

**APRIL 17  
2003**  
Ryman League  
Div One North:  
Enfield.....0  
Wealdstone..8

THIS bonkers result showed how far Enfield had fallen since the clubs met as Conference rivals in the late 1980s.

While the

Stones were clawing their way back up the pyramid (and would win promotion to the Ryman Premier League via a play-off at the end of this season) the Es were in their early death throes.

Their fans had deserted them two years previously to form a new club, Enfield Town, following a row with the Chairman over the sale of Enfield's historic Southbury Road ground. And now the Es, freshly relegated from the Ryman Prem, found themselves playing at Boreham Wood in front of less than 100 of their remaining supporters.

The Stones rolled into town on the back of ten wins from their last 11 games, which had pushed Gordon Bartlett's side to the brink of an unlikely chance of promotion.... the top six would form part of the next year's Ryman Prem, with most of the Prem clubs (together with the top Southern League Prem clubs) forming the new Conference South set-up.

Currently occupying that sixth spot, we needed maximum points at Meadow Park against already-

# 14 years ago..Jermaine's quick-fire hat-trick settled a result that was truly crazy

## enfield 0 wealdstone 8 ...yes, it really happened!



2-0! Lucy Taffell captures the moment that Gary McKeown's 20-yarder beat keeper Collier all ends up



4-0! Jon Taffell captures Danny Tilbury's 5-yard strike from a Tommy Williams cross

IF YOU are old enough to have enjoyed Enfield 0 Wealdstone 1 (Conference top-of-the-table clash, January 1983) and Enfield 0 Wealdstone 2 (FA Trophy Semi-Final, 1st leg, April 1985), how did Saturday's 8-0 whitewash of the Es compare?

Pretty favourably, actually, was the general opinion among the old lags on the Meadow Park terraces. Maybe the game was not quite as important (although the rampant scoreline was as good as an extra point in our promotion quest) and clearly this Enfield side weren't quite as good as Eddie McCluskey's mid-1980s vintage but it still extraordi-

narily satisfying to thump ANY Enfield side.

For the record, after a goalless 1st half, **Danny Tilbury** cracked a glorious left-foot opener on the volley; **Gary McKeown's** 20-yarder made it 2-0; **Richard Jolly's** Thierry Henry-like strike made it three; Tommy Williams whipped-in cross set up **Tilbury** for 4-0; **Tommy** himself saw a 25-yard shot bobble under the unfortunate Collier for five; then substitute **Jermaine Beckford** came on and promptly scored three smart goals to wrap it up.

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**The Stones programme for the final game featured this report on the 8-0 drubbing of the old enemy. Even now, it is still hard to believe...**

relegated Enfield. Yet for a long, long time the home side frustrated Richard Jolly & Co. Then suddenly the floodgates opened: Danny Tilbury (2), Jolls, Gary McKeown and then Tommy Williams put us 5-0 ahead and we were breathing easily. Could it get any better? Yes it could - teenage sub Jermaine Beckford (left) came on for the



last 12 minutes and must have set some kind of record by scoring three goals in nine minutes!

An afternoon to remember.

**Wealdstone: Charlie**

**Leary, James Duncan, Brett Freeman, Dave Ryan, Danny Butler, Martin Carter, Tommy Williams, Gary McKeown, Jason Shaw, Richard Jolly, Danny Tilbury. Subs: Matt Carvell, Jermaine Beckford, Lee Holland (used), Gary Burrell, Alon Hemmerdinger (unused)**

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