## **SATURDAY & TUESDAY**

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### WEALDSTONE

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Malachi Napa 21

Giovanni McGregor 12

Sonny Blue Lo Everton 16

**Dom Hutchinson 17** 

Simeon Akinola 20

**Brooklyn Ilunga 21** 

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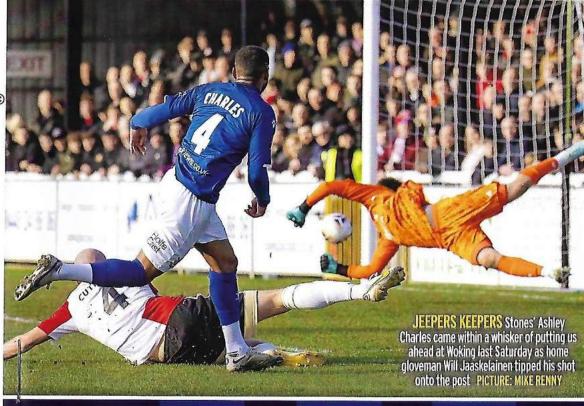
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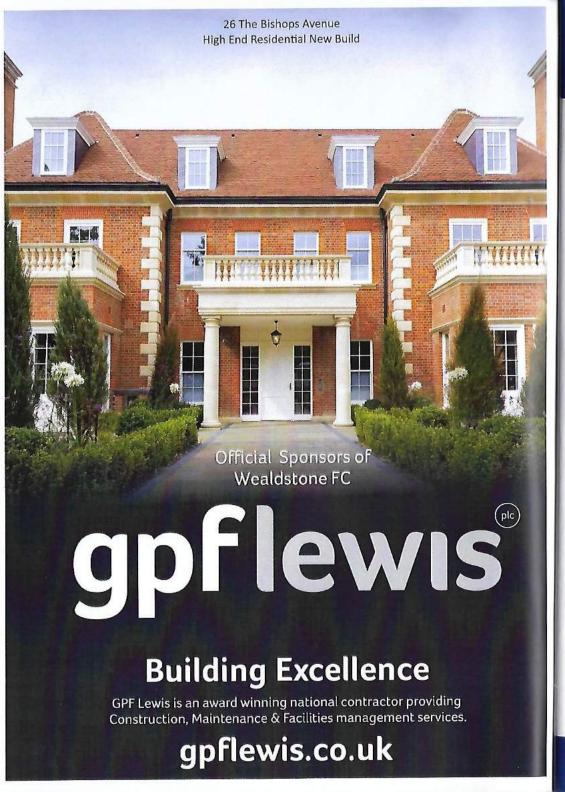
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# Written in Stone

ello and welcome to this 'double header' of National League home games against Altrincham and Maidstone United.

This is not the ideal choice but with such elongated print times it becomes impracticable to produce two separate programmes three days apart .... but hopefully you'll find plenty to amuse and entertain within these pages.

Well, after beating York City here at the Vale and two excellent 1-1 draws on the road against play-off chasing Chesterfield and Woking - the wheels came off a bit at FC Halifax Town on Tuesday night.

Shorn of our central defensive pairing of skipper jack Cook (injured) and Miguel Sheckleton (recalled from his loan by Sheffield United) we looked vulnerable and travel-weary throughout and you couldn't argue against the final 5-0 scoreline in the Yorkshiremen's favour.

With the vast gaping stands making the 1,200 crowd look a bit lost on a misty night it had all the atmosphere of the Covid season. A bit of a grim watch on the stream for yours truly - unable to get off work for the long trip - and you had to feel

sorry for the 41 Stones fans who made the 400mile round trip. Loyalty vouchers all round!

We dropped to 12th place in the league as a result but these two home games give Stones the chance to bounce straight back.

Altrincham are in the middle of a decent run of 10 points from the last six games while bottom-ofthe-table Maidstone arrested their losing run with two 1-1 draws in their last games against Gateshead and Scunthorpe United.

But hopefully the walking wounded will be back in contention - and we have the boost of the return of midfielder Sonny Blu Lo-Everton who signed on Tuesday on loan from Derby County.

Next Saturday we're on the road again to Torquay United before Chesterfield visit the Vale on Tuesday March 14. The games are coming thick and fast now so let's be having you!

The supporters' coach sold out almost immediately for the trip to Scunthorpe on March 19th (day of the train strike) and there might even be a second bus if the numbers are there - details and bookings are online at https://wfcsc.demoed.co.uk/ Tim

#### **OBITUARY - TOM GUY**

I was saddened to learn of the recent death of Tom Guy who was married to my 2nd cousin Christine. Tom was born in Wealdstone in 1950 where he lived as a child. He met Christine when he was 15 and she was 14 (I think their first date was when he took her to a Wealdstone match) and they married in 1971. Subsequently they had 2 children Thomas and Jane. He embraced Diane and Craig into his family and was a devoted father and grandfather.

Tom worked at Sun Printers in Watford for 25 years and thereafter he worked at the Royal Mail.

Tom was a lifetime supporter of The Stones, first attending matches with his older brothers, and then with his friends, and also with Christine.

He loved his sport being a supporter of Newcastle United (through thick and thin), a season ticket holder at Wealdstone as well as being a MCC and Middlesex member.

He was also a member at West Herts Golf Club for the

past 23 years and it was whilst playing golf at West Herts that he had a sudden heart attack and died...

Please join us this afternoon as we remember Tom with a minute's applause. Pete Worby.

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## TODAY'S BALL DONORS DETONING

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also the family of much-loved

Wealdstone fan David Croombs

at the age of just 51. He was as

who sadly passed away last year

passionate about his family as he

was about the Stones - living just

ground at Lower Mead he saw his

first game in 1977 and became a

ball boy between 1982-86... iconic

years when the club won the non-

League double. You can see what

the players thought of him by the

On the right is the Fan in the

Stand that featured 'Ginge' half

a dozen years ago, where he is

pictured with his fellow fan, his

dad, at The Vale. His family would

like to thank all the WFC manag-

ers, staff, players and fans over

excitement and pleasure. Up the

the years for giving him such

pictures below.

a ten-minute walk from our old

uesday's ball donors are the

wonderful Vale Social Club -

the hub of the Stones - and

## fan in the stand: dave croombs

'I'll never forget the utter joy on everyone's faces the day we won the Southern League title.. I was a ballboy and the players threw me

in the bath!"

Name: Dave Croombs Where do you live? I am an old Harrow boy but now reside in the straw chewing, cousin marrying Bucking-hamshire....Get orf me land! Where do you work? Not working at the mo-ment as have a bad back

Your first game: Not sure as my dad brought me along... but after much thinking (on his part) we reckon it was the FA Cup 4th qualifying round win over Maidstone at Lower Mead in 1977. I just remember the crackling atmosphere and all that noise. It was the year we got to play Reading and Hereford at home, and went out to QPR in the Third

Round. Why did you start follow-ing the Stones? I had no option, living in nearby Wellesley Road to support the greatest non league side ever! My dad would take me (only son) along but whether it was just having

▲ Dave (right) and his dad are pictured by Steve Foster at the recent Bury Town game... where they nearly got as wet as young David drd 32 years agol

to avoid cutting the grass or some such orders from mum... I do not know.

Do you prefer non-League football? Non league football is true and pure football... where else can kids get to talk and meet their idols and see they are not these precious gods earning the equivalent of Bolivia's national debt every five minutes. Pro football is now another game altogether where loyalty is no longer

given to the clubs or fans. If we

were a pro side would Gordon

still be here ? I doubt it and that !

is what is wrong with the game. I would much rather see a game between two sides that love the game and are there not for the money but because they want to be there and do all they can for the fans and club. Non league football is genuine football played and managed by genuine people (mostly)

How do you fit watching Wealdstone in with your family life? It is very hard now I live so far away but whenever I can I am on my way down to watch the Stones and I







Above: Ginge (centre) is pictured with ballboys at Lower Mead while the Xmas 1983 celebrations at the social club saw David (centre) with the whole Stones squad (and manager) in fancy dress!

# BY SUDHIR RAWAL The Elmslie Ender

**EE discusses draws** at Chesterfield and Woking, the magic of penalty-king Max ...and some shabby stewarding

In the last Stonescast 85 (the Wealdstone fans' podcast) as we previewed the upcoming matches, the feeling was that with York at home and then Chesterfield, Woking and Halifax on the road (especially as the two northern trips were midweek) points might be at a premium particularly away from the Vale.

Confidence was high that we would take three points from York and to be fair, it was fairly comfortable in the end. We never really looked in too much trouble and the only shame was that we didn't complete a clean sheet with York getting a scabby goal at the end. A decent crowd of over 1,700 as well.

