 10 years since I saw them in action. Still look out for their results but that is as far as it goes.

Liverpool also entered the O'Sullivan football schedule about eight years ago, sparked by a

Sunday morning **Match of the Day** showing a 5-1 Liverpool drubbing of Arsenal. John was instantly hooked, choosing the Reds to sit alongside his love for Wealdstone. Now, as members of the Hertfordshire Liverpool Supporters Club, we head to Anfield several times a year.

Wealdstone remains my main team, but the experience of singing 'You'll Never Walk Alone' on the Kop is something very special. More importantly, these trips with John are the perfect way to make lasting memories with him.

And finally, back in 2010 you were planning your wedding and also your birthday. Is your life very different now? Life has changed so much, but it's truly wonderful. Married life has been such a blessing—even better than I ever imagined. Helen and I were lucky enough to have John 12 years ago, and he's made our family complete.

He's a fantastic lad and a brilliant foster brother to the five babies we've been privileged to care for and welcome into our home over the last eight years. John's also a massive Stones fan!

You'll find him at most home games with his friends, Xander and Kieran, chatting about football and Wealdstone with the same passion their dads and I had nearly 40 years ago. It's amazing to see things come full circle!

Below: John's FIS in the last home programme

stones fan in the stand
It's John O'Sullivan

Ah, the joy of being 12 and living out the Wealdstone dream!

Your name and age? Hello, my name is John O'Sullivan and I am 12. I am currently in year seven at St Gregory's School, Willesden. How do you live in Wealdstone and for some reason my Dad won't let me get my chocolate supply from Tesco...
Have you always lived in that area? My mum and dad moved into the Wealdstone house a month before I was born, so yes.
When was your first Stones game? My dad told me that my first game was when I was three months old against St Albans. I sleep for most of the game. Apparently after a pre-season friendly when I was three I told him I didn't think I was going to like football very much, but the kid that has changed. The first game I have a real memory of is Oxford City away when I was about five, it was cold but the match was good. I learn some new words that day too!
What were your first impressions of the club? I think Wealdstone is a friendly club where I get to watch football with my friends. Nothing in my

AND HERE'S JOHN'S ALL-TIME FAVE WEALDSTONE LINE-UP

1 George Wickens	2 Jack Cook	3 Anthony Georgiou
4 Charlie Barker	5 Enzo Boldewijn	6 Max Kretschmar
7 Nathan Thilkina	8 Sak Hassan	9 Sean Artakwa
10 Billy Clifford	11 Alex Reid	

and hopefully that will happen soon (Helen, Nani, Uncle Shawn and Dad...)
What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen? The best non-Wealdstone game I have been to was the Merseyside Derby last year. Liverpool won 2-1 and the atmosphere was fantastic and so loud!
And the best Wealdstone game? Well, my dad and I are answering these questions the afternoon after the Kidderminster penalty shoot-out win, so that's a very good chance of being among the best... however I think the 1-0 win at Gillingham in the FA Cup is the best Stones game I have ever seen. When Alex Reid scored the winner my Dad's heart rate went up to over 150! (and more went far behind)
Who introduced you to the club? What was your dad's role in your Wealdstone journey? My dad introduced me to the club. He started watching the Stones in the 1980s. He brings me to games and we meet up with my Uncle Shawn and our other friends. I enjoy watching games with my friend Xander (who was Fan in the Stand earlier this season) and Kieran.
How big a part of your life is the game? I love football, so it's a big part of my life. I watch as many Wealdstone games as possible. I hope that will include more away games as I get older and more midweek games and not just those in school holidays! There is less of an argument with Mum and Dad when Liverpool are on the TV during school term!

Do you have other hobbies? I enjoy playing several other sports, including cricket for Boreborough Athletics, Harrow AC and tennis at Harrow Weald Club. He and I also try to watch Harrow Huskies ice hockey team as often as we can. I also enjoy cooking and hope that when I am older I get to be a professional chef, owning my own restaurant.
How do you fit watching football in with your family/school life? I want to watch as many Wealdstone games as possible. I train with my football team on a Saturday morning so it makes some longer away games difficult (at least that's what dad says). Midweek games during term time just aren't really possible.
Do you play football yourself? Yes, I play for St Joseph's Under 12s in the Harrow League Division 5. I have played for them for four years and really enjoy it.
Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen? Alex Reid was amazing, his goals helped keep us up last year but Billy Clifford was my first Wealdstone hero. When I went to training for my birthday last year Enzo Boldewijn was really friendly and a great player as well.
Could you form them into a best-ever Stones XI? Yes, see graphic above.
Is there anything about weald that improves your Wealdstone-watching experience at the Valley? Watching Wealdstone is great. I only wish the selection of food and drink was better.
And finally, where do you think the Stones will be in five years? We will be in the EFL in a brand new stadium (at least, that's what my Granddad Darren tells me).

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Yeovil, we've got a lot in common...

BY TIM PARKS

Neil Cordice... the Stones legend also fondly remembered by Glovers fans of the rollercoaster 1980s and 90s

On the face of it, you'd not expect there to have been much interaction, player-wise, between Wealdstone and Yeovil. 125 miles apart. One in the London suburbs, the other in cider-swilling Somerset.

Yeovil famous giant-killers of the 1950s and 60s, Wealdstone a powerhouse of the mid-80s while the Glovers were on the slide, and only re-acquainting over the past four years in the National League after Stones had spent 30 years in the doldrums - a period when Yeovil had finally broken into the Football League and even reached the Championship!

Football's Swingometer had never seen such a gap between our clubs. In 2003, when Gary Johnson's Glovers won promotion into the League, Gordon Bartlett's Stones were just avoiding relegation to the Ryman Div Two... four levels below. And ten years later, as Yeovil made it to level two, Stones were in the

Ryman Prem, six levels below.

So who has worn Wealdstone blue and Yeovil green in the past? An awful lot of players in fact. That's mainly due to one Brian Hall, the manager who steered the Stones to that incredible first non-League (Conference and FA Trophy) double in 1985 and was then persuaded to travel West and revive the fortunes of Yeovil who were mired in the Southern League.

The Glovers, with some 50 years of history in the SL, surprised the football world by announcing that they had applied to move across to the Isthmian League (the other feeder league to the Conference) despite the absurdity of a Somerset club competing in that M25-based competition.

The thinking was that the Isthmian League was a weaker proposition, and that Hall would be casting his net wide for London-based players to boost his squad. And so of course he first raided the Stones for members of his



October 1992: Neil Cordice is back in blue and pictured (right) in a pulsating FA Cup tie with Dagenham at Vicarage Road. Stones keeper is David Hudson

history-making squad. The Glovers' line-up below shows a lot of the ex-Stones from that era but absent are key performers Steve Rutter, Barry Blackman and Steve Browne.

Neil Cordice, the first Stone on Hall's shopping list, is one of the genuine Wealdstone legends, having spent 11 years with the club over two spells, playing a total of 459 games (second only to Charlie Townsend in the all-time stats) and scoring 102 goals.

He's devilishly difficult to track down, but was a delight to talk to when compiling this article, and quizzing him on his time at both clubs. He spent half a dozen years at Yeovil - again over two spells - and was the first one Brian Hall approached with this vision of the New Yeovil.

"It was a time when Wealdstone were in a bad place, on the way to relegation from the Conference under Colin Meldrum but I had a reputation for loyalty. When Yeovil came in for me they were being well-backed and had potential to get into the League, never mind just the Conference... and Meldrum obviously wasn't bothered if I stayed or went. So I went."

The travelling must have been difficult though, I asked him. Living in Amer-sham and commuting to Yeovil?

"It worked out okay. they gave me a car and I could stay down there with one of the directors. My last game for the Stones, in that spell was early in the 87-88 season and the club were relegated into the Southern League while Yeovil came back up in the other direction, winning the Isthmian League, the league cup and the challenge shield.

"Brian saw me as a utility player and to be honest I never really minded where

I played - I started off as a striker with Northampton but played a lot of games in midfield, full back and centre-half. In many ways centre-back was my favourite position because I like to think was strong in the air and pretty quick".

Neil's little-known claim to fame is having scored on every one of his debuts!

"It's true.... I didn't play for lots of clubs but I scored at Worcester on my Wealdstone debut (see Sunday Express cutting on opposite page) in the first-ever Alliance Premier League match in August 1979, and also for Yeovil on my debut against Northwich Victoria. On my debut for Northampton in '79 (against Bradford City) I was being marked by the ex-Leeds and England player Paul Reaney but still scored! And I also scored in my first games for Flackwell Heath, Walton & Hersham and Chesham United."

