

# How the squads line up today

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### Officials v MK Dons

**Referee:** Elliott Swallow

**Assistants:** Marcus Carmichael and Ciaran Fidler

**Fourth Official:** Andy Bennett

**Match sponsor:** To be announced

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| Jack COOK ©          |  |
| Mason BARRETT        |  |
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| Triallist C          |  |
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| Triallist F          |  |
| Triallist G          |  |
| Triallist H          |  |
| Triallist I          |  |

### Officials v AFC Wimbledon

**Referee:** Jason Richardson

**Assistants:** Gregorz Kornasiewicz & Michael Haydn

**Fourth Official:** Tommy Breen

**Match sponsor:** To be announced

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| 11 Marcus BROWNE     |
| 16 Antwoine HACKFORD |
| 21 Myles HIPPOLYTE   |
| 22 Riley HORAN       |
| 32 Kai JENNINGS      |
| 6 Ryan JOHNSON       |
| 27 Ed LEACH          |
| 8 Callum MAYCOCK     |
| 30 Junior NKENG      |
| 33 Isaac OGUNDERE    |
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| 29 Aron SASU         |
| 3 Steve SEDDON       |
| 12 Alistair SMITH    |
| 18 Delano SPLATT     |
| 14 Matt STEVENS      |
| 26 Dan SWEENEY       |
| 7 James TILLEY       |
| 25 Sam GOMA          |
| 28 Joe KIRBY         |
| 34 Harry HEDGES      |
| 10 Zack NELSON       |
| 2 Steven SESSEGNON   |



# wealdstone football club



The great day out at Wembley on May 17  
Pictures: Jon Taffel

## Wealdstone v MK Dons

Pre-season friendly

Saturday 25 July 2026, 3pm

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## Wealdstone v AFC Wimbledon

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# Written in stone

**W**ELL, the Wonderful World of Wealdstone is up and running again!

With beautiful timing, the club announced the signings of Jayden Harris and Kyle Smith literally an hour after our print deadline for the first two friendlies so the slimline squad was beginning to bulk out a bit.... and by this next deadline (last Tuesday) we should see at least 25 players involved and ready for battle.

It's intriguing to be facing two EFL League One outfits in our last two home friendlies and a big thank you to MK Dons' manager Paul Warne and AFC Wimbledon boss Johnnie Jackson for bringing strong squads across to the Vale.

Both clubs have enjoyed promotion back to League One from League Two in the last couple of seasons and I think it's fair to say there is a healthy rivalry between the two 'Dons'!

As supporters, the main focus on the terraces is new names in the famous blue shirts and it was great to see our former star Aaron Henry unveiled ten days ago as the latest signing. He has featured twice at the Vale in loan spells from Charlton Athletic, and now joins us on con

tract from Boreham Wood... he is a real known force as a playmaker and our midfield is now shaping up with Aaron, Jayden Harris, Jack Wells-Morrison and Dylan Kadji promising a stable and creative base. It was also great to see Jaydn Mundle-Smith back in the team for the second half of the QPR friendly and although we ended that game on the wrong end of the 4-2 scoreline there were plenty of positives. The first half line-up had a familiar look and Olufela Olomola slotted in

**He's back! Aaron Henry makes his third debut for the club against Hemel Hempstead**  
Pic: Jon Taffel



**Tim Parks**

## More players climb aboard the Wealdstone Express as countdown to the new season builds excitement



his penalty to give us the lead at half time after the marauding Joe Newton (above) had been tripped in the box. QPR under-21s were noticeably more powerful than the side

we faced in the last pre-season and they scored twice in five minutes after the break to prompt an immediate shake-up from gaffer Gary Waddock.

On came Jeff Sekyere, Josh Clay and nine triallists and the bubbling energy enthused the Vale crowd. Our triallist No.9 shook the frame of the goal from one cross and then headed Stones level from another delivery from the impressive left wing back. The game swayed to and fro but it was Rangers who grabbed the crucial fifth goal as a triallist defender was only able to deflect a dangerous cross past our triallist keeper.

A contentious late penalty sealed the 4-2 scoreline.

Last Saturday saw another mix-and-match line-up as we took on National League South Hemel Hempstead here at the Vale - and a goal (from an experienced striker triallist) in the very first minute was enough to clinch our first win of 2026-27 by 1-0.