The next two games were away to two teams that have real promotion aspirations. Chesterfield might be going through a bit of a slump, but at the start of February they were very much in a threehorse race for the title. Wealdstone were largely dominant in the first half, scoring another Brazil-

stone goal containing a move with more than twenty passes. With a tad more luck, Stones might have been more than a goal to the good at half time. The 100+ away following, a commendable effort midweek, were then treated to a fine backs-against-the-wall defensive performance as the Spirites raised their game in the



second period, but equally Sam Howes in goal wasn't required too much. He had no chance with Dobra's goal. We might have got a little bit lucky in injury time as most people thought that they may have had a decent shout for a penalty. A very good point on the road.

oving forward to last Saturday, Wealdstone made the relatively short journey to Woking against the high-flying Surrey outfit. Woking struck me as a team that we might struggle against with their physical style and high press. That said, Wealdstone could have easily been two or three to the good in the opening thirty minutes as we out-footballed them. Ilunga had two decent chances, one with his left foot and another from a header. both high over the bar. Charles was denied by a great save from the Woking keeper Will Jääskeläinen (son of Finnish international keeper Juski) which

still needed the post to keep the ball out... then another Charles free kick was tipped over ... whilst Olomola tried to dummy the keeper when he probably should have shot. We came to rue those missed chances as we failed to clear the ball on a couple of occasions before the ball was lifted





Max Kretzschmar, cool as you like, converts the late penalty against his old club last Saturday.. and celebrates wildly!

Pictures by JON TAFFELL and MIKE RENNY

to the far post for Woking to take the lead with a header from Dackers - against the run of play.

From then on Woking were largely on the front foot, but other than one good save late on, Howes was relatively untroubled. Stones pulled level after Kretchmer, playing against his old club. was fouled in the box and he picked himself up and planted the ball into the net.

He celebrated wildly at his former home, no doubt riled by the abuse received from the home fans, as did Jack Cook and the other former Woking players. An excellent 329 away fans celebrated wildly, no doubt much to the chagrin of their stewards.

ow, it isn't easy being a steward at football matches with narky supporters who have had a few drinks or two, but the way you handle them either defuses or exacerbates the problem. Good stewards communicate and disarm any issues - the stewards at Woking (right) did nothing but inflame a non-problem, where it appeared that they targeted our younger supporters for being

nothing other than being

young. The over-zealous

nature of the two frisk searches at the entrance. yes not one but two, which involved emptying of pockets was ridiculously over the top but then they refused to let people into the large stand (as the rain fell) for no apparent reason. If that was not bad enough, at half time refusing re-entry to those that were already in the stand - and their human barrier being formed right in front of a fan in a wheelchair which caused a crush where he could have been in danger. Shambolic.

Be like our stewards, polite but firm when required to be. You never hear away fans complaining about the stewards at the Vale. Generally, the stewarding has been good in the National League. it was anything but on Saturday.

> s I write on Sunday morning, those two draws at high flying sides would look even better with a win at Halifax in midweek. The West Yorkshire side aren't in a great run of form, losing at the weekend against Maidenhead. Hopefully we have brought home three more points which would just about confirm our status in the National League for another season. I know, we are looking up, but football fans are

> > pessimistic by nature!

The 'Elmslie Ender' was among the first wave of football club magazines when it replaced 'Long Ball Down the Middle' as the Wealdstone fanzine in the mid-1980s. LBDTM's forerunner 'Wealdstone Whispers' was famously the THE very first football fanzine in Britain when it was published in 1971



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BY TIM PARKS

He shoots, he scores.. he's adored! Meet the Stones' **new loan star** from Swansea



ne quickest way to a football fan's heart is by belting in a goal from 25 yards... so it's no surprise that Tarrelle Whittaker endeared himself to the Stones faithful by doing that not once but TWICE on his first two

The 20 year old winger - on loan from Swansea City until the end of the season - rippled the net at the Modu stand end against Brentford in the Middlesex Cup. And then four days later York City's powerful defence were rendered helpless as Whittaker powered in low, swerving effort in front of the home Holywell Stand fans to give the Stones a vital 2-0 lead.

"Were they the best goals of your career so far?" I asked the East Londoner when I caught up with the him the day after the long trip up to

Chesterfield.

"Well, I scored a volley for Spurs under-18s against West Ham a few years ago, at West Ham's training ground when the ball hit the crossbar and post before going in... but the goal against Brentford was a similar calibre" said Tarrelle.

"The difference with Wealdstone games is the crowds, and it's great to hear them singing and cheering. This is what I wanted, to play proper men's football and I'm so pleased we managed to get the loan organised ".

Tarrelle will be at the Vale until the end of the season - and the terms of the loan stipulated that there is an option for the Stones to then sign him. "I think that was agreed to get the deal over the line ... I'll have to wait until May to find out what's what. But I'm really enjoying the football we play



Above: Tarrelle bangs in his brilliant goal against York and (left) celebrates in style with Jack Cook and Ashley Charles

here - 23 passes on the way to the goal we scored at Chesterfield- and it's a lot easier for my family to come and see me play at Wealdstone than it is at Swansea!"

arrelle, born and raised in Newham, spent six years at Tottenham between the ages of 12 and 18. Then when he was released by the Premier League club it was Championship side

Swansea who offered a two year pro contract.

"I scored 10 goals for Swansea in the under-23s. and six assists - and I think the gaffer (Stuart Maynard) was watching a game against Charlton where I scored a freekick. He also knows Nigel Gibbs (the ex-Watford player and Spurs coach) so he was aware of me. He seems to be aware of everyone!"

With the Stones currently playing twice a week, Tarrelle is staying in London and following the routine that the Swans have laid out for him - running and working out in the gym.

"Getting over to Harefield is quite a journey so I get the tube across to Northwood or Moor Park and then an Uber. But on the way

back i jump in the car with Alex (Dyer) cos he lives nearby and that's much easier!"

Tarrelle made his debut off the bench against Dagenham & Redbridge, and then came on again at Wrexham. Then came the Brentford and York games, and the hard fought draw at Chesterfield.

"I had a problem with my groin before the Chesterfield game and told the gaffer, who asked me to play for a half but I wasn't really myself. Sam (Habergham) came on at half time and he saved the day with one tackle. That was brilliant. We due in and really deserved the point".

The injury was serious enough to keep him out of the game at Woking but no doubt he"il be back in contention for these next home games.

> "What is refreshing about you is that you are prepared to shoot from outside the box - too often we try to walk the ball into the net" I told him.

"Well I just love scoring goals and creating goals... I'm happy to shoot from anywhere when I get the chance. It's great when they go in".





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## If you forget the match stats, a very fair report!

report in the normally splendid Non-League Paper last Sunday following our excellent draw at high-flying Woking. If you overlook the puzzling match stats panel - when you read that both teams had just one shot on target, despite the report detailing several fine saves by home keeper Jaskalainnen and a couple from Sam Howes (apart from the goals!) and the lazy marking of every Stones player as a 6/10 apart from Howes 5/10 who didn't put a foot wrong - it was a very accurate summation of events down in Surrey.

Though once again we read of an opposition manager failing to give any credit to the footballing ability of the boys in blue, and instead blaming his own players. Just own up to it, Woking management team: Tactically. you were second

Tim Parks



MATCH STAT SHOTS OFF TARGET FOULS CONCEDED

# MAX BACK TO HAUNT CARDS

AX Kretzschmar proved the scourge of his former club to rescue a precious point for play-off chasing

Wealdstone.

Woking fans' favourite
Kretzschmar showed his
cool once again from the penalty spot to cancel out Marcus Dackers' first-half opener for the Cards. But Wealdstone boss Stu-

art Maynard was left disap-pointed not to have claimed all three against the high-flying hosts after home keeper Will Jaaskelainen had pulled

off a string of fine stops.
"It was a hard earned point, but I thought in the first half we should have heen three or four goals up,"
Maynard said, "They got
their goal against the run of
play really which was frus-

"You also have to give credit to their goalie who was man of the match and has made two or three unbeliev able saves, but we've not took chances.

Indeed, Jaaskelainen was Indeed, Jaaskelainen was forced into the action early to push Ashley Charles' effort on to the post. Seconds later, he was alert again as Olufeta Olomola attempted to round the Finnish keeper, who just about managed to claim the ball at his feet.

Woking were indebted to their keeper's inspired spell, especially when they opened the scoring on the half-hour. Luke Wilkinson's cross was met by Dackers, who planted a header into the bottom of the net for his first goal at home in a Woking shirt.

A scrappy start to the sec-ond half saw neither keeper tested with Olomola out pacing Dan Moss before fluffing his lines with just Jaaskel

With the game on a knife Kyran Lofthouse drilled a shot wide before un-

leashing a shot that bought out a fine save from Sam Howes as Woking pushed for

Kreizschmar spent five happy years at Woking and was having a quiet game by his high standards until he finally made his mark on 76 minutes. Scott Cuthbert brought down the former Card inside the area and the former fans' favourite dusted himself down to fire the spot

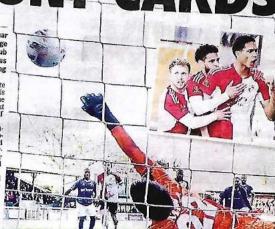
kick into the roof of the net. "I never really believed in us today," said frustrated Woking boss Darren Sarll.

there was never going to be that roar at the end from the crowd celebrating that goal,

Normally my belief in our defensive play is very high, very strong, but today I just felt it was a weakness to us. It was wishy washy at best, so in that sense it's a really good point, because if you can't win them then don't lose them."

STAR MAN: Will Jooskeloin (Wuking) ATT: 2,889 ENTERTAINMENT: \*\*\* REFEREE: Matthew Ri

and likewise defensively.