That's not a bad record for someone who played only half of his games as a striker. He's best remembered at both Yeovil and the Stones for his gunslinger of a shot, with the rare ability to hit the ball so cleanly that keepers were often left helpless from 30 yards.

His goal for the Stones - against Yeovil, funnily enough, in a 5-0 Lower Mead pasting 42 years ago - was voted 'Best Stones goal ever' in a poll in this programme ten years ago. A screamer, on the volley, from close to 35 yards

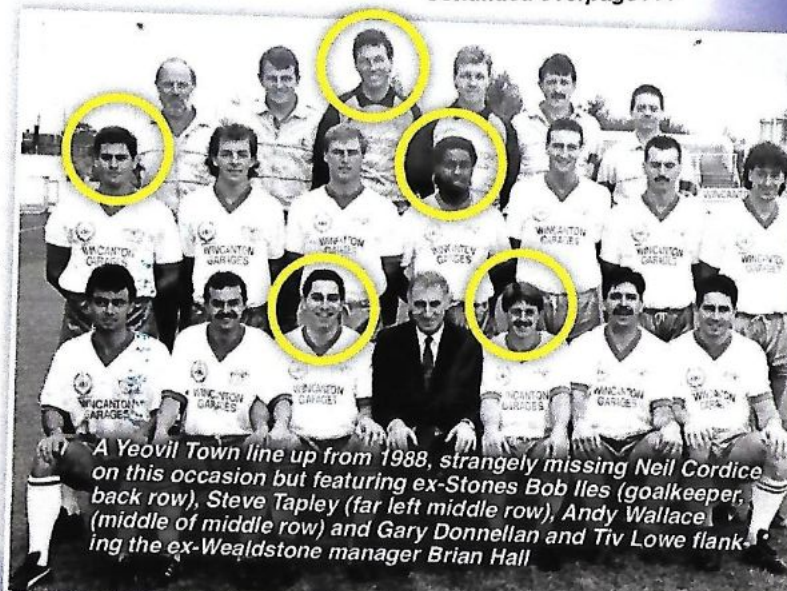
What did Neil remember of it? "The ball was

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Goal on his debut: Aug 1979



A Yeovil Town line up from 1988, strangely missing Neil Cordice on this occasion but featuring ex-Stones Bob Iles (goalkeeper, back row), Steve Tapley (far left middle row), Andy Wallace (middle of middle row) and Gary Donnellan and Tiv Lowe flanking the ex-Wealdstone manager Brian Hall

We've got a lot in common... contd

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crossed, and then headed out into my path - it was one of those strikes when you know you've hit the ball cleanly and that it's on its way into the net. I was never one to over-celebrate when I scored but I remember being really excited by that one!"

Apart from scoring on every debut, it's another little-known fact that Neil scored the last competitive goal at our old Lower Mead ground in a Capital League 1-1 draw with Sutton United in April 1991. And he also scored a memorable 35-yarder in the last-ever game at Yeovil's old Huish ground in April 2000.

That goal (pictured below) was captured on video and Neil is fondly remembered by the crowd for his part in Yeovil's climb back to prominence. But racism was very prevalent in the 1980s and 90s - and is still, sadly, creating headlines today.

'Rambling Stone', a contributor to the YTFC Blog wrote candidly about it and admits that his club were one of the worst offenders.

"I recall one home game, against a team from London in the Vauxhall Opel (Isthmian) League days. As a player came to take a throw-in, someone a few rows behind me shouted out 'You black bastard.'"

Neil Cordice, the Yeovil midfielder walked straight over. The guy behind then said (as if it made it better): "I didn't mean you Neil."

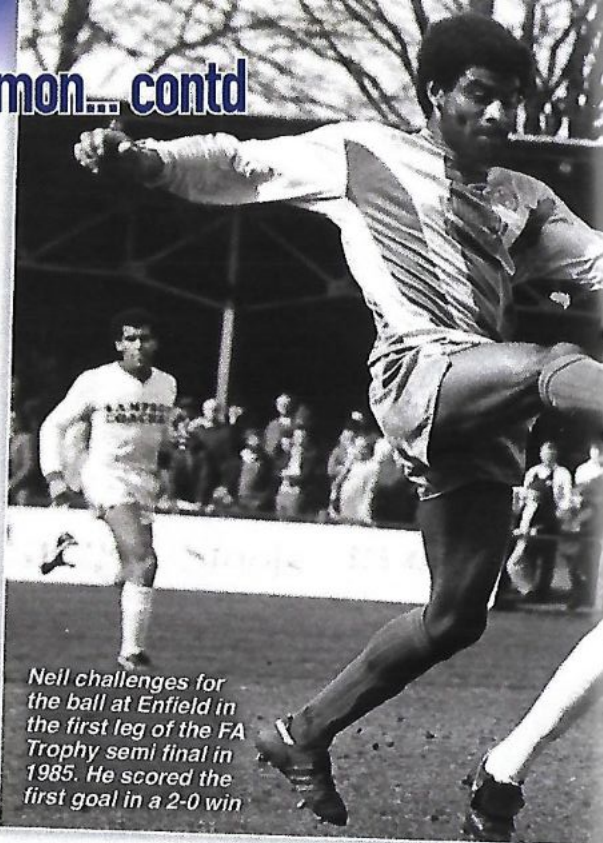
The response was one I never forgot: "We're all the same. You abuse him, you abuse me. Think about it."

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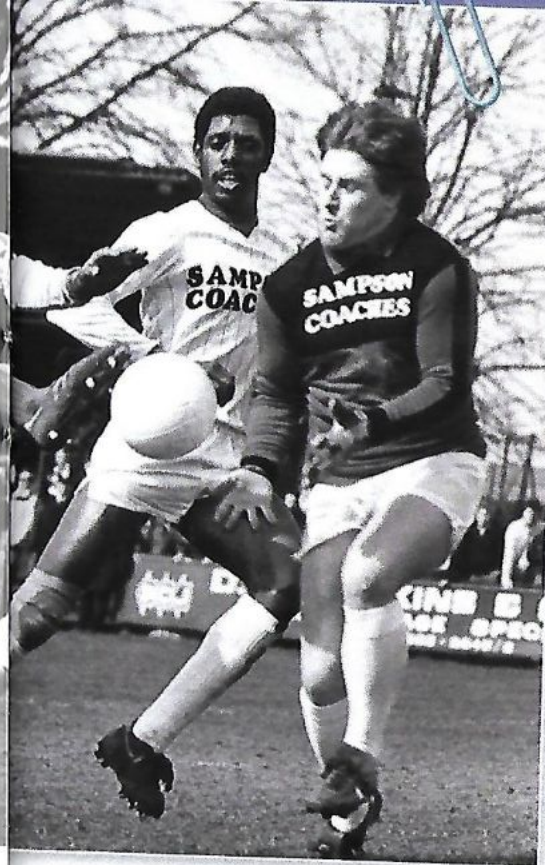
And so the question of racism had to be raised, as both Neil and his brother Alan were the subject of vile taunts at almost every away match. The West Country clubs were among the worst offenders, and

so I questioned whether Neil had misgivings about signing for the Glovers all those years ago.

"To be honest, we just ignored it. It wasn't unusual and I remember getting a lot of weird comments in that first



Neil challenges for the ball at Enfield in the first leg of the FA Trophy semi final in 1985. He scored the first goal in a 2-0 win



Wealdstone game at Worcester, in the caged area leading out to the pitch. If I had let it get to me, my game would have deteriorated, so you just couldn't take it personally. It is just ignorance"

I remember hearing abuse ringing out in one game at Aylesbury, with the home fans telling Neil 'to go back where he came from'. Neil simply said 'Where I come from? That's Amersham'.

Neil had two major disappointments in his career, firstly missing out on a cap for the England non-League team in April 1982 when he was at his majestic midfield best for a Stones team chasing the Conference title in our first year back in the top flight.

On Easter Saturday, Wealdstone were winning at title

rivals Maidstone and home full-back Brian Thompson committed a dreadful challenge on Neil that almost ended his career.

"He just came right across me and took out my knee - I've never been in so much pain in my life and I'm not sure he was even booked.

"I had just been measured for my England suit and it was so disappointing. It stalled my career and I never got close to an England cap again... and Thompson was in that same squad. It lives with me to this day"

Wealdstone won that game 3-0 but, missing one of the mercurial Cordices, won just two more games out of 11 to finish the season in third place behind Enfield and Maidstone.