● Possibly one of the best things to come out of last season (apart from the Wembley trip, obviously) was the re-emergence of our supporters' club Sunday team SFC Wealdstone. At the end of April, Adam Hills came up with the idea of a fund-raising game on the Vale pitch for £25 a head (including the use of WFC kit and a beer) and eventually 38 young, and not-so-young fans signed up for what turned out to be an impressive run-out on the famous turf.

The camaraderie and exuberance of that event led to the idea of re-forming SFCW, which had been in mothballs since 2009, to play competitive Sunday League football ....and now, three months and thousands of WhatsApp messages later, the Stones supporters are due to kick off in the Watford Sunday League with home games played at Barton Way in Croxley Green.

If you'd like to play for SFC and missed out on the game at the Vale, email [sfcwealdstone@gmail.com](mailto:sfcwealdstone@gmail.com) or call secretary Luca Rossetto on 07934502460.

It is 48 years since SFC Wealdstone played its inaugural match and many of us, ahem, fondly recall those football-filled weekends that kick-started friendships

## National League 2026-27

Please note the varying kick-off times with TWO Friday evening home games before Christmas plus one Sunday game in December v Barrow. We also face Scunthorpe away on a Friday. Home games in bold type.

|            |       |                           |            |                            |
|------------|-------|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------|
| Sat 8 Aug  | 15:00 | AFC Fylde                 | Sat 12 Dec | FA Trophy 3rd round        |
| Sat 15 Aug | 15:00 | Harrogate Town            | Sun 20 Dec | 14:00 Barrow               |
| Wed 19 Aug |       | Nat League Cup group game | Sat 26 Dec | 15:00 Boreham Wood         |
| Sat 22 Aug | 12:30 | Worthing                  | Mon 28 Dec | 15:00 Eastleigh            |
| Fri 28 Aug | 19:45 | Carlisle United           | Sat 2 Jan  | 15:00 Aldershot T          |
| Mon 31 Aug | 15:00 | Sutton United             | Sat 9 Jan  | 15:00 Solihull Moors       |
| Sat 5 Sep  | 15:00 | Kidderminster             | Sat 16 Jan | FA Trophy 4th round        |
| Wed 9 Sep  |       | Nat League Cup group game | Wed 20 Jan | Nat League Cup Q-Finals    |
| Sat 12 Sep | 15:00 | Boston United             | Sat 23 Jan | 15:00 Harrogate Town       |
| Tue 15 Sep | 19:45 | FC Halifax T              | Wed 27 Jan | 19:45 Altrincham           |
| Sat 19 Sep | 12:30 | Tamworth                  | Sat 30 Jan | 12:30 AFC Fylde            |
| Sat 26 Sep | 15:00 | Gateshead                 | Sat 6 Feb  | 15:00 Hornchurch           |
| Tue 29 Sep | 19:45 | Forest Green              | Wed 10 Feb | Nat League Cup Semi-Finals |
| Sat 3 Oct  | 15:00 | Barrow                    | Sat 13 Feb | 15:00 Gateshead            |
| Sat 10 Oct | 15:00 | Yeovil Town               | Tue 16 Feb | 19:45 Forest Green         |
| Wed 14 Oct |       | Nat League Cup group game | Sat 20 Feb | 15:00 Tamworth             |
| Sat 17 Oct |       | FA Cup 4th Qual Round     | Tue 23 Feb | 19:45 FC Halifax T         |
| Sat 24 Oct | 15:00 | Aldershot Town            | Sat 27 Feb | 15:00 Worthing             |
| Tue 27 Oct | 19:45 | Solihull Moors            | Sat 6 Mar  | 15:00 Carlisle United      |
| Sat 31 Oct | 15:00 | Southend U                | Tue 9 Mar  | 19:45 Sutton United        |
| Wed 4 Nov  |       | Nat League Cup group game | Sat 13 Mar | 15:00 Kidderminster        |
| Sat 7 Nov  |       | FA Cup 1st Round          | Wed 17 Mar | Nat League Cup Final       |
| Sat 14 Nov | 15:00 | Hartlepool U              | Sat 20 Mar | 12:30 Boston United        |
| Sat 21 Nov | 15:00 | Hornchurch                | Fri 26 Mar | 15:00 Eastleigh            |
| Tue 24 Nov | 19:45 | Altrincham                | Mon 29 Mar | 15:00 Boreham Wood         |
| Fri 27 Nov | 19:45 | Scunthorpe U              | Sat 3 Apr  | 15:00 Southend U           |
| Fri 4 Dec  | 19:45 | Woking                    | Sat 10 Apr | 15:00 Hartlepool U         |
| Sat 5 Dec  |       | FA Cup 2nd round          | Sat 17 Apr | 15:00 Woking               |
| Wed 9 Dec  | 19:45 | Yeovil Town               | Sat 24 Apr | 12:30 Scunthorpe U         |