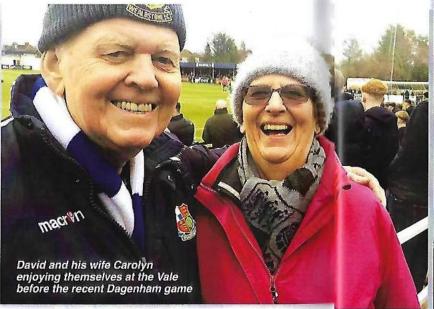


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**SUPPORTER PROFILE:** 

# The Fan in the Stand

'How lucky I've been to watch **Wealdstone for** 66 years..from Charlie and Hughie to Paul Bowgett and Stuart Pearce, **Richard Jolly** and now the inspirational Jack Cook. An amazing club'





Today it's an absolute pleasure to feature one of our best known and most enduring fans: David Edwards, the father of Wealdstone Supporters Club trojans Adam and Guy, who have been the driving force behind the Stones Megastore and a whole host of other SC initiatives. David has been a regular for a remarkable 66 years. This is his story of dedication and devotion to the Mighty Stones...

ack in 1957 my dear father Rowland Edwards took me along to Lower Mead for my first live football match as a 10

year old boy. Little did I know then that a certain young man called Charlie Townsend was making his debut that day as a centre forward and would become the record holder of 514 appearances - and Wealdstone's finest and most loyal servant! Anyway, back to 1957 and dad and I travelled to many of the Athenian and then Isthmian grounds all round London - and occasionally as far afield as Alvechurch. Torpoint Athletic, Eastwood Town and Skelmersdale for Amateur Cup matches

How lucky was I that I started watching a side that included Townsend and Hugh Lindsay, both magnificent in

midfield along with many other good amateur players that culminated in the club winning the Amateur Cup in 1966 for the one and only time. That great side included John Ashworth, Eddie Dilsworth and Bobby Childs. Dad and I enjoyed our many games at Lower Mead, a truly muchloved stadium and spent many seasons standing on the open

terrace opposite the dugouts.

Moving on to 1978, I was lucky enough to marry Carolyn who also enjoyed football (an Arsenal supporter). We had two boys and a girl, all born in the 1980's, and I regularly took the boys Adam and Guy to games. In season 1980/1 my dad and I took Adam (then 6 months old) to the first game versus Telford

the match. A certain Gordon Banks was managing Telford as well! Lower Mead was great for young children provided parents were with them and we took ours from a young age on a regular basis.

On to 1985 and the May FA Trophy Final against Boston. Adam was only five but I insisted we got him a seat in case we never made Wembley again. A fantastic day and one to remember. The crowd was over 20,000.

Both boys have been supporters ever since with Adam running the "Megastore" for more than 10 years raising much needed funds for the Supporters Club and subsequently the

#### I Jonathan North

2 Jack 3 Stuart 4 John 5 Paul Cook Ashworth-Bowgett Pearce

6 Robin 11 Hughie 7 Charlie 8 Glenn Wainwight Townsend Little Lindsay

> 9 Alan Cordice 10 George Duck

DAVID'S FAVOURITE ALL-TIME WEALDSTONE LINE-UP

# The Fan in the Stand contd

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football club. My wife has put up with so much family football talk, and thoroughly enjoys coming to matches at Ruislip and occasionally away games.

Have you played the game yourself? During the 1970's and 1980's I played Southern Amateur League football for Westminster Bank. Starting as a number ten and slowing down to a number six as the years passed! Most of the games were in South London. Happy Days.

Have you always lived in Harrow? I was born in North Harrow and we lived in Pinner for 30 years before moving to Chalfont St Peter 12 years ago. What were your first impressions of the Club all those

sions of the Club all those years ago? I loved the club, the ground and the whole matchday experience.

What are your top Stones games of all time? In fact there are four... The F.A. Amateur Cup Final in 1966 when I was proud to be in the crowd of 45,000 for the the North London Derby with Hendon... then the Trophy Final in 1985... and then in 2020 the complete destruction of Bath City at Ruislip by 7-0. An amazing performance.

And also, in 1965, the game v Stevenage at Lower Mead (in the FA cup 3rd qualifying round) winning 6-5 after being 2-5 down. Hugh Lindsay scored 4 goals including a 35-yard screamer to win the game. Anyone lucky enough to be there that day will never forget that match (crowd 2,539).



What level of football do you prefer? I loved our amateur years and now we are back in the National League I feel we have performed remarkably well against the odds on a very low budget.

How big a part of your life is the game? Wealdstone home games are in the diary for the season. We try not to miss many games. I have been retired since 2010 - my previous career was in retail banking.

Could you name a favourite Stones team of all-time? I've listed my all-time team on the previous page.. but I'd like to add as subs: Neil Cordice/Alan Massey/John Watson/John Henderson/Fred Barwick/Billy Byrne/ Chris Walton/Fergus Moore/Bob Iles/Micky Doyle/Eddie Dillsworth/Viv Evans/Chris O'Leary/ Tom Pett/Jermaine Beckford/ Richard Jolly/Elliot Godfrey/ Sean Cronin. A big bench! Two Stand out Players: Neil Cordice. Mr Versatile who played in every position when needed. Jack Cook: Mr Reliable. Best defender since Alan Massey. Great inspiration to the younger players around him. Long may he be a "Stone".

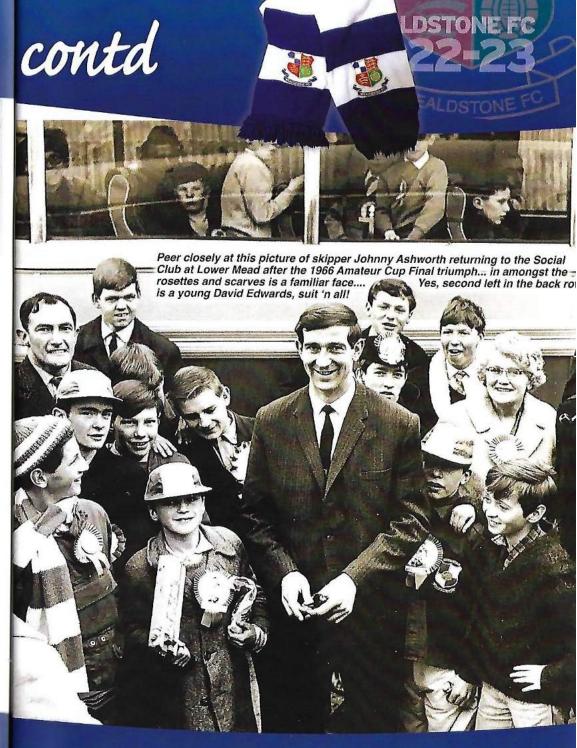
How do you compare Lower Mead to The Vale? Lower Mead was an amazing ground – not attractive but great atmosphere for a boy growing up watching football.

The Vale is a compact ground and good for watching football even if a bit cramped for space – particularly with our increased crowds.

What is your best away day experience so far? 2012: FA Trophy away at Cambridge Utd - a great 2-1 win with Richard Jolly scoring both goals in front of an away support of 400 plus (pictured above). The noise never stopped the while game and the players responded.

Where will the club be in five years? We will continue to establish the club at National level. New ground? More sponsors, greater cash injection and the club will continue to thrive.

Our amazing football club has a reputation for being friendly and welcoming and long may it continue. Great club, great supporters and lots of ex players love coming back to see us. Not forgetting Gordon Bartlett during his long and dedicated service to our club. Here's to the future!



Opposition in focus

# **ALTRINCHAM FC**

HOME GROUND MOSS LANE **CAPACITY** - 7,873 (1,323 SEATED) MANAGER - PHIL PARKINSON 2021/22 - 14TH NATIONAL LEAGUE





## **THE ROBINS**

Itrincham was established by a Sunday school around 1891 as Rigby Memorial Club. They soon merged with another local team, Grapplers, to form Broadheath Football Club, and were founder members of the Manchester League in 1893.

After playing at various grounds in Broadheath, Timperley and Altrincham, the club moved to Pollitt's Field in 1903, at which point they changed their name to Altrincham. They won the Cheshire Amateur Cup in their first season under the new name, and went on to win both the Manchester League and the Cheshire Senior Cup the following season. They won the Manchester League again in 1906-07, and moved to their current Moss Lane ground in 1910.

In 1911 the club joined Division Two of the Lancashire Combination. They finished as runners-up in their first season in the division, only missing out on the title on goal average and earning promotion to Division One. They remained in Division One until World War I. When football resumed in 1919, the club were founder members of the Cheshire County League, where they remained until World War II.

After missing out the 1945-46 season, they rejoined the Cheshire County League in 1946. They were then founder members of the Northern Premier League in 1968.

They reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy in 1976-77, losing 2-1 to Scarborough in a second



replay:

the season also saw them apply for election to the Football League for the first time, but they received only 12 votes compared to the 27 received by the elected Wimbledon. The following season they went one better in the FA Trophy, reaching the Wembley final, where they beat Leatherhead 3-1. In 1978-79 they finished as runners-up in the Northern Premier League and applied for election to the Football League again. Although they finished as the top non-League club in the ballot, they received only 13 votes to the 37 received by Halifax Town, the lowest-placed Football League club. Instead, Altrincham became founder members of the Alliance Premier League, the top level of non-League football, the winner of which would be the sole non-League nomination for future Football League election ballots.