"I would have loved to have played for England but I'm so proud that my older brother Alan was capped so many times. He was a real mainstay of the England team in the 80s and should have had a full-time career... I've never seen a player so quick, before or after and he would just leave players for dead. Maybe Kylian Mbappe in the modern game is the only

one with a similar athleticism."

His other main disappointment was not making the starting XI for the Trophy final at Wembley, against Boston United in 1985.

"You couldn't really argue against it because we won. I was sub (only one in those days) and came on for the last few minutes but don't remember touching the ball".

It was a tough call for manager Hall who later said 'Neil was his own worst enemy by being such a great utility player. And I wish I could have given him more time off the bench but the ball just wouldn't go out of play!'

He had played right through the journey to Wembley, including both legs of the epic semi final against Enfield, but was replaced for the final by the fit-again Lee Holmes. But Holmes scored a fine header in the final and there was also disappointment for regulars Mark Graves, Nigel Johnson and Vinny Jones.

Neil then asked me how I thought the Stones' double-winners of 1985 would fare in the current full-time National League. Would they be good enough?

That's a fascinating question as that Wealdstone side boasted players with League experience in every position. Bob Iles and Steve Perkins ex-Chelsea; Paul Bowgett ex-Spurs; Dennis Byatt ex-Northampton; Roy Davies and Gary Donnellan ex-Reading; Lee Holmes ex-Brentford; Robin Wainwright ex-Luton and Northampton; Brian Greenaway ex-Fulham; and the Cordices ex-Norwich and Northampton. Plus Mark Graves ex-Plymouth... and the explosive, match-winning Andy Graham who was the only one without Football League pedigree.

So to be fair, those are the type of experienced players we are now trying to land to improve the

squad. Neil reckons that team would have held its own.

Alan is now living in Devon, near Exeter and loves the country life with his horse-loving daughters and family. Neil still lives on the outskirts of Amersham with his wife Lynne and they have three daughters, two of whom are married.

He's now in his mid-60s but retirement is not, yet, on the horizon. "I'm self employed, in the building trade - plumbing and electrics, that sort of thing - but we also own a business in textiles

and manufacturing. Knickers, panty hose, socks."

"So you're in women's underwear Neil?"

"You might say that!" he laughed. "In fact you should say that!"

"Wealdstone had players with lots of League experience in every position.. I think we'd have held our own in the National League, even nowadays"



Wow! A capacity crowd on the last day at Yeovil's old ground and Telford keeper Kevin Charlton is beaten by.... guess who? Yes, the gunslinger Neil Cordice



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- P** Substitute
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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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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW YEOVIL TOWN THE GLOVERS



Yeovil Town Football Club, founded in 1890, initially shared its ground with a local rugby club before reforming as Yeovil Casuals in 1895, playing at the Pen Mill Athletic Ground. The club adopted the name Yeovil Town in 1907, and after a merger with Petters United, became Yeovil and Petters United, before reverting to Yeovil Town before the 1946–47 season.

The club gained national recognition as 'giant-killers' during the 1948–49 FA Cup, defeating Sunderland 2–1 in the fourth round in front of a record 17,000 home fans, before being defeated 8–0 by Manchester United in the next round. Between 1955 and 1973, Yeovil Town won the Southern Football League three times and were runners-up twice. Despite numerous applications for election to the Football League, they came closest in 1976, missing out by a few votes.

In 1979, Yeovil became founder members of the Alliance Premier League, the new national non-league division. However, in 1985, they were relegated to the Isthmian League, only to win the championship in 1988 and return to the Conference. Success followed in the Bob Lord Challenge Trophy in 1990, and in 1997, Yeovil returned to the Conference after winning the Isthmian League with a record 101 points.

Colin Lippiatt managed the team for the 1998–99 season, bringing in Terry Skiverton as a player. Gary Johnson took over as manager in June 2001 and led Yeovil to their first major trophy, the FA Trophy, with a 2–0 victory over Stevenage Borough. The following season, Yeovil won the Football Conference by a record 17-point margin, earning promotion to the Football League with 95 points and 100 goals, remaining unbeaten at Huish Park. This era saw notable players like Gavin Williams, Lee Johnson, Chris Weale, Darren Way, and Adam Lockwood.

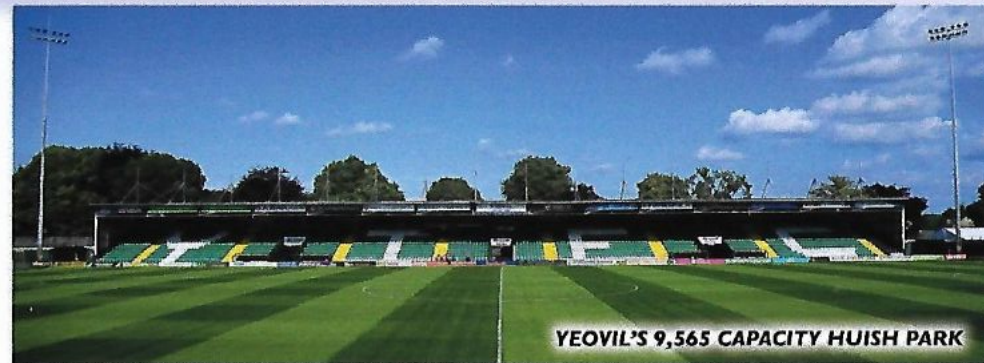
Yeovil's first game in the Football League was a 3–1 away win over Rochdale. They finished their inaugural season in eighth place and reached the third round of the FA Cup, losing 2–0 to Liverpool. The following season, Yeovil won League Two with 83 points, earning promotion to League One. During this period, the club ownership changed from Jon Goddard-Watts to David Webb.

Manager Gary Johnson left for Bristol City at the start of the 2005–06 season, with Steve Thompson taking over. By season's end, Russell Slade replaced Thompson as manager. Under Slade, Yeovil reached the fourth round of the FA Cup, narrowly losing 3–2 to Premier League side Charlton Athletic. In the 2006–07 season, Yeovil finished fifth in League One, qualifying for the play-offs, where they beat Nottingham Forest 5–4 on aggregate but lost 2–0 to Blackpool at Wembley in the final.

The 2007–08 season saw Yeovil finish 18th in League One. Russell Slade remained as manager until February 2009, when Terry Skiverton took over, assisted by Nathan Jones. They kept Yeovil in League One. Skiverton and Jones continued to help Yeovil avoid relegation over the next two seasons, but a poor start to the 2011–12 season led to Gary Johnson's reappointment as manager, with Skiverton as his assistant. Johnson guided Yeovil to safety once again.

The 2012–13 season was Yeovil's best start, finishing fourth and reaching the League One play-offs. They defeated Sheffield United and Brentford to reach the Championship for the first time in their history. Despite memorable victories in the Championship, Yeovil were relegated back to League One after one season. They continued to struggle, facing another relegation to League Two, despite a lucrative FA Cup tie against Manchester United.

Darren Way took over as manager in 2015, leading Yeovil to safety in League Two. His tenure included highs and lows, such as an 8–2



YEOVIL'S 9,565 CAPACITY HUISH PARK

defeat to Luton Town and a 6–0 victory over Newport County. Another FA Cup tie against Manchester United in January 2018 ended in a 4–0 defeat. Yeovil's 16-year stay in the EFL ended in the 2018–19 season, leading to the appointment of Darren Sarll as manager in June 2019.

The 2019–20 National League season was cut short due to the coronavirus outbreak, with Yeovil in fourth place. In May 2022, South Somerset District Council purchased Huish Park, with the club becoming tenants. In February 2023, SU Glovers Limited attempted to take over the club, but the deal fell through.

In April 2023, Yeovil were relegated to the National League South, and in May, the Hellier Group took over. Yeovil secured an immediate return to the National League by winning the National League South title at the end of the 2023–24 season.

GLOVERS TO WATCH

1. JED WARD - Goalkeeper

Jed Ward is a talented goalkeeper who joined Yeovil Town on a season-long loan from Bristol Rovers in August 2025. A product of the Rovers' youth academy, Ward signed his first professional contract with the club in February 2021 at the age of 17. He made his professional debut for Bristol Rovers on the final day of the 2020–21 season against Blackpool. Over the next few years, Ward gained valuable experience through several loan spells, including stints at Swindon Supermarine, Prescot Cables, Hungerford Town, Wealdstone, and Forest Green Rovers.

9. AARON JARVIS - Forward

His promotion from the National League came with Forest Green Rovers during the 2016/17 season, in which the Gloucestershire outfit were promoted via the play-off final following a 3–1 win against Tranmere Rovers. Cooper played in 28 games that season, including a start in the play-off final. A Birmingham City academy graduate, he has

played in the Football League for both Forest Green & Newport County. His time in the National League has been spent with York City, Boreham Wood, FC Halifax Town, Woking, Wealdstone alongside Oldham and Forest Green.