which endure half a century later.

● There will be an update on the Wealdstone FC Foundation - which carries out fantastic work among our local community and schools - in the first 'proper' programme for the Harrogate game on August 15 but please see overpage for details of the kids' summer football camps which run from July 27th-30th, and from August 3rd-6th.

● Many thanks to Toby Jackson (and his wonderful lapel badge business) for donating the matchball for the AFC Wimbledon game. If you'd like to do likewise this season, or sponsor players' kit, the full details of who to contact are on the back page. For match sponsorship and hospitality, contact [abbeychandler@wealdstonefc.com](mailto:abbeychandler@wealdstonefc.com).

● The bandwagon now rolls on to a final warm-up game at Slough on August 1.... and then on to AFC Fylde for the NL opener on August 8. See you there!

Wealdstone v MK Dons/AFC Wimbledon, July 21/24

**T**O support the club's already-stated 'Target 2k' campaign (an ongoing pursuit of welcoming 2,000 home fans regularly to The Vale in the future), we are earmarking all home league matchdays for the 2026/27 season into one of four different categories. Supporters will now be able to easily recognise a key focus for the fixture.

This will start with the Stones' first home Enterprise National League fixture of the season - against Harrogate Town on Saturday August 15 (kick-off 3pm) - being designated a 'Stones Family' matchday.

Accompanied Under-16s will pay just £1 - and that will entitle families to enter not just the stadium for the match but also the club's first-ever **Family Zone**, with child-friendly activities running just outside the turnstiles from 12.30pm onwards.

The Harrogate game is ideal to kick off the scheme. 'Stones Family' matchdays will coincide with smaller

# around the stones

## Target 2k.. and how the club is aiming to get those extra bodies in to watch the Mighty Stones

away followings, allowing the club to offer covered standing and seated accommodation at the top end of The Vale.

Other matchday designations will include:

● **'Friends Of S+oneS'** which is the offer of a discounted additional tick-

et purchased by a season ticket holder or regular match-goer. The club asks whether each fan can add one more to the gate, typically at weekend matches where the opposition are allocated all of the visitors' accommodation

● **'Big Weekenders'** which are matches when we host high-profile opposition or on traditionally popular days in the football calendar where declaring a full house can be the aim.

● **'Mighty Midweekers'** when we aim to bring games under The Vale to life before kick-off. Pre-match Q&As and other activities inside the clubhouse will make for an exciting evening under the lights.

There will be more details soon about other home matchday designations in August and September at wealdstone-fc.com, through the StonesShot e-comms and via the club's digital channels.

The Stones revolution is just starting!

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It's good to see the pre-season tradition against MK Dons continuing this afternoon... although this season, with MK's bitter rivals AFC Wimbledon arriving for a friendly just three days later there will doubtless be comparisons on social media between the two results!

MK Dons might be fielding a 'Squad XI' however. They appear also to be playing an un-named Premier League side in a behind-closed-doors warm up game today, with their opening League One game just a week later.

They certainly put out a strong split squad for the friendly last summer, although the Stones ended up 2-0 winners that balmy afternoon thanks to two sharp strikes from wing backs Junior Tiensia and Anthony Georgiou - and a starring performance from Dante Baptiste who had our Buckinghamshire visitors scratching their heads with wonder as he pulled off save after save. Starring performances that he repeated throughout the season of course!

Dons' strikers that day were Aaron Collins and Rushian Hepburn-Murphy who had been signed just a few weeks earlier from Bolton Wanderers and Crawley

# at the vale today



Tim Parks

## Welcome to the newly-promoted men from Milton Keynes for this fascinating duel

Town for respective fees of £800,000 and £400,000. Callum Hendry also figured, an undisclosed-fee signing from Motherwell.