The league's inaugural season saw Altrincham crowned champions. In the subsequent elections to the Football League. the club missing out by a single vote.

retained the APL title the following season, but again failed in the Football League elections. The next two seasons saw the club finish in mid-table. together with another FA Trophy final appearance in 1981-82, this time losing 1-0 to Enfield. This was followed by four consecutive top-five finishes between 1984 and 1987 and a second FA Trophy win in 1985, beating Runcorn 1-0 in the final. The 1985-86 season saw them record one of the biggest FA Cup giant-killings of all time when they defeated top division Birmingham City 2-1 at Birmingham's St Andrew's.

After finishing bottom of the Conference in 1996-97 the club were relegated to the Premier Division of the Northern Premier League. An eighth-place finish in 1997-98 saw them return to the Conference two seasons later as Premier Division champions. However, they lasted only a single season in the Conference as they finished second-from-bottom and were relegated back to the Northern Premier League.

A twelfth-place finish in 2003-04 saw them qualify for the newly formed Conference North.

They finished fifth in the new division in its first season, qualifying for the promotion play-offs where they were promoted to the Conference National.

In 2005-06 Altrincham finished bottom of the Conference National after receiving an 18-point deduction when they were found to have fielded an ineligible player, James Robinson, for 15 matches, during which he scored six goals and Altrincham won 18 points. However, they were reprieved from relegation after Canvey Island resigned from the league and Scarborough were demoted. The following season they again finished in the relegation zone, but were reprieved after Boston United were demoted. A third successive relegation reprieve occurred in 2007-08 when Halifax were liquidated.

After mid-table finishes in 2008-09 and 2009-10 and Ricky Ponting becoming a shareholder of the club in 2009, Altrincham were relegated to the Conference North at the end of the 2010-11 season. However, after finishing fourth the following season, they defeated Guiseley 2-1 in the final to earn promotion back to the Conference National. In 2015-16 the club finished in the relegation zone and were relegated to the renamed National League North. The following season they finished bottom of the National League North, leading to a second successive relegation to the Premier Division of the Northern Premier League. However, the 2017-18 season saw the club win the Northern Premier League title, earning promotion back to the National League North.

In 2019/20 They finished in sixth-place resulting in another play-off campaign. After defeating Chester 3-2 and York City 2-0, the club beat Boston United 1-0 in the final, earning promotion to the National League.

In 2020/21 Altrincham finished their first season back at National League level in 17th possition.

Last season The Robins improved on the previous season with a 14th place finish, two places above Wealdstone, on 55 points having won 15 drawn 10 and lost 19.

Opposition in focus
ALTRINCHAM FC

#### 1. OLLIE BYRNE - GOALKEEPER

Signed from Connah's Quay for an undisclosed fee to fill the gap left by former first-choice keeper Tony Thompson's departure in the summer of 2022.

#### 2. EDDY JONES - DEFENCE 3. LIAM BROCKBANK - DEFENCE

Liam was a double player-of-the-year winner in his final season at Lancaster and was attracting growing interest when Phil PARKINSON signed him and, at 21 years old.

#### 4. ISAAC MARRIOTT - MIDFIELD

An inspired signing from Bradford (Park Avenue) on Christmas Eve. 2021. Isaac is the sort of dynamic, energetic, hungry young player that fills Phil Parkinson with confidence, heading into the new era of full-time football.

#### 6. LEWIS BAINES - DEFENCE

Another significant addition to the Alty ranks in the summer of 2022 after arriving from Chorley, where his form was such that it brought him international honours, Lewis was capped by England C against Wales C towards the end of the 2021-22

#### 7. MATTY KOSYLO - MIDFIELD

Throughout a spell as FC Halifax Town's attacking mainstay, and during a less successful time at AFC Fylde, Matty's fortunes were closely monitored by Phil Parkinson, who knew all about his creativity after helping launch his career at Nantwich Town.

#### 8. JOSH LUNDSTRAM - MIDFIELD

The perfect addition to Alty's midfield after returning for a second spell with the Robins, this time on a permanent basis, in the summer of 2022. Made a massive impression on everyone at Alty during a loan spell from Crewe Alexandra two years earlier

#### 9. JORDAN HULME - FORWARD(C)

Returned for a second spell at Alty from AFC Fylde in January, 2022 and was named captain for the 2022-23 campaign in succession to Jake Moult. Initially joined the club from Salford City in July, 2017

#### 10. ELLIOT OSBOURNE - MIDFIELD

Another player who benefitted from playing under Phil Parkinson at Nantwich Town and went on to greater things, Elliot was soon snapped up by the Alty boss when League Two side Stevenage released him in January, 2022.

11. DANNY CASHMAN - MIDFIELD





On loan from Coventry City.

#### 12. AMAAR HUSSAIN - MIDFIELD

Made his mark in the National League and North-West Youth Alliance squads in his debut season at the club and has proved himself a real handful for defenders, as illustrated by a return of 37 goals in the NL last season from an attacking position on the left of midfield.

#### 16. JUNIOR QUITIRNA - MIDFIELD On loan from Fleetwood

#### 18. BEN PRINGLE - MIDFIELD

The last member of Alty's 2021-22 squad to accept a new deal and commit to the new era of full-time professional football at The J.Davidson Stadium. Aged 33 when he put pen to paper on the new agreement, and with a wealth of Football League experience behind him, he is seen by Phil Parkinson as the wise old head who can provide the younger element with guidance and know-how during the transition from being a part-time club.

#### 19. JAYDEN MATTHEW - DEFENCE

Another graduate from the club's first-ever Academy squad, Jayden started out with the under-17 youth development squad and has gone from strength to strength under the quidance of Academy coaches Neil Sorvel and Paul Fay. Previously with Stoke City, he is adept at getting forward and at one-on-one defending.

#### 21. MATT GOULD - GOALKEEPER

A New Zealand international, Matt joined Alty from Spennymoor Town in August, 2000 and has made a favourable impression for the Robins and also on loan at Nantwich Town. The son of ex-Celtic keeper Jonathan Gould and grandson of former Arsenal striker Bobby Gould, Matt is taking on extra duties as specialist goalkeeping coach as well as continuing to

# THE PLAYERS TO WATCH





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provide experienced cover between the posts.

22. ROSS BARROWS - DEFENCE Became a firm favourite with King's Lynn Town supporters during a three-year spell at The Walks and was one of the Linnets' outstanding performers in his final season with them prior to joining Altrincham in the summer of 2022. A versatile defender with an eye for goal, he can operate effectively at centre-half but is predominantly a right-back who is adept at supporting his team's attack. Sheffield-born.

#### 23. JAKE COOPER - DEFENCE

Immediately proved a steadying influence alongside Toby Mullarkey in central defence when he arrived on loan from Rotherham United in February, 2022, and though he lost his place

in the starting line-up to the impressive Kyle Ferguson, he had done enough by then to convince Phil Parkinson he was worth signing full-time when the Yorkshire club decided against retaining him..

#### 24. RYAN FORDE - GOALKEEPER

Highly-rated young keeper who has developed significantly as a player and person after benefitting from the experience of breaking into the Reserves and playing senior football at just 16 years

old. Part of the club's first Academy squad, he played an important role in their impressive FA Youth Cup run and has added a vocal presence to his other qualities as an excellent shot-stopper who is comfortable with the ball at his feet.

#### 25. HARLAN ROGERS-MORRIS -MIDFIELD Another versatile as well as

highly-promising product of the Academy

system, Harlan was initially a battling box-to-box midfielder. But he is now more of an attacking central midfielder after the Academy coaches decided his offensive qualities would be better utilised further forward.

#### 26. JAMES JONES - DEFENCE

James Jones clocked up well over 100 appearances in his initial spell with Alty and made such a favourable impression, it earned him a move to League Two Barrow two years ago. When he decided he wanted a fresh challenge, in the summer of 2022. Alty were delighted to win the battle to sign him and welcome him back to The J.Davidson Stadium.

28. MAXI OYEDELE - MIDFIELD On loan from Manchester United

29. REGAN LINNEY - FORWARD

31. MICHAEL GYASI - FORWARD On loan from Chesterfield

33. EGLI KAJA - MIDFIELD

34. MILES WELCH-HAYES - DEFENCE

On loan from Harrogate

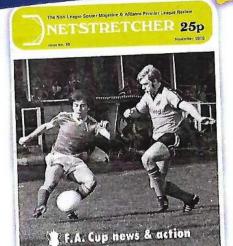
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FORWARD loan from Manchester United

#### MANAGER, PHIL PARKINSON

Phil Parkinson was appointed on 28 April 2017, the eve of

the last game of the 2016-17 season in which Altrincham had been relegated to the Northern Premier League. He had managed The Dabbers since February 2015 and in that time he had transformed them from a relegation-threatended club to promotion contenders. Phil also took Nantwich to the FA Trophy semi-finals in 2016.