14. BRETT MCGAVIN - Midfielder

McGavin progressed through Ipswich Town's youth system after joining their academy in 2009 and signed his first professional contract on 2019. Following brief loan spells at Bury Town and Concord Rangers, he made his Ipswich debut on 12 November 2019. He left Ipswich at the end of the 2021–22 season when his contract expired. On 1 February 2021, McGavin joined Ayr United on loan until the end of the 2020–21 season, making his debut on 5 February 2021. He then signed on loan for King's Lynn Town for the 2021–22 season. Released by Ipswich in 2022, he signed a three-year contract with Torquay United.

19. JOSH SIMS - Midfielder

Sims joined Southampton's Academy from the Elite Training Centre in 2011. He made his senior debut on 27 November 2016 in a Premier League match against Everton. He made his Europa League debut in a 1–1 draw against Hapoel Be'er Sheva. In August 2018, Sims joined Reading on a season-long loan but was recalled in January. He then moved on loan to New York Red Bulls in August 2019. After a brief loan at Doncaster Rovers in 2020, he rejoined them for the remainder of the season. Released by Southampton in 2021, Sims signed for Ross County in 2022, leaving when his contract expired in July 2024.

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LAST MEETINGS
SAT 15TH FEB 25 (A) - W 2-1
TUE 4TH NOV 25 (A) - W 2-0

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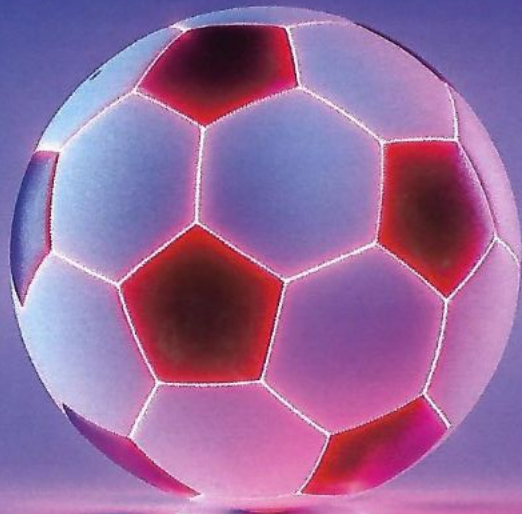
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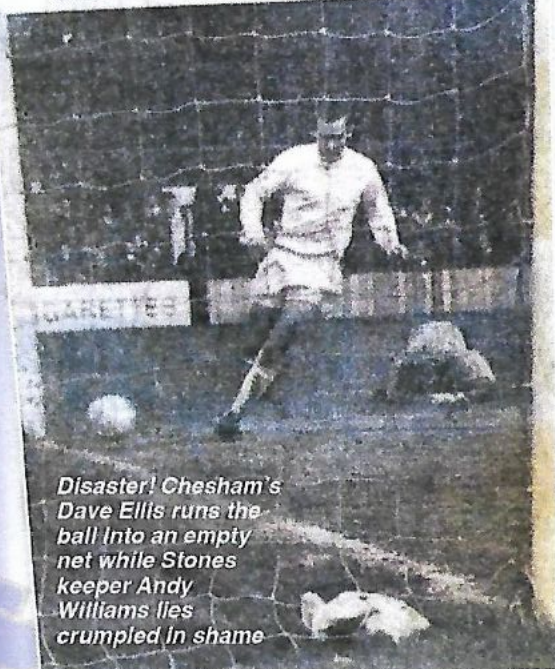
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BY TIM PARKS

58 years ago we clobbered the Ks 5-0... but it ended a terrible week in Wealdstone FC history

THE KILLER GOAL



Disaster! Chesham's Dave Ellis runs the ball into an empty net while Stones keeper Andy Williams lies crumpled in shame

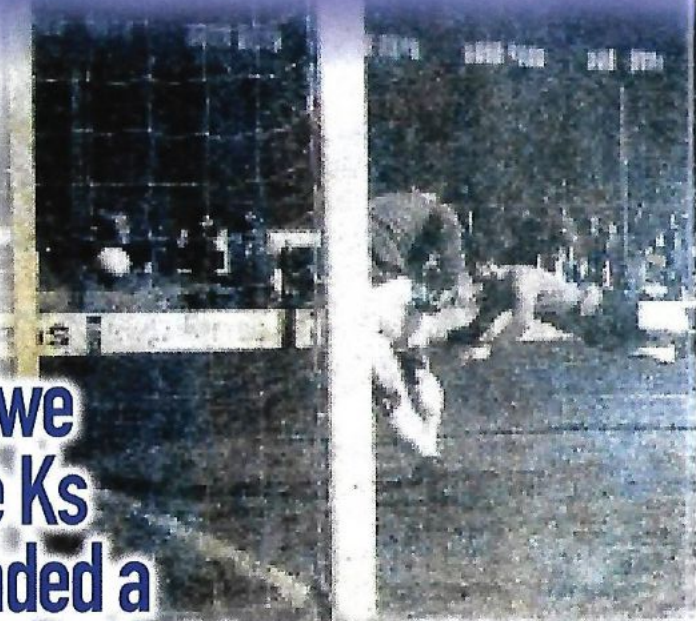
Saturday March 23 1968, Isthmian League: Wealdstone 5 Kingstonian 0

TODAY'S rewind covers not just the usual one day, but a turbulent week in the history of Wealdstone Football Club... possibly the most turbulent in its history.

Seven days earlier, the Stones faced the biggest match of the season - against Chesham United at Fulham in the FA Amateur Cup semi-final. It was a classic Giants v Minnows clash with Vince Burgess' powerful Stones side riding high in the Isthmians and Chesham the written-off underdogs from the Athenian League... but astonishingly it was Wealdstone who imploded on a horrific afternoon at Cran Cottage in front of an 8,486 crowd.

Whatever could go wrong, went wrong. The supporters coaches were delayed in traffic, three of them arriving after kick-off and when the missing fans arrived they could barely recognise a Stones side playing in orange... The referee ignored two blatant penalties for handball and a foul on Hughie Lindsay... and our so-reliable keeper Andy Williams made possibly the biggest mistake of his career in gifting Chesham their clinching goal.

1968



Keiron Somers (dark shirt) just misses with this flying header in the semi-final at Fulham and (right) the bounce-back v Kingstonian



The real Lindsay!

Wealdstone 5, Kingstonian 0
Attendance 1,400

THE revised Wealdstone side, yards faster, much more accurate, almost lethal, made nonsense of the previous Saturday's form as they wrecked a Kingstonian side stronger than the one they beat 2-0 on the way to Fulham.

Though Bernie Bremer and Denny Montague, captain for the first time in the absence of Charlie Townsend and Bobby Warman, were both in good form, it was the intelligent play of Johnny McCormack, the youthful exuberance of Johnny Hutchinson and, above all, the scheming and precise play of veteran Hughie Lindsay that really made the difference.

Lindsay it was who started Kingstonian's slide with, of course, a freekick. Just four minutes had passed when he hit from 20 yards and the ball bounced off Dave Swain and went in with Brian Hames helpless.

McCormack, almost coaching Hutchinson, failed with a final effort and erred again when Andy Williams held a Taylor freekick by the post and Hutchinson burst out of defence to pass to the inside-man who was robbed just as Swain was ready to apply the finishing touch.

OLD HANDS

Little had so far been seen of Kingstonian teenage starlet Johnny Baker but wingers Elliott and John Willis were doing their best against the Kingstonian-trained defence of Tony Slade and Montague with the old hands making life heart-breaking for them.

Up the other end Adaway ankle-tapped Hutchinson and Lindsay again landed an in-off freekick, this time poor Taylor's being the body it went in off.

The cuttings on these pages illustrate our pain and Chesham's joy as the Buckinghamshire side - who had played 15 games through the qualifying rounds to reach this stage compared to our five - upset the bookmakers to reach Wembley.

The repercussions for the Stones were huge. Head coach Burgess would lose his job by the end of the season, and in the short term the club was let down by the national and evening newspapers in stories regarding star midfielder Charlie Townsend who was off to play for the Great Britain amateur side in a crucial Olympic Games qualifying match in Spain.

Charlie was due to fly out nine days after the Chesham debacle, and Press Officer Harry Benjamin's statement that the club's skipper - and his

For a few minutes after this 10th minute affair, Kingstonian found the home defence wobbly and after Williams had pushed a shot away, Montague gave Edwards a chance with a poor clearance but the centre-half was wide.