The Dons also played a friendly against Doncaster that afternoon, staged at Dunstable's Creasy Park and also lost that one 3-1... probably a format they regretted as they cancelled the following week's 'split squad' game against Bristol City and just faced Peterborough United. From this season's Stones squad only Baptiste, Jack Cook, Dylan Kadji and Micah Obiero survive from the Stones team that afternoon so it will be fascinating to see what gems we can unearth be-



fore the big kick off at AFC Fylde in two weeks time.

Despite the almighty setback of defeat at the Vale that afternoon, MK Dons pulled up their boot straps and had a terrific season in League Two, finishing just one point behind champions Bromley and in the second automatic promotion spot.

They enjoyed a 13-game unbeaten run from January 4 to March 21 and despite a stutter against Barnet and Salford City they closed out the season with a 2-1 win over top dogs Bromley - and a promotion-clinching 3-0 win over Tranmere Rovers in front of 13,000 at Stadium MK.

**OUR RECORD v MK DONS**  
**P3 W2 D0 L1 GF:5 GA:4**

Wealdstone first met Wimbledon as professionals in the Southern League Prem in 1974... and how proud we were to record a league double over a Dons side that finished as champions... and who then won the league in two more successive years to ensure voted-in promotion to the Football League.

The club's peaks and troughs have been similar to our own: After their club's identity was taken by Milton Keynes in 2002, a group of four furious fans met in a pub on Wimbledon Common and came up with the brilliant idea of forming a new club, seven divisions lower. A real football fairytale that ended, of course, with AFC successfully claiming back the Wimbledon history and winning five promotions in 15 astonishing years... and then building their own stadium just 250 yards from where the original Wimbledon FC had started its historic rise at Plough Lane.

**Our own dreams of emulating AFC Wimbledon and constructing a new home are now beginning to take shape. And you may not know that Wealdstone played a small part in the re-birth of the Dons by hosting a friendly on Thursday August 8, 2002 to help raise funds.**

A decent crowd turned out at our then home of Edgware FC see the inaugural **Allen Batsford Shield** match between the ex-manager's two clubs which resulted in a win for the Stones by 2-0.

That summer saw Wealdstone play an astonishing 19 pre-season games in five weeks, utilising a 26-man squad. Rob Courtneage's cross

## Whisper it quietly, but there is a big shared history between the Stones and both Wimbledon



and a powerful header from fellow wing back Danny White made it 1-0 and Charlie Mapes hit the second after a 1-2 with Mickey Swaysland on the edge of the box, slotting the return pass under the visiting keeper.

AFC Wimbledon's ascent of the non-League pyramid had begun (starting in the Combined Counties League) and so we didn't have to wait long for the two clubs to meet again in the Ryman Premier Division. In front of a 2,400 crowd at their shared home with Kingstonian, the clubs drew 1-1 with Jermaine Beckford levelling a Daly strike in the second half. That was in October, and five months later the return saw a thumping 5-1 win for the title-chasing Dons with newly-signed Paul Barnes notching a hat trick. But AFCW didn't go up, and so we met the Surrey side for the final time in 2007-8. They squeezed to a 2-1 win in August at our then-home of Northwood FC (former Stone Richard Jolly and Neil Webb with a

penalty earning the points with Lee O'Leary replying), before our final meeting in February 2008 at Kingston. Luis Cumbers, Steve Ferguson, Webb, Anthony Finn, Robert Quinn and Mark de Bolla were the marksmen in a one-sided 6-1 win (Dean Papali getting a late consolation) as AFC romped to the Ryman title. The crowd that night was 2,245.

AFC are now, of course in the EFL One after promotion in 2024-25... although they narrowly avoided a quick return by finishing 19th last season. We last met them in pre-season 2023-24 here at the Vale when Omar Bugiel and Ali Al-Hamadi scored the goals in a 2-0 win for the Dons.

**OUR RECORD v AFC WIMBLEDON**  
**P6 W1 D1 L4 GF:6 GA:16**

The new gantry and Media Centre had just opened when we last met three years ago and Chris Woods couldn't hide his excitement



Dante Baptiste starts off as he meant to go on  
Pictures: Mike Rennie