Focus on Yeavil Town

Alliance gate trends

# N-n-n-n 1979 was the first season of the National League.. it's now uNrecognisable from those early days

is for the National League. It's fair to say that most Stones fans are enjoying life in the NL, the top table of Non-League football. Our return at the start of the 2020-21 season was a bit of a damp squib as COVID put paid to any degree of normality that season, a huge

disappointment given that we hadn't played at that level since relegation in 1988.

I say most fans are enjoying it. I do still hear a few Numpties complaining which I find rather bizarre given the season we've had. We still don't go forward enough, we pass backwards and sideways too much apparently. Heaven help us if we do have a bad season, all I can really do is refer them to P for Process later in the series.

Back to the subject matter, the National League has been a fantastic one to be part of. the standard of football without doubt higher than that we left behind us in the 1980s, Stones

fans new and old have embraced it with open arms as we find ourselves competing against big name clubs in big grounds in front of sizeable crowds - the size we would not have believed possible when we were languishing in Isthmian Division 3. That would only be possible if we had genuine and realistic ambitions of progressing into the Football League. Now I for one was always happy to be competing at a decent Non-Léague lével, did I ever want

to see Wealdstone in the Football League?

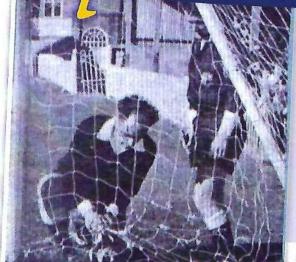
The answer has historically been no, hesitant perhaps of travelling away and being segregated and banned from town centre pubs. I think that these perceived obstacles have been blown away with our experiences in the National League, neither has been a problem and the experience has been good wherever we go. Would this change if we somehow found a way to get promoted at some point in the future? Probably not and I am comfortable with progression up the ladder.

The National League is of



Netherfield keeper Fisher wards off a Lancaster City attack at Giant Axe during the Newlands Charity Cup game on Aug 7th, 1976. Photo Noel Houghton, Lancaster Guardian

BY JON TAFFEL The Stones Alphabet



Allrounder . . . referee Mr. J. Kensett shows he s also a deb hand at not repairing. He needn't bothered as neither Wealdstone of Leamington managed to score

course still Non-League, something that we don't hold back on reminding some of the 'bigger' clubs that we come up against us. We were founder members of the original version, the Alliance Premier League in 1979.

p until that point we weren't allowed North of Telford unless cup draws took us further afield, but for those of us interested in football further afield the excellent Netstretcher magazine was much valued. In its early form it was dedicated to North West Non-League soccer, principally the Northern Premier League and Cheshire League. I was flicking through some old copies and I could fill an entire article with some interesting snippets. The August 1976 edition for example reports the end of Fleetwood from the Northern Premier League and the world of Non-League soccer altogether. A Blackpool coach firm registered a legal petition claiming £587, it went to court and the magistrate wound up the club with no Fleetwood official present to defend the case. Their crowds were barely three figures at the time... look at football in Fleetwood now!

Older Alty fans reading this will remember Net-

N is for NETS and we all love to see them billowing, just as long as it's a Wealdstone player sticking them in the onion bag. Our old ground, Lower Mead, had some quirky goalposts and nets that hung down just behind the keeper's back, causing defenders to often get tangled up when trying to clear balls off the line. Then with the advent of hooliganism the club was instructed to have close-mesh nets that frankly were a disaster for anyone wanting to stand behind the goal and watch the game. The incident (left) must have been from the goalless Stones v Leamington Southern League game in October 1977. Give the man a tent peg someone!

stretcher I'm sure, and might be interested in this snippet from the Easter 1976 issue. focussing on survival.

"At Altrincham, traditionally one of the most financially sound clubs in the region, the problem was more a crisis of confidence. After years of success the supporters were very dissatisfied with

a mediocre season and let their opinions be known. Attendances dropped to around 500 which began to hit the club where it hurts most - in the pocket. Constant rumours of player unrest and no confidence in the manager led to Les Rigby's resignation after less than a year in the job. The management has also implemented economic cuts which means that cash for players and high wages will be less forthcoming."

The article on survival ended by stating that "even if the Football League were ever to sanction the formation of a National Football Alliance. at the present time it would be plain financial suicide for most clubs."

Three years later, the Alliance was formed regardless, and Netstretcher changed its coverage from North West to a general Non-League and Alliance Premier League review. With Alty's financial position improved, the November 1979 edition reported the signing of Barry Whitbread from Runcorn, the fee of £6,400 (not unsubstan-

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Netstretcher magazine wasn't sophisticated but it was a bit of a first in the mid-1970s, with its bizarre pictures (above) from the furthest reaches of the game. What a back-drop!

Stones Alphabet contd...

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tial even back then).

is also for Null and void. Wind back to season 2019-20 when COVID hit the world, and with Stones at the top of the National League South we faced the prospect of the season being declared N & V.

In an unprecedented situation, the administrators really had no idea what to do, and there was a real danger that our successful if incomplete season would go unrewarded.

Our last match was played on 14th March at Chippenham, and with nine matches to go we were three points ahead of Havant & Waterlooville with a game in hand and a superior goal difference. It would be three months before we would learn of our promotion on points per game.

Meanwhile our challengers were left with nothing.... no playoffs, nothing. We'd done the hard work, whether we'd have won the league we'll never know, but the history books say that we did.

The following season was arguably worse, for all intents and purposes with the shambolic funding then non-funding of clubs during COVID overseen by the National League meant that it may as well as have been **Null** and void for the teams not challenging for promotion.

There was no relegation so we were safe in that respect, but it was an awful time for Stuart and Matt to be cutting their managerial teeth. With players on furlough we took some horrible beatings, and with disillusioned fans having to watch via a streaming service, this is the season that **should** have been Null and voided.

part from up North, N is also for Jonathan North our multiple player-of-the-year winner. A worthy further mention also for Northy (pictured above in his glorious golden top which matched his thatch) who was a recent winner of an on-line poll for the all-time favourite

Stone of the Ruislip years.

A brilliant shot stopper, some said he was too small to be a success at National League level. We'll never know the answer to that as a certain Mr Brennan didn't fancy him. Fred Barwick was

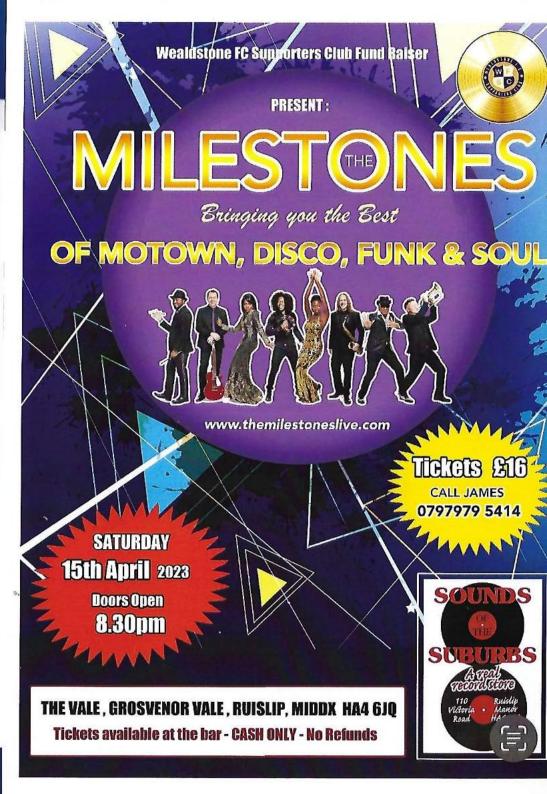


dropped from our side to play Colchester in the FA Cup in 1983 for being 'too small', a terrible decision that meant we never saw Fred in a Wealdstone shirt again.

Back to Northy, he was incredibly brave too, coming back from a horrific injury at Canvey. He was brutally taken out with a boot in the face in our play-off win at Bath in 2019, and that ultimately cost us dearly in the semi-final at Woking. Looking back, that non-promotion was probably a blessing in disguise, we weren't ready for it then and are in a far better place today.

inally this week, with the crowds we now experience and the feel good factor we have at the Vale, maybe it's a good time to reflect on one of our groundshares and our stay at Northwood. Local yes, compared with horrible Yeading, but I really didn't enjoy playing there. Apart from the stand at the clubhouse end it offered nothing, the graveyard at the other end said it all. On winter evenings the walk either through the park or up the driveway from Chestnut Avenue was pretty unpleasant and the unlit car park was a delight for car thieves as Andy Leese amongst others found out. It makes us realise how lucky we are now, if some of the clubs visiting the Vale think it's bad here then they really haven't seen anything!

Enjoy the match/es, let's hope it's not N for NiI-NiI!



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# Opposition in focus

# **MAIDSTONE UNITED**

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## THE (OTHER) STONES

aidstone United Football Club was founded in 1897. Following the demise of the Football League side in 1992, the club was reborn as Maidstone Invicta and joined the Kent County League Division Four for the 1993/94 season. They won the title at the first attempt and also picked up the West Kent Challenge Shield and the Tunbridge Wells Charity Cup.