The visitors took a sad blow in the 26th minute when Swain crossed for Hutchinson to run through and as Hames came out, he was hit first by the ball and then as he fell, the winger crashed down with him.

The unlucky goalkeeper -- he was also carried off minutes from the end of the league match at Kingston that start of the season -- had suffered a damaged knee and came off with Adaway taking over goal.

Hutchinson was the first to test a new man but after beating off Taylor, he hit wide -- he left but on 34 minutes he now inevitable third goal appeared after a five-man move -- I find it hard to recall the last such successful Wealdstone combination.

Lindsay to Montague and on to McCormack, now gaining in confidence and his neat overhead kick was nodded on by Hutchinson for Bremer to head in.

The McCormack revival continued in the second session with a good old-fashioned drive that was deflected behind and Swain's shot from the corner was held by Adaway. Kingstonian came back with Baker

getting some room and a fine drive being equally well held by Williams.

Elliott buzzed down his wing to cause more trouble but with half an hour left a great run by Hutchinson ended with McCormack being floored in the box by McLeod.

The solid figure of Montague marched upfield, hit in his second successful penalty of the season.

A further Lindsay freekick produced a wasted corner, Preston tried a shot at Williams with little hope and Taylor downed Hutchinson as the minutes ticked away.

Montague set, McCormack moving into midfield and though the inside-man had a good path to goal, he unselfishly passed instead to Hutchinson who shot across to the far post to net his first Isthmian League goal.

SAVED WELL

Normally with 18 minutes left and such a lead, Wealdstone would let up but this time they didn't. Swain gave Bremer a chance that Adaway saved well and Swain and Hutchinson tried to give Lindsay his trio but the shot bounced off the fascia.

Wealdstone: A. Williams, D. Pettit, T. Slade, D. Montague, J. McCormack, A. Phillips, B. Bremer, J. Hutchinson, O. Swain, H. Lindsay, J. Hutchinson, Sub: Bob Williams.
Kingstonian: G. Hames, A. Adaway, J. McLeod, P. Taylor, D. Edwards, M. Forster, J. Willis, V. Heaman, D. Leonard, J. Baker, J. Elliott. Sub: P. Finn.

vice-skipper Bobby Warman - were being "rested" for the next games against Oxford and Kingstonian were changed to being "axed" in the London Evening Standard and Evening News.

Charlie was rightfully incensed and the stories are reproduced on the next pages. He got his apology but his reputation was undoubtedly damaged by the

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rewind: on this day continued 1968

THE lid finally blew off the Wealdstone cauldron... by accident on Saturday when two players, skipper Charlie Townsend and his vice-captain Bobby Warman stood by the rails in front of the main stand and bitterly complained about national and evening newspaper stories that they had been dropped from the side against Kingstonian.

Bitterest of the pair was Wealdstone's sole surviving international Townsend. Scheduled to fly out with the Great Britain Olympic squad on the Monday, he said coldly "I want an apology from the papers and from the club on this. I'm not dropped, I'm rested because I have to join the England party this weekend and what are they going to say now when they see that my club don't think me worth playing?"

Complained Warman "I read that I'm dropped and when I ask the club, they tell me that they couldn't get in touch with me to find out whether I'm fit."

Man in the middle of the storm was Wealdstone press secretary Harry Benjamin who made the original calls to the newspapers that started the rumpus. Benjamin insisted that what he had told the newspapers was that Townsend had been rested—"I emphasised 'rested', never said 'dropped'"—because of the Spain trip.

In a message to this newspaper on Thursday morning giving the team, he said that Townsend was out of the side because of the Olympic match. Why? Before the match at Oxford City coach Vin Burgess had already decided to give reserve players a chance in the first side for the rest of the season.

Burgess told Charlie that he wouldn't feel like risking an all-out game with Spain so near and that one injury might wreck his chances for Mexico. He told him he'd be rested.

This now is where the trouble starts. Benjamin, as is his job, rang the London evenings, carefully using the word 'rested'. One accepted the statement, the other used "axed." He kept to that word and indeed enlarged upon it to newsagency amateur soccer reporter John Bowles who supplies team news to the national papers for Saturday morning and Bowles was equally content.

THE AXE

BUT — and this is where the real row starts — Bowles read both evenings and wrote the introduction to the story. "Wealdstone manager Vince Burgess has swung his axe, and out go Charlie Townsend, Kieron Somers, Bobby Warman and Dave Leonard for the match... etc."

Bowles told me on Sunday afternoon: "Perhaps it was badly phrased and I wouldn't have done it if I hadn't noted the word 'axed' in the evening paper. Tell Charlie and the boys they can put that down to me."

So last night, just nine days after the collapse at Craven Cottage, the matter was due to be discussed at length at Wealdstone's committee meeting while Townsend arrived in Spain.

The England party return on Thursday, the day after the match and what happens then is anyone's guess.

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incident - and tellingly he was an unused substitute for GB in both games which were lost on aggregate. Spain made the trip to Mexico for the 1968 Olympics.

And of course, as often happens seven days after a complete collapse in an important match, the Stones romped to a 5-0 win (despite our depleted side) over tough opponents Kingstonian at Lower Mead.

Maybe Burgess was right to freshen up his side and leave out that pair, plus key men Keiron Somers and Dave Leonard, but a promising position in the league up to the semi-final fiasco was frittered away in the final months of the season and we ended up in seventh place.

Not a happy week!

THE END OF THE LINE



**CHESHAM UNITED 2
WEALDSTONE 0**
Attendance: 8,486

IT all ended as it began. In a swirling wind and with Torpoint referee Mr. E. J. Knight, of Taunton, Wealdstone were deservedly knocked out of this Amateur Cup semi-final by a Chesham United team that never accepted the "under-dogs" of Craven Cottage.

But the fatal wound that ended Wealdstone's chances of a second trip to Wembley in three years was not delivered by Chesham. It was sheer hara-kiri by one of their outstanding players, goalkeeper Andy Williams.

With 25 minutes to go and Wealdstone trailing by a lone goal, Chesham winger Dave Ellis came down the right wing but his centre

was taken by Dave Leonard. The back turned and tapped the ball back to Williams who crouched midway in his area to take it and Leonard turned away.

Not so Ellis, following up just in case and with incredible slowness, we watched Williams take the ball, saw it rise slowly like a good soufflé over his right arm and, aided by the wind, roll across the empty area in front of goal.

Ellis accelerated, whacked the ball joyously into the net

Left: The Harrow Observer report on the dreadful day at Fulham (which is continued overpage) and below, the paper previews the match in the previous week's paper. It all seemed so straightforward... and goallie Andy Williams was praised for keeping us in the competition when just a few days later he was the villain of the piece!

More 1968 agony overpage....

ALL SET FOR THE SEMI

FULL STRENGTH AT FULHAM

WEALDSTONE enter their second F.A. Amateur Cup semi-final in three seasons at Craven Cottage tomorrow with their strongest side of the season, the one that earned the ticket to this Metropolitan Line semi by beating Barking 3-1 three weeks ago.

And the decision gives television mast-tall Kieron Somers, the newest of club coach Vin Burgess's new boys, the chance to set his own form of record. For six foot three Somers has now played in two Amateur Cup matches since joining Wealdstone last month and scored in both.

Last Wealdstone doubt was centre forward Dave Swain but the rest after his knee knock at Barking last week has done his job and he joins the three other Wembley performers of the 1968 Final Charlie Townsend, Hughie Lindsay and Bernie Bromer, on the last lap to the encore... except that this time he's on the same side—in '68 he played for

The full, confident but not cocky, Lower Mead team is: Andy Williams; Bobby Warman, Dave Leonard; Charlie Townsend, Tony McGulanness, Tony Slade, Bernie Bromer, Kieron Somers, David Swain, Dean Montague and Hughie Lindsay.

Burgess adds the unlucky Johnny McCormack and the energetic Doug Pettit to the squad to cover for last minute changes if needed.

In the long trail from the mud, slush and chaos of Cornwall's Torpoint, through the adventures of Eastwood and the relatively simple time since, time, I feel, to record the names of the three players, all newcomers this season, who have done so much to erase the unhappy memories of last year's failure.

Goalkeeper extraordinary Andy Williams — but in his inspired adventures in the Torpoint mud, and elsewhere, tomorrow would be just March the 10th. David Swain, tireless, unselfish and totally dedicated to chasing chances and the indomitable Dennis Montague, straggling off a difficult job to for



WILLIAMS

months and then an unlucky suspension and still saving everybody's bacon before they knew it had started to fry.

