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MAXIMUM EFFORT Stones' Max Kretzschmar celebrates his goal against Gateshead with Olufela Olomola and the bouncing Bulla crowd last Saturday... but it was one of the few highlights of a disappointing afternoon. PIC: JON TAFFEL



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Well after three weeks without a game we're facing a third match in seven days... and it's a warm welcome to Dagenham and Redbridge today while keenly hoping to finally beat our East London rivals.

As you'll see in the 'Rewind' pages later in this programme we've yet to defeat the reformed Daggers in ten competitive games - and we were well beaten (4-1) on our trip to Victoria Road back in the autumn. There was a lot of rustiness too in the Stones performance against Gateshead here last Saturday as we fell to a 2-1 defeat... and Dagenham & Redbridge also suffered a surprise setback when Yeovil won by a convincing 3-0 margin in East London.

These games are so difficult to predict with anyone capable of beating anyone. We were at Yeovil ourselves last Tuesday (before this programme went to press) so goodness knows

what happened there!

Next Saturday we travel to face the glamour boys of the National League, Wrexham, at the Racecourse ground where they have won EVERY league game this season. And even when facing Championship front-runners Sheffield United there in the FA Cup last weekend they forced a 3-3 draw... and could easily have won. They will face Sheffield in the replay just four days before they take on the Mighty Stones, with the carrot a home Fifth Round tie with Tottenham.

Let's hope they are distracted enough to let us win! Our game will be a sell-out 10,000 crowd in North Wales and there will be at least 200 travelling Stones judging by ticket sales earlier in the week. We might even have 300!

Let's get behind the lads this afternoon and enjoy the game.

Tim

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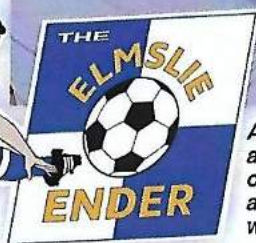
EE reflects on a rusty performance against Gateshead.. and the happy football-free trip to Halifax. Is that the way ahead?

A week is a long time in politics, so they say, but in football, three weeks seems to be a lifetime. In the preceding nine league games before Gateshead rolled into town, and before the rain, snow and frost came, Stones had lost just one of those games, winning five and drawing three, a run of form which has thrust us into the edge of the play off places.

Gateshead were fourth from bottom, having just won four games all season, yet it was they who looked like the play off chasers and us the ones mired in the relegation zone.

As a part time team, with already limited contact time, that time away means that we are entering a mini pre-season, as we build patterns of play, intensity and match fitness once again. We looked leggy, lethargic and it appeared that we hadn't played for months, let alone a few weeks, whilst Gateshead had benefited from a game in midweek and being full time, contact time across the week even when not playing.

Adam Rowlands had done sterling work to get the match on, but the surface wasn't as slick as it normally is due to the inclement weather, which doesn't help our style. That said, Gateshead play similarly to us, building from the back and it didn't



Above: Men and women of a certain age descended on Halifax two weeks ago and for once the football was an irrelevance

seem to hinder them too much. They were faster, stronger, fitter and more intense than us right across the pitch. They pressed us from the front and fully deserved to win and but for Sam Howes would have run up a cricket score, including one stunning save in the second half. Rather strange that the MotM award went to Jack Cook, who wins it by default if the sponsors struggle to come up with anyone.

To be fair, even Howes wasn't immune to gaffes, with two passes from the back which went straight to a striker. It was just one of those days when literally nothing went right.... we

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WEALDSTONE FC
2022-23



It has often been said that football gets in the way of a good day out, especially on our travels away. That was amply proved when our game at 'Alifax was postponed the night before the game. That didn't stop around 30 Stones making the trip regardless with train tickets already booked and spending a very enjoyable day, and in some cases the weekend, in the West Yorkshire town and surrounds, without the angst of the result to worry about, which included a sing song in the Royal Oak with Shaymen fans. A cracking day out.



Was the pitch unplayable?

even lost the toss and ending up attacking the Gun Turret end rather than our favoured Bulla in the second half, when the crowd gets behind the team coming down the slope.