Following a restructuring of the league, they were promoted to Division Two and won the title again as well as lifting the Kent Junior Cup. After three seasons in Division One, the Stones finally earned promotion to the Kent County League Premier Division with former player turned manager Jason Lillis at the helm. Lillis has a place in Stones' history as the only player to appear in Maidstone United's first and last games in the Football League.

In their second season in the Kent County League Premier Division – during which Maidstone United were awarded senior status – the Stones finished as runnersup to Bearsted and duly earned promotion.

The club returned to the Kent League for the 2001/2002 season and played their home games at Central Park in Sittingbourne. There were several highlights during the campaign, including their first ever match in the FA Vase in which the Stones defeated Hellenic League Carterton Town 4-1.

Maidstone became league champions on the last day of the season when they defeated Deal Town at the Charles Sports Ground. The following week the Stones



completed the Kent League and Cup double after defeating Whitstable Town 2-0 at Folkestone Invicta's Cheriton Road.

The highlight of the 2002/2003 season was the club's return to the FA Cup. With the added attraction of being chosen by the BBC for The Road To Cardiff, the Stones started their cup trail at Ramsgate and on the way defeated Tonbridge Angels and Newport (loW) before losing to Boreham Wood in the Second Qualifying Round in front of a home crowd of 937.

In the league the club led the table for almost the entire season but following the late resignation of Faversham Town, the League Management Committee decided the title would be awarded to the club with the highest points earned per match average. The Stones lost the league title by 0.14 points! Silverware was forthcoming though, as the club won the Kent Senior Trophy for the first time with a 3-0 victory over Cray Wanderers at Chatham Town FC.

The Stones were crowned Kent League champions in 2006 for the second time and



secured the league and cup double, with the lille being won on the last day of the season with a resounding 4-1 win away to Sevenoaks Town. The Kent League Cup was also won again with a 4-1 hammering of VCD Athletic at Folkestone Invicta's Cheriton Road ground. Promotion to Ryman League Division One South was confirmed at the end of the season.

The Stones repeated their championship victory for a second successive season when, yet again on the last day of the campaign, they travelled to Walton Casuals and secured the Ryman League Division One South title with a 2-1 win.

Following another promotion the club spent five years in the Ryman League Premier Division with little in the way of playing success. An eight-year groundshare agreement with Sittingbourne ended and for two seasons the Stones moved to The Homelands in Ashford.

The Chairman of 19 years, Paul Bowden-Brown, stepped down in October 2010 and with the club in dire financial straits Oliver Ash and Terry Casey took over as joint chairman and owners. The 2010/11 season ended in disappointment as the Stones were relegated for the first time in their history to Ryman

League Division One South but off the field the exciting stadium plans were taking shape.

Construction work started during the 2011/12 season. Although the Stones missed out on the play-offs at the end of that campaign, the £2.6million Gallagher Stadium was completed and 2,226 watched first match between Maidstone and Brighton & Hove Albion on Saturday 14 July.

The first season back in the county town ended in a massive celebration when the Stones won promotion to the Ryman Premier Division beating Faversham Town 3-0 in the play-off final.

At the end of the 2013/14 campaign Maidstone missed out on a play-off place by two points but silverware came in the form of the Robert Dyas League Cup.

The following season was one to remember; the Stones made it to the second round proper of the FA Cup, beating League Two Stevenage Town in a first round replay in front of BT Sport cameras and a capacity crowd. The season ended in style with the Ryman Premier Division title and with it promotion to the Vanarama National League South.

During the 2015/16 season the club again qualified for the first round proper of the FA Cup where they narrowly lost 1-0 at home to League Two side Yeovil Town in front of a record-breaking crowd of 2,811. After finishing third in the league the Stones faced Ebbsfleet United in the Promotion Final at Stonebridge Road. The match finished 2-2 after extra time and Maidstone won the resulting penalty shoot-out 4-3 to win promotion to the Vanarama National League.

The first season back in non-league's top flight ended with a 14th place finish and a further expansion of the Gallagher Stadium. The opening of The Genco Stand in March 2017 saw capacity rise to 4,200 and just shy of that figure watched the fifth anniversary game against Crystal Palace that summer.

The Stones' three-year stay in the National League came to an end in April 2019 but a return to non-league's top flight was secured in May when the Stones were crowned National League South champions in front of a sellout crowd.

Opposition in focus MAIDSTONE UNITED

#### 1. TOM HADLER - GOALKEEPER

The Canterbury-born shot-stopper came through the Gillingham Academy and made his Football League debut in April 2018. After his release from Priestfield in the summer of 2019, he signed for Eastbourne Borough and spent the season before last with Ebbsfleet United prior to his arrival at the Gallagher.

#### 2. GAVIN HOYTE - DEFENCE

Gavin started at Arsenal from the age of nine and went on to make several senior appearances for his boyhood club. He had loan spells with Watford, Brighton & Hove Albion, Lincoln City and AFC Wimbledon. A permanent move to Dagenham & Redbridge followed in 2012 the 32-year-old played for Gillingham, Barnet and Eastleigh.

#### 3. RYAN GALVIN - DEFENCE

The Sheffield Wednesday defender joined the Stones on loan in September. He spent his early career at Wigan Athletic before moving to Hillsborough in January 2020. The 21-year-old spent time on loan at Gloucester City last season.

#### 4. JOE ELLUL - DEFENCE 5. GEORGE FOWLER - DEFENCE

George joined the Stones on a permanent basis from Aldershot Town last November on an 18-month deal. The defender had five seasons with The Shots, having initially signed on-loan from Ipswich Town during the 2017/18 campaign – a deal that was made permanent at the end of that season.

#### 6. RAPHE BROWN - DEFENCE

Raphe signed for the Stones in summer 2020 from Herne Bay. He was recommended to Hakan Hayrettin during that pre-season and his time as a trialist paid off with the award of a contract, which has been extended for the past two summers.

#### 7. JAMES ALABI - FORWARD

James came through the Stoke City youth set-up and signed his first professional contract with the club. He was part of Justin Edinburgh's Leyton Orient side that won promotion to the Football League in 2018/19 season and played League Two football with The Os the following season. Other clubs include Chester, Forest Green Rovers, Grimsby Town and Tranmere Rovers.

#### 8. SAM CORNE- MIDFIELD

Sam's senior career started with Welling United in 2013 and after four seasons at Park View Road, he signed for Braintree Town. During his time at





Welling he got an England C call-up. Prior to signing at the Gallagher, he played for Greenwich Borough and Ashford United 9. SOL WANJAU-SMITH - FORWARD

 SOL WANJAU-SMITH - FORWARD Sol joined from Hungerford Town, where he'd impressed against the Stones in both league meetings last season.

#### 10. JACK BARHAM - FORWARD

Jack started his playing career at Chelmsford City and got his break while banging in the goals for Greenwich Borough. His prolific form saw a move to Barnet. While with The Bees he had loan spells at Bromley and Dorking, moving to the latter permanently the season before last. He signed for Dartford in 2020/21.

#### 11. JOAN LUQUE - MIDFIELD

Joan joined the club in October 2020. He left at the end of January to join National League outfit Weymouth. A former Barcelona academy player, he moved to England in 2017, signing for Heybridge Swifts then to Lincoln City, before he returned to the non-league game with spells at Bromley, Concord Rangers and Dagenham & Redbridge. He returned to the Gallagher last summer.

#### 12. YOAN ZOUMA - DEFENCE

The defender, who's on loan from Dagenham & Redbridge, signed for the fellow National League side in December 2021. Before his arrival at Victoria Road, he made appearances for Barrow and Altrincham, and also gained Football League experience during his time at Bolton Wanderers.

#### 15. REGAN BOOTY - MIDFIELD

Regan started playing for Huddersfield Town in their under-9s team and went through the age groups. A move into men's football came in 2018, with a loan deal at Aldershot Town. The following season he made a permanent switch to Notts County, making 24 appearances before

## THE PLAYERS TO WATCH





the season ended early in March 2020. He signed for Bradford Park Avenue in December 2020, two months before the National League North and South seasons were declared null and void and headed south to sign for the Stones last summer.

#### 18. JEROME BINNOM-WILLIAMS © - DEFENCE

Jerome joined the Stones the day before the start of last season. A full-back who can also play in the centre of defence, he was previously at Barnet, joining them from FC Halifax Town.

19. MARK MARSHALL - MIDFIELD

Most recently at League Two side Crawley Town, the 35-year-old has amassed more than 350 appearances since beginning his career with Carshalton Athletic in 2005. After spells with Grays Athletic and Eastleigh, the winger secured a move into the Football League with Swindon Town, with notable stints thereafter at Barnet, Port Vale, Bradford City and Charlton Athletic – to name but a few.

#### 21. ROARIE DEACON - MIDFIELD As

MIDFIELD A summer 2021 signing, Roarie joined for the Stones following his departure from Havant & Waterlooville. Many will remember the 31-year-old for his season at Sutton United, where he and his teammates were thrust into the limelight on the back of a superb FA Cup run.

#### 23. HENRY WOODS - MIDFIELD

The midfielder joined from Gillingham this summer, where he'd progressed through the club's academy before earning a professional contract. He spent last season on loan with Dover Athletic, gaining valuable National League experience.