Chesham United, who have spent almost a full day's play and 13 matches to reach the semi-final for the first time as against Wealdstone's four and a half hours and five games field the same side that beat Ishlman Oxford City in a replay last week — and the other Ishlman's, c.s., also in a replay the

round before. In 27-year-old centre half and skipper Les Burgess, they have a player remembered from Vale Farm where he was captain last season as is another local boy, ex-Wealdstone Joe Harper. Dangermen in a tough, tough side are centre forward Ronnie Erieh, scorer of eight goals on the way to Fulham and lively winger Dave Ellis, whose seventh minute goal started the slide of Oxford last week.

Chesham rely on a solid defence with breaks down the wings for Frazer and Harper to convert in the middle. But their strongest position is between the sticks where Dennis Wells is almost unbeatable. By anything, in fact, for he was hobnobbing around the tram-union session on Tuesday night still pained by a foot injury from Saturday and just as determined that deputy Alan Benfield wouldn't be The side will be Dennis Wells; Brian Thackeray, Derek Smith; Brian Caterer, Les Burgess, Mick McCaffrey; Dave Ellis, Dave Black, Ronnie Erieh, Joe Harper and Ken Kent with Peter Frost as substitute.

The forecast? 2-1, 3-1 or even 4-1... at the end of the tie!

Charlie, pictured below right, is now in his mid-80s but is an ever-present at Stones home games as a club 'ambassador'. Below left he is pictured (ringed) in a Wealdstone line-up for an amateur cup tie at Bishop Auckland in January 1965



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rewind: on this day continued

youngsters swarmed on to the pitch, Williams was still lying sprawled out, head in hands, as collapsed as his club's chances.

For whatever faint chance there had been of Wealdstone pulling back one goal and that was as much as the most ardent fan could have expected — two of them were virtually impossible.

When two minutes later, Denny Montague's back pass was allowed over for a corner by Williams, coach Vin Burgess pulled off the ineffectual Kieron Somers and replaced him with the equally slow John McCormack. But it was all too late.

Wealdstone, backed by a phalanx of fans, had started with a bang. They rattled up a series of corners, one of which Somers should have headed in. Bernie Bremer was fouled but still had a good chance near goal and Somers was wide again from a Tony Slade centre.

A quick Chesham raid had Williams punching clear and Bobby Warman passed up to Charlie Townsend.

Neat swerve

Townsend soon found Slade but Dave Swain was robbed as he moved in. The familiar (to Wealdstone) feet of Joe Harper downed Bremer and Warman's free-kick went behind the poorly placed Chesham defence for Swain to slip over to Somers but again the insideman couldn't get a kick-in.

A Warman slip on 16 minutes, almost all of them Wealdstone, gave the first sign of the menace to come as Ellis went clear and passed to Ron Fruen who was beaten to the ball.

Mick McCaffrey backed down Hughie Lindsay, one of a long series of fouls against the winger but the freekick ended with offside against Townsend, lurking near the Chesham goal.

Wealdstone needed a first-half goal while they had the gale with them and even Montague, with a neat swerve, applied pressure. But it was Townsend again who looked nearest to a score.

He lobbed towards Somers but Dave Wells caught the ball and let it slip. There was no one around and he

was able to turn and retrieve without penalty.

Chesham came back with two attacks in two minutes, Williams saving a free-kick and then Ken Kent and Harper combining nicely before Leonard headed off the line.

Ellis took a freekick that Dave Black volleyed from 20 yards at Williams.

Wealdstone now had extra men in attack but it was all going through the middle where Somers slowed down or wrecked move after move. Such was the pressure that on 38 minutes FOUR Wealdstone players were offside when Montague slung the ball across.

Minutes from the break, Chesham went ahead and, deservedly Ellis was the mainspring of the attack. With Chesham's second corner — Wealdstone had had eight — Ellis centred, Fruen evaded Tony McGuinness and his back-header went in off the post.

It was McGuinness' second blunder. He had intervened needlessly when Montague was policing Harper on the line to concede the vital corner.

Slade missed a Bremer centre right on half-time but it was still Wealdstone on points despite the knock-down.

A punch!

Ellis had twice threatened for Chesham and Somers had the ball taken off his toe as the second half opened. Then with sustained Wealdstone pressure, Chesham pivot Les Burgess punched clear and Mr. Knight gave a corner! Lindsay took it, it was cleared back to him via Leonard and Wells missed the shot.

Then came Williams' moment of despair, Somers' departure and a long touch-line battle before Joe Harper was called off in tears for Peter Frost to take over.

But the competitive spirit had gone and only two half-chances half-taken by McCormack and wide efforts by Lindsay and Slade ended it.

With 10 minutes left, though, referee Knight was, in my view, a disgrace. McCaffrey obstructed Lindsay coming through the box, then downed him and as the ball went upfield, the referee

followed leaving Lindsay stretched and almost motionless.

He could have had a serious leg injury but Mr. Knight never looked back and it was two full minutes before trainer Bob Croucher was allowed on to tend to the player.

Chesham United: D. Wells; D. Thackeray, D. Smith; B. Carter, L. Burgess, M. McCaffrey; D. Ellis, D. Black, R. Fruen, J. Harper, K. Kent, C. Foster. Sub.: P. Frost.

Wealdstone: A. Williams; B. Warman, D. Leonard; C. Townsend, T. McGuinness, T. Slade; B. Bremer, K. Somers, D. Swain, D. Montague, H. Lindsay. Sub.: J. McCormack.

Why we lost-by Burgess

TWO hours had passed since the final whistle and Wealdstone coach Vic Burgess, still 'flu-struck, had yet to manage more than a sickly grimace.

"I'm choked, just choked. They paid no attention at all to the plans we'd discussed, just tried it their own way and played the worst football of the season in the biggest match to date of the season.

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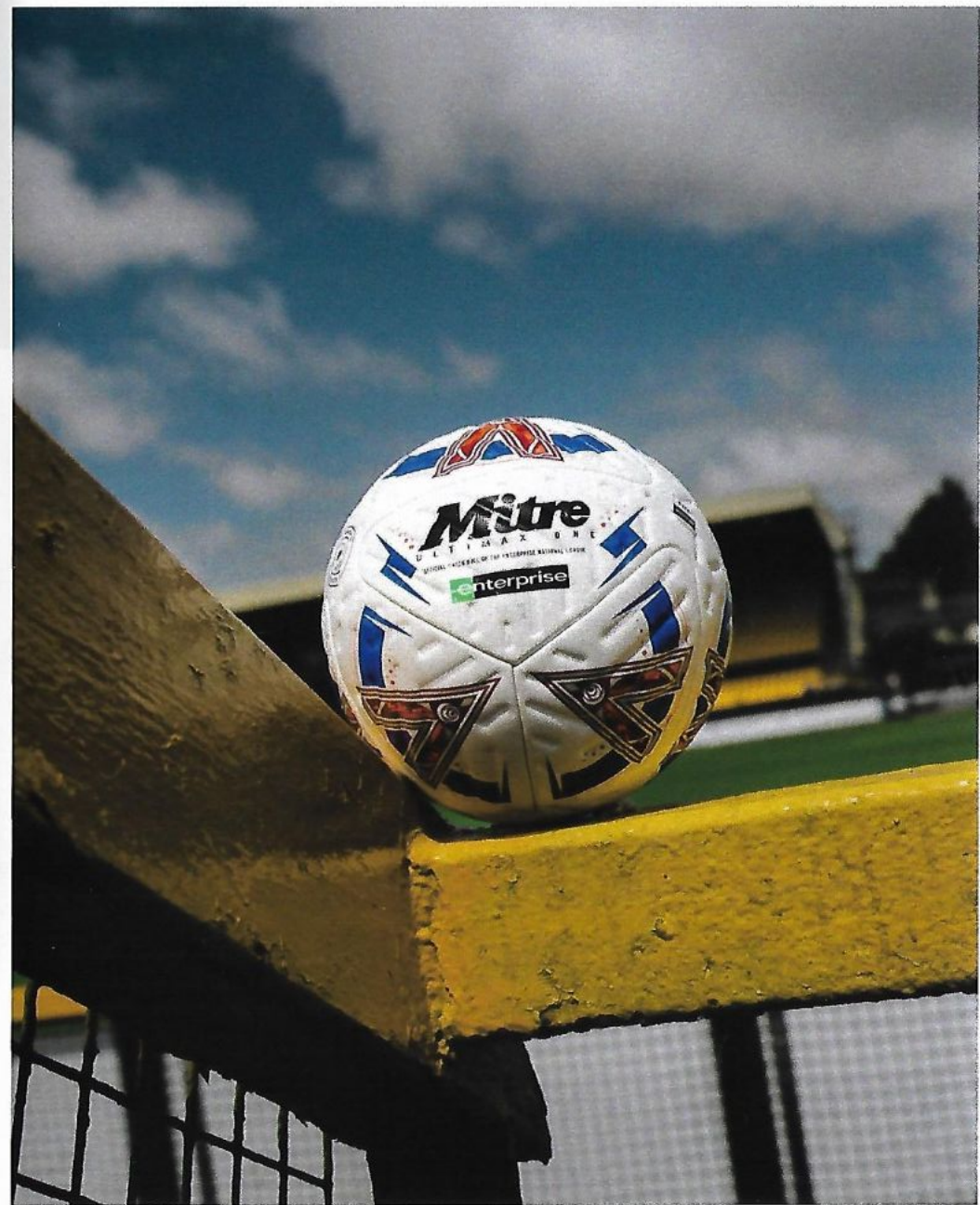