#### 24. MAMADOU JOBE - DEFENCE

The centre half, who's on loan from Cambridge United, came through the youth ranks at the

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League One side and made his first team debut in a Papa John's Trophy match last season. Prior to his arrival at the Gallagher, he had a spell on loan at National South side St Albans City and has also made appearances for Concord Rangers and St Neots Town.

#### 25. TUSHAUN WALTERS - MIDFIELD

The rising star was on the books of Tottenham Hotspur for eight years a trial for Chelsea saw him join Greenwich Borough then Herne Bay.

#### 27. PERRI IANDOLO - MIDFIELD

Perri joined the club's football academy – having played for Maidstone United under-16s and for the under-23s and then on to the first team. Played the majority of last season on loan at Sutton Common Rovers, where he was named players' player of the season.

#### 30. YUSUF MERSIN - GOALKEEPER

The English-born Turkish footballer started his career at Millwall and Liverpool. He signed for Turkish side Kasimpasa in 2014, returning to England two years later to join Crawley Town. He spent the previous two seasons at Dover Athletic, linking up with the Stones last November. He has also made international appearances for Turkey at under-16, 17 and 18's

#### 31. DAN BARDEN -GOALKEEPER

**GOALKEEPER** Joined the Stones on loan from Norwich City in December. He started his playing career at Arsenal before a move to Carrow Road in 2018.

#### 32. SHA'MAR LAWSON -

**MIDFIELD** The 19-year-old left Mansfield Town in the summe *r* to sign for Millwall U23s, he headed to the home of the Stones to gain experience of the men's game.

#### 34. JACK CAWLEY - DEFENCE

Jack signed for the Stones this summer after leaving Bromley. He started his career at Heybridge and also played for Maldon & Tiptree before a move to Concord. He went on to join Wealdstone before sealing a move to Bromley last summer

36. JOSH ARNOLD - FORWARD 36. NATHAN JECHE - FORWARD

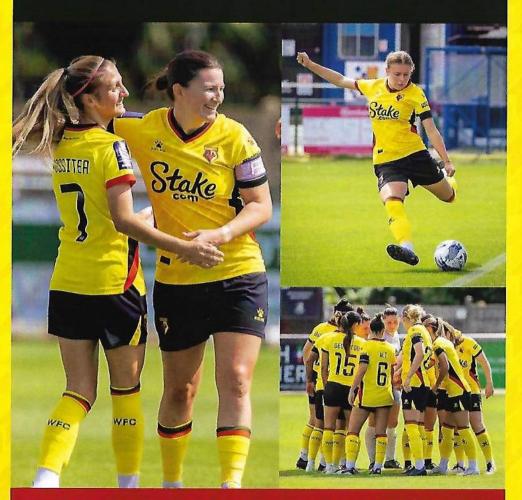


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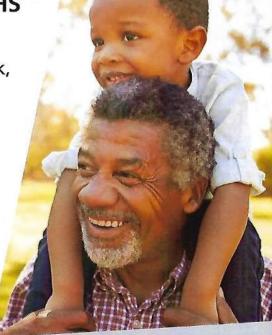
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44 years ago Alty faced Stones on the way to the title... but were denied a place in the EFL

Saturday December 8 1979, Alliance Premier League: Wealdstone 1 Altrincham 4

or those among our (younger) fan base who think we've been playing Altrincham forever, let me remind you of how exciting it was when the Manchester powerhouse turned up at Lower Mead for our first-ever Alliance Premier League clash in November 1979.

This was the first season of the new top flight of non-League - an amalgamtion of the top clubs in the Northern Premier League and the cream of the Southern League. The idea, of course, was to win automatic promo-

tion to the Football League and override the 'closed shop' mentality that had prevailed for a century. Only one team (the APL champions) would be put forward for election rather than the half dozen or so who pressed their claims each season - and the hope was that they would be voted in.

The Mancunians' 4-1 win over the Stones - and a 2-1 home win to complete the double in March - helped Alty become champions that season... but



circumstances
conspired to denied
Altrincham their deserved
place in the Football League.
They missed out by a single vote receiving 25 to Rochdale's 26. The club
had been promised the votes of Grimsby Town
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As it turned out, this was the closest the club ever got to a place in the EFL. Altrincham retained the APL title the following season but again failed in the elections, this time only receiving 15 votes to the 41 received by Halifax, who were again the lowest ranked Football League club.

How the events of over 40 years ago must rankle with the custodians of REWIND









Stepney through the ages: Above left, the keeper saves for Millwall v Wealdstone in 1965; right, he foils Nigel Johnson for Altrincham in 1975

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the proud "Robins". I don't suppose Grimsby or Luton have been on their Christmas card list ever since.

That first meeting, in the dank and

hat first meeting, in the dank and muddy days 44 years ago saw a decent crowd (for those times) of 842 attracted along to old ground in Harrow town

centre, where the visitors' Barry Whitbread,
Terry Howard, John Davison and skipper John
King strutted their stuff. All were non-League
internationals and it was particularly sad to read
in the Non-League paper a fortnight ago about
the passing of King. The abrasive midfielder
was the glue in that brilliant Altrincham side,
and he led them for some 10 years as they
scooped up titles and featured in The Robins'
famous FA Cup win at First Division Birmingham
City in the 1985-86 season.

In goal for Altrincham that first season was the celebrated ex-Man Utd keeper Alex Stepney (England international and European Cup winner in 1968) and I've already bored you with articles in this programme about his pedigree in previous seasons.

Despite famously playing like the 'stand-up'

Subbuteo keeper throughout his career (none too keen on diving and getting his knees muddy, hence the plastic custodian pictured left)
Stepney played against the Stones with 14 years between the appearances - as a youngster for Millwall v Wealdstone in 1965 and then as an old-timer in the Stones v Alty clash in 1979.

Also playing (in blue) in the 1979 game was a teenage defender called Stuart Pearce. I wonder what happened to him?

So after those chastening experiences in that first APL season, the Stones (having been relegated and bounced straight back up) have actually had a very decent record against the Robins in our years in non-League's top flight.

And even since we came back up (and Altrincham joined us after a brief stay in the NL North) we have recorded 1-0 wins here at the Vale in 2000-2001 and again last year thanks to a last-gasp Medy Elito penalty. We were tanked 2-0 at Moss Lane in the Covid season - and again 4-2 at the end of last season - but returned to Cheshire to record a terrific 1-0 win in November thanks to Olufela Olomola's lone goal.

So perhaps a second National League double of the season today (or maybe a third if we beat Halifax last Tuesday)? At least we won't have to get the ball past the brilliant Stepney!

## **WE'VE PLAYED YOU BEFORE**

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# 15 years ago.. our first season at The Vale & we were back in the 'big time' as Maidstone visit

Saturday November 15, 2008, Ryman League Prem: Wealdstone 3 Maidstone United 2

hen is a football club regarded as a new entity, despite bankruptcy and later resuming under the same name as the original club?

We've discussed this before and - especially if the supporters rally around the new team - it seems ridiculous that we are supposed to view the phoenix club as a new, going concern.

Obviously we are talking about Maidstone United here. The 'old club' are now supposed to be known as Maidstone United 1897

Ltd but fans of the Other Stones are keen to keep MUFC club history under one roof. And it's certainly a rich history as Maidstone - whose non League career ran alongside Wealdstone for two decades in the 1970s and 80s - actually made the jump that was denied Altrincham and reached the Football League in 1989.

United had won the Conference in 1983 but, as happened to Brian Hall's Wealdstone in '85, failed to gain enough votes to be admitted to the League. When they next finished top of the pile in 1989, automatic promotion was in place and Maidstone eagerly grabbed their place in the Fourth Division (as it was then known).... but there was a whole stack of problems just around the corner.

A dodgy picture, taken by yours truly, but it captures

the moment Davis Haule swept the winner into the Maidstone net

The other Stones had sold their old ground in the town centre for housing the previous year and moved to groundshare at Dartford's old Watling Street stadium. Ground regulations weren't so strict 35 years ago and Maidstone

were allowed to move 25 miles up the M20. Crowds halved after the move and when Dartford announced they were selling their ground a desperate United even tried to merge with Newcastle Blue Star to keep their place in the EFL! Even a league who were happy to see Wimbledon move 50 miles to merge with MK Dons wouldn't wear that one and cash-strapped Maidstone were forced into bankruptcy and closure before the start of the 1992-93 season.

So what has this got to do with the 2008-9 game we are featuring, I hear you

## REWIND



BY TIM PARKS





ask? Well, with our own beloved Stones slowly crawling up the leagues after our car-crash 1990s, we finally found ourselves facing the new version of MUFC after Maidstone re-formed (originally as Maidstone Invicta and playing in the Kent League) and then groundsharing at Ashford and Sittingbourne while playing in the Ryman League.

It was genuinely exciting to find the two Stones facing each other again in The Noughties, rekindling the battles of the higher reaches of the Conference 20 years earlier. We desperately wanted to see our team back facing big, traditional opponents and by the time this game came

around at our then-new home of Ruislip Manor the club was at a real crossroads.

What we needed, after moving into the refurbished Vale in the summer of 2008, was a good start to get the crowds back in the ground.