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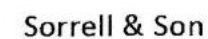
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Date	Opposition	Type	H/A	KO/Res	Date	Opposition	Type	H/A	KO/Res
SEPTEMBER					FEBRUARY				
Sun 7	Fusion	L	A	0-6	Sun 1	Grenfell Athletic	C	A	5-0
Sun 14	Rose	L	A	1-1	Sun 15	Civil Service	CC	H	1-1 (5-4)
Sun 21	London Football School	L	H	2-6	Sun 22	East Finchley	C	A	2-0
Sun 28	Frenford & MSA	L	A	2-0	MARCH				
OCTOBER					Sun 1	Edgware & Kingsbury	L	H	5-0
Sun 12	Balnham	Cup	H	2-6	Sun 8	Fusion	C	A	2-0
Sun 26	Wandsworth Borough	Cup	A	2-6	Sun 15	Old Actonians	CC	A	4-4 (6-6)
NOVEMBER					Sun 22	Luton Town Development	C	A	-
Sun 2	London Football School	Cup	A	0-0	Sun 29	Clapham United	C	H	-
Sun 9	Edgware & Kingsbury	Cup	H	0-1	APRIL				
Sun 16	Hit Top Women	CC	H	Walkover	Sun 5	Alexander Park	L	H*	2pm
Sun 30	Tower Hamlets	L	H	3-0	* Brunel University Sports Park, CC Capital City* Homefield School				
DECEMBER									
Sun 7	Grenfell Athletic	Cup	A	Abandoned					
Sun 14	Edgware & Kingsbury	L	A	4-1					
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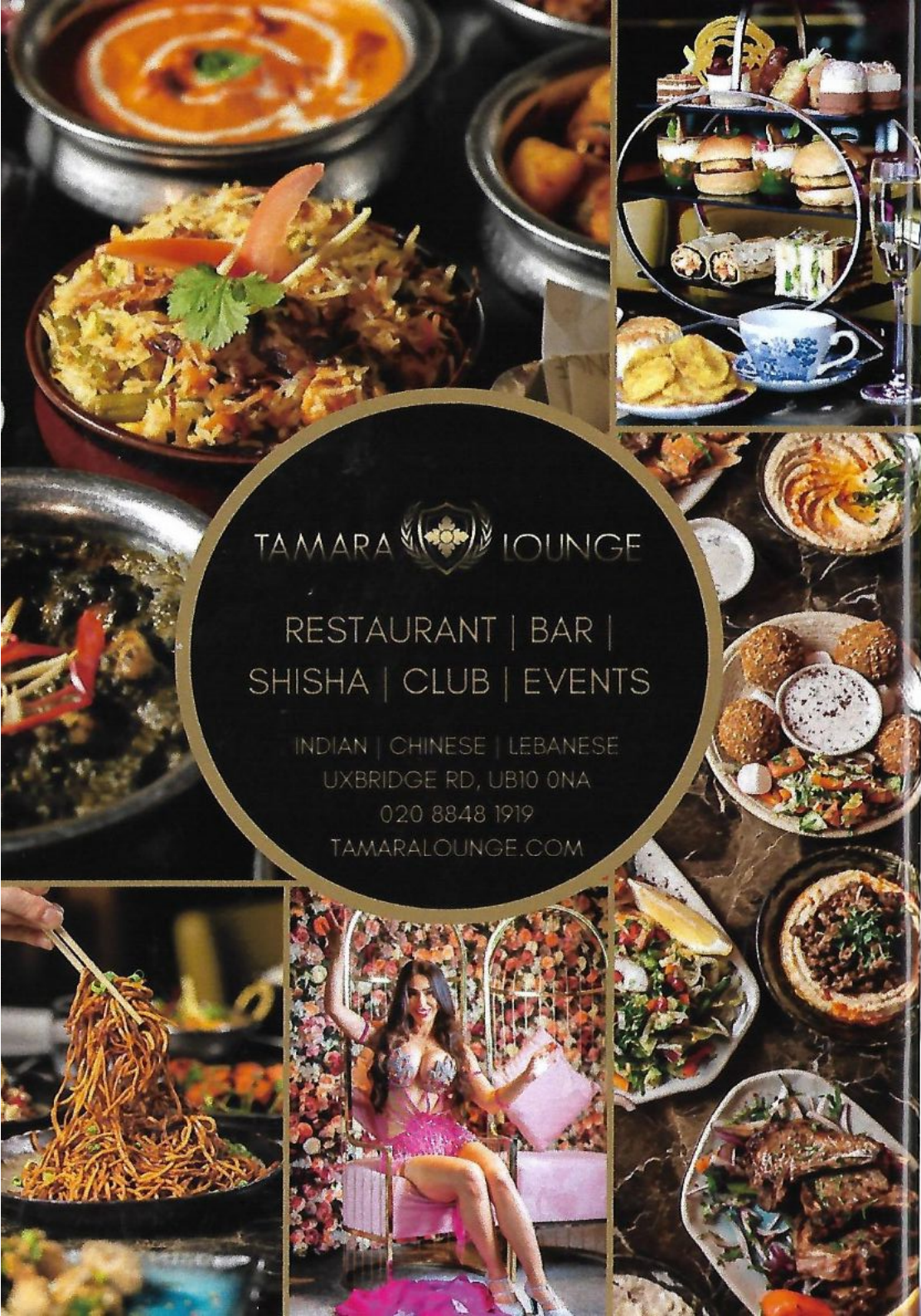
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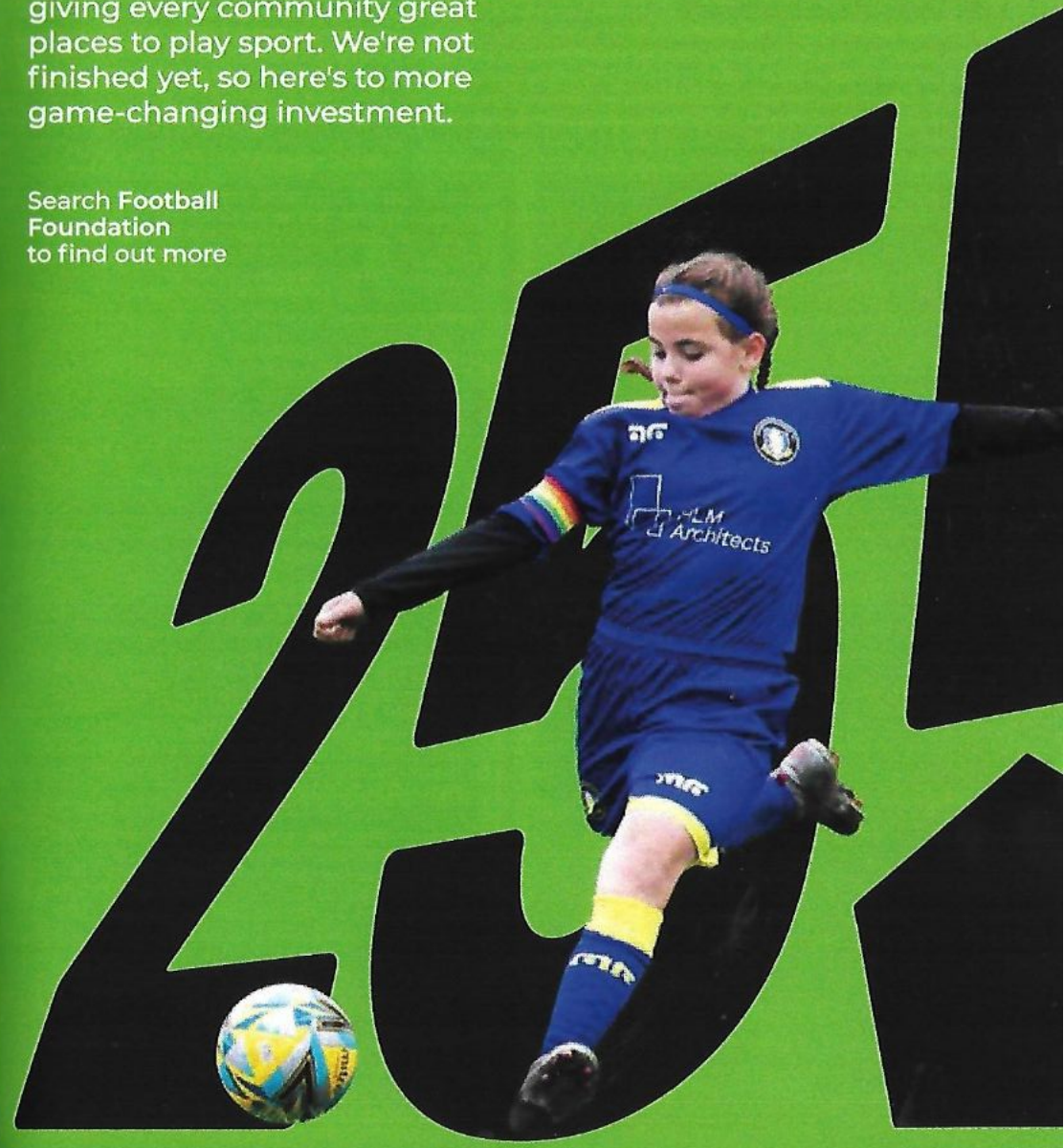
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MATCH SPONSORS: Enterprise
BALL DONORS: John Boyle & Carol McDaid