What we got was one win in eight home games (albeit 4-0 against Sutton United) and crowds tumbling from 400 on the opening day against Tonbridge to barely 200 by the end of October. We had also crashed out of the FA Cup to Bedford, and the FA Trophy to Tiverton. But then this club did what it does best: The supporters rallied round, Jez Albert sent out emails begging for cash to bring in the centre forward we desperately needed and suddenly manager Gordon Bartlett managed to lure across the hugely-experienced No.9 Davis Haule from Staines Town.

We had youthful Watford loanee Marvin Sordell up front, looking dangerous but fruitless. Add Haule to the mix though and the wily old campaigner used his strength and size to hold the ball up... and this Maidstone game was the catalyst for the reinvention of the Real Stones after this point.

oes anyone else remember this afternoon? The crowd was buzzing (a very
decent 626 I might add), the goals were
flowing and it took just 30 seconds for the highflying Kent side to feel the heat from Haule and
Sordell! The youngster peeled into the
Maidstone box and left keeper Andy Walker
helpless with a clean low strike.

We had Alan Massey, skipper James Gray and Carl Martin imperious at the back although Maidstone plotted and probed. But that all came to nought as Wealdstone struck again within moments of the restart of the second half - Haule again involved as he set free Graeme Montgomery who rifled in for 2-0. James Pinnock pulled one back on the hour but it was the jubilant Haule who opened his Stones account after 68 minutes, latching onto a loose ball and carefully placing the ball wide of the advancing Walker (captured by myself with a rare effort at photography as we had no 'snapper' at the game). Mesach Nugent made the last few minutes interesting with a second Maidstone goal.

Wealdstone: Luke Woods, Carl Martin, Lee Chappell, Gray, Massey, Ryan Ashe, David Hicks, Chris O'Leary, Haule, Sordell, Montgomery. Subs used: Keiron Forbes, Marvin McCoy, Ben Clarke. Not used: Steven Hughes, Darren Locke.

#### WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?

THE STONES, filled with confidence, rolled on to face Horsham at Worthing FC four days later and Jez Albert was rewarded for his financial efforts by falling over a low fence outside the ground that dark and murky night! He was okay, and we got inside just in time see Marvin Sordell crack in the opening goal. Haule headed a second as we won the game 2-0.... the first in a series of four successive wins that 'Hauled'

Stones up the table, ending with a genuine effort at reaching the play-offs that only stumbled in the final, congested weeks of the season.

That was a scenario that seemed totally unlikely until the Stones Email Intervention.... a gambit that has paid off many times since!



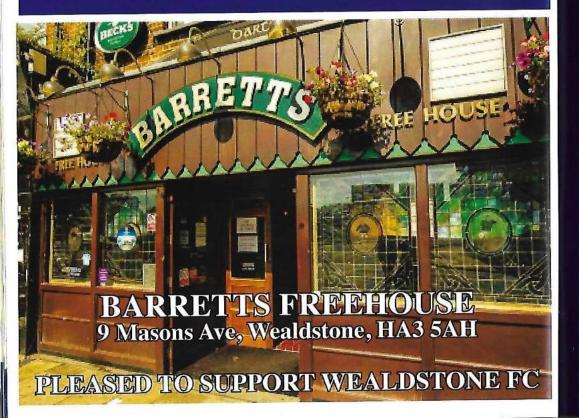
Left: the programme that day 15 years ago and (above) Davis Haule (9) is the head master

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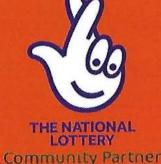
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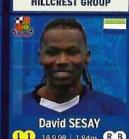








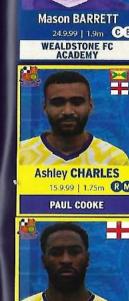












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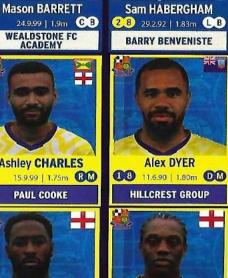
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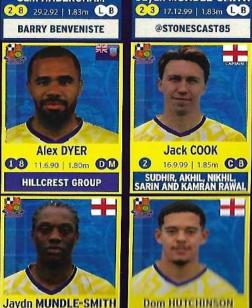
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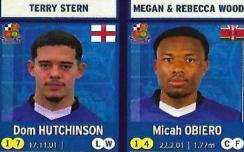
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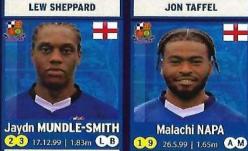


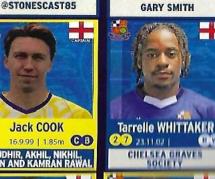




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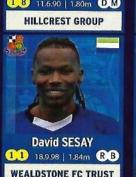














## Next at The Vale



#### Maidstone United

National League Tuesday 7th March

7:45pm



#### Chesterfield

National League Tuesday 14th March 7:45pm



#### **Barnet**

National League Daturday 25th March 3:00pm For all Vanarama National League fixtures: £12 admission for £FL or Premier League season ticket holders and members of the armed forces

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| 2  | Notts County         | 35 | 25 | 8  | 2          | 89 | 32 | 17 | 12 | 4  | 1  | 37 | 9  | 18 | 13 | 4  | 1  | 52 | 23 | 57  | 83  | 1-6  |      |
| 3  | Woking               | 34 | 18 | 8  | 8          | 59 | 37 | 17 | 9  | 5  | 3  | 32 | 19 | 17 | 9  | 3  | 5  | 27 | 18 | 22  | 62  | 1-1  | 1-1  |
| 4  | Barnet               | 33 | 17 | 5  | 11         | 64 | 57 | 17 | 10 | 2  | 5  | 30 | 25 | 16 | 7  | 3  | 6  | 34 | 32 | 7   | 56  |      | 0-2  |
| 5  | Chesterfield         | 33 | 16 | 7  | 10         | 55 | 41 | 17 | 11 | 1  | 5  | 32 | 20 | 16 | 5  | 6  | 5  | 23 | 21 | 14  | 55  |      | 1-1  |
| 6  | Eastleigh            | 34 | 16 | 6  | 12         | 42 | 37 | 18 | 12 | 3  | 3  | 24 | 12 | 16 | 4  | 3  | 9  | 18 | 25 | 5   | 54  | 3-1  | 0-1  |
| 7  | Southend United      | 32 | 15 | 8  | 9          | 43 | 31 | 17 | 9  | 4  | 4  | 24 | 13 | 15 | 6  | 4  | 5  | 19 | 18 | 12  | 53  | 0-1  |      |
| 8  | Boreham Wood         | 33 | 13 | 13 | 7          | 40 | 30 | 16 | 6  | 7  | 3  | 19 | 15 | 17 | 7  | 6  | 4  | 21 | 15 | 10  | 52  | 1-2  |      |
| 9  | Bromley              | 34 | 13 | 12 | 9          | 49 | 41 | 17 | 7  | 8  | 2  | 26 | 16 | 17 | 6  | 4  | 7  | 23 | 25 | 8   | 51  | 3-2  | 3-3  |
| 10 | Dagenham & Redbridge | 34 | 14 | 6  | 14         | 51 | 55 | 17 | 9  | 3  | 5  | 30 | 25 | 17 | 5  | 3  | 9  | 21 | 30 | -4  | 48  | 1-0  | 1-4  |
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| 12 | Wealdstone           | 33 | 12 | 10 | 11         | 40 | 49 | 15 | 7  | 4  | 4  | 22 | 20 | 18 | 5  | 6  | 7  | 18 | 29 | -9  | 46  | -    |      |
| 13 | Solihull Moors       | 34 | 11 | 9  | 14         | 48 | 50 | 16 | 5  | 5  | 6  | 23 | 20 | 18 | 6  | 4  | 8  | 25 | 30 | -2  | 42  |      | 1-2  |
| 14 | Maidenhead United    | 34 | 12 | 6  | 16         | 38 | 46 | 16 | 7  | 4  | 5  | 20 | 17 | 18 | 5  | 2  | 11 | 18 | 29 | -8  | 42  | 3-2  | 0-0  |
| 15 | Oldham Athletic      | 33 | 11 | 8  | 14         | 46 | 49 | 16 | 8  | 3  | 5  | 29 | 24 | 17 | 3  | 5  | 9  | 17 | 25 | -3  | 41  |      | 2-1  |
| 16 | Halifax Town         | 34 | 11 | 7  | 16         | 34 | 42 | 17 | 8  | 3  | 6  | 22 | 19 | 17 | 3  | 4  | 10 | 12 | 23 | -8  | 40  | 1-0  |      |
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| 23 | Scunthorpe United    | 34 | 6  | 9  | 19         | 39 | 66 | 17 | 5  | 3  | 9  | 26 | 35 | 17 | 1  | 6  | 10 | 13 | 31 | -27 | 27  | 3-1  |      |
| 24 | Maidstone United     | 35 | 5  | 9  | 21         | 38 | 75 | 18 | 3  | 7  | 8  | 19 | 30 | 17 | 2  | 2  | 13 | 19 | 45 | -37 | 24  |      | 1-1  |
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# Stones on the road



### Torguay United

National League Saturday 11th March 3:00pm

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#### Scunthorpe United

National League Saturday 18th March 3:00pm Scuntherne-United.co.uk

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