MARINE March 28, FA Trophy Semi-Final

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MATCH SPONSOR: Rolfe East
BALL DONORS: Toby Jackson (Lapels Badges)

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Upcoming Fixtures 2025/26

Other National League fixtures taking place tonight:

Morecambe vs Hartlepool United
 Scunthorpe United vs Rochdale
 Southend United vs Woking
 Tamworth vs Forest Green Rovers
 Truro City vs Solihull Moors

Home

Marine



Saturday
28th March
3:00pm

FA Trophy Semi-Final

Hartlepool United



Tuesday
31st March
7:45pm

Enterprise National League

Aldershot Town



Monday
6th April
3:00pm

Enterprise National League

Away

Boreham Wood



Friday
3rd April
3:00pm

Enterprise National League

Rochdale



Saturday
11th April
3:00pm

Enterprise National League

Southend United



Saturday
25th April
12:30pm

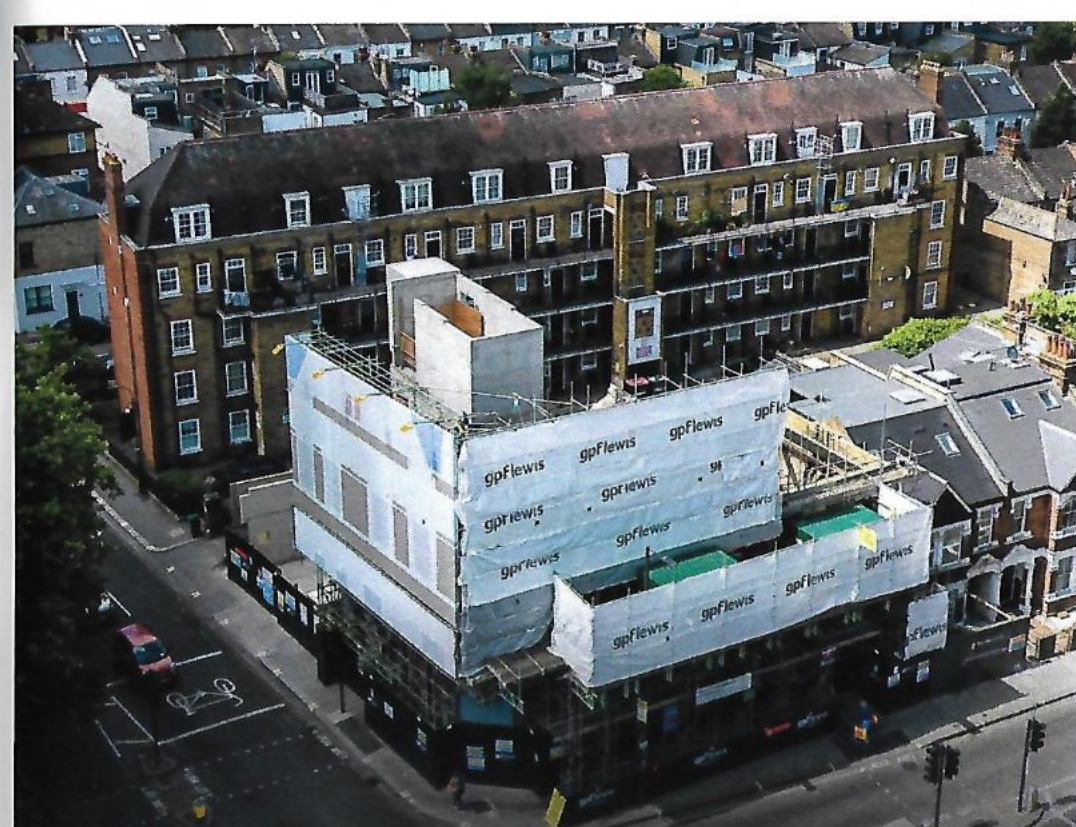
Enterprise National League

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

	HOME				AWAY				ALL GAMES				vs. Stones				
	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts	
1 Rochdale	19	16	1	2	19	13	3	3	38	29	4	5	74	29	45	91	1-3
2 York City	19	13	4	2	19	14	4	1	38	27	8	3	100	36	64	89	0-3 0-4
3 Carlisle United	19	12	4	3	19	11	2	6	38	23	6	9	69	46	23	75	0-1 0-2
4 Boreham Wood	19	13	2	4	19	8	6	5	38	21	8	9	77	52	25	71	0-4
5 Scunthorpe United	19	11	4	4	19	9	6	4	38	20	10	8	68	53	15	70	0-3
6 Forest Green Rovers	19	11	5	3	19	7	6	6	38	18	11	9	62	45	17	65	1-1
7 Southend United	18	10	5	3	18	7	5	6	36	17	10	9	61	35	26	61	3-2
8 FC Halifax Town	19	10	6	3	19	7	2	10	38	17	8	13	59	55	4	59	2-1 2-2
9 Hartlepool United	19	7	6	6	18	7	6	5	37	14	12	11	43	40	3	54	1-1
10 Woking	17	5	7	5	19	8	3	8	36	13	10	13	53	44	9	49	1-0 2-1
11 Wealdstone	18	9	4	5	19	4	5	10	37	13	9	15	52	59	-7	48	----
12 Tamworth	19	8	5	6	19	5	4	10	38	13	9	16	50	63	-13	48	3-2 1-1
13 Boston United	19	5	5	9	19	7	6	6	38	12	11	15	50	55	-5	47	1-2
14 Solihull Moors	19	6	4	9	18	5	7	6	37	11	11	15	61	62	-1	44	5-1 1-1
15 Sutton United	19	6	7	6	19	4	6	9	38	10	13	15	53	63	-10	43	4-2 0-3
16 Altrincham	19	10	1	8	18	3	3	12	37	13	4	20	44	56	-12	43	1-1 0-1
17 Aldershot Town	18	6	2	10	19	6	4	9	37	12	6	19	61	70	-9	42	1-4
18 Eastleigh	19	6	5	8	19	5	4	10	38	11	9	18	48	67	-19	42	0-0 2-2
19 Yeovil Town	19	7	4	8	18	5	1	12	37	12	5	20	38	53	-15	41	2-0
20 Brackley Town	19	6	5	8	19	3	5	11	38	9	10	19	36	59	-23	37	2-1 2-0
21 Gateshead	19	3	4	12	19	7	3	9	38	10	7	21	45	79	-34	37	2-2 0-1
22 Morecambe	19	4	5	10	19	4	5	10	38	8	10	20	55	78	-23	34	2-3 3-4
23 Braintree Town	19	5	6	8	19	3	4	12	38	8	10	20	29	57	-28	34	1-0 4-1
24 Truro City	19	5	3	11	19	1	4	14	38	6	7	25	35	67	-32	25	2-0 0-2



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