Gateshead's weak link seemed to be their keeper: he was nervy and edgy every time he went near the ball and gifted us the lead, yet he actually didn't make a save all game. Not one. Not sure he even needed a shower post-match, so little he had to do. Bad day at the office but what we have been really good at under the management team is bouncebackability after a poor result.

Supporters are prone to hyperbole and less balanced than the management team, but that was as bad as we played this season, even accounting for the abject

performance at the Cuckoos. Stuart Maynard, in his post-match interview, actually stated that it was our worst performance under their tenure. A rather lame way to celebrate the management team's 100th game in charge.

I recall when Gordon Bartlett managed his 1,000th match, we lost to Waltham Abbey! How far have we come?

There has been some moaning about our gates this season, as we attract amongst the lower end of the National League scale at the Vale. This was put into perspective on Boxing Day, a traditional day when gates are inflated with families coming to games. Our gate of 1,474 was the lowest of the day by some way, yet it was the biggest "Boxing Day" gate (covering 26th/27th/28th December), since 1977 when we had 2,167 v Wimbledon at Lower Mead. Our case wasn't helped by playing Maidenhead United, a non local-derby and a side whose supporters don't travel very well, and a better comparison would be if we played Barnet on Boxing Day and see what the gate would be then.

It did get me thinking and a little bit of research shows that our average last season was 1,402: Only season 1974/75 is comparable for gates since we became professional, and the average so far this season is 1,597 (13.9% increase) and we have already attracted our record Vale crowd, 2,817 v Wrexham. More importantly when you delve a little deeper and take away the away support, our average home support was 1,113 in 2021/22, whilst this season it has been 1,294, an increase of 16.3%. Only Bromley and Eastleigh (and even that was marginally), have attracted lower gates and less home fans than last season. More home fans are coming through the gates, but it does take time to build a new fan base.

Our home form also needs to improve so that when those home fans do come, they go away having had a positive result and experience and want to return for more. Not sure many would have come away from the Gateshead game in a rush to get back!





Miguel Freckleton

He's not exactly a local lad but it's a hearty welcome to Wealdstone to our Sheff United loan star

Miguel Freckleton's arrival at Wealdstone was the biggest Sat Nav adventure since Josh Meeking turned up two years ago from Suffolk, via Inverness Caledonian Thistle and Dundee. Miguel is a Bristolian on loan from Sheffield United!

"It's true, I knew no-one at the club, didn't really know where it was and hadn't even played against any of the lads before!" chuckled the 19-year-old defender when I spoke to him before the Gateshead game.

He was signed two days before the home clash with Wrexham last November - and had just one Thursday night training session before being pitched into the side to face the title favourites.

"I got to recognise Cookie and Kinsey (Lewis Kinsella) very quickly but I got mixed up with Alex Dyer and Charlessey... a bit embarrassing" he said.

"But it's amazing how quickly you settle into a team and the football we play really helps... I was 100% surprised at the quality of the team as I know Wealdstone are part time and you sort of make assumptions. But it's smart football, looks good and I think we've raised a few eyebrows.

"When I signed, Stuart the gaffer sent me 15 minutes of links to showing the sort of football he

Fantastic Freckleton: He scores at York in only his second game, and (far right) in action in the stripes of Sheffield Utd

wants to play and that really encouraged me".

Miguel, who was born and brought up in Bristol, has extended his loan to the Stones until the end of the season and describes the National League as 'a learning process'.

"It started well for me against Wrexham and York and Scunthorpe, but then we had a bit of a dip in the Barnet game. It was one of those days, a couple of poor goals to concede.

"But I'm young and hopefully I'll learn from that".

Miguel's rather roundabout route to the Vale began as a youngster in Bristol, starting off with Rovers for five years and then moving on as a 15-year-old to play Junior Premier League football for Bristol Inner City.

"I then went to SGS College in Stroud, which has a good reputation for developing players and



David Hockaday, one of the coaches, has strong contacts at Sheffield United. They signed me on a two and a half year deal last season... though I went and got injured straight after the trial. It was a torn cartilage in my hip and fortunately my Mum's private health care covered it".

Miguel - whose name doesn't indicate Spanish heritage but his mother's taste for the exotic - also had trials at Fulham as a midfielder and scored in a friendly against Oxford United.

"I only became a defender a year or two ago. Before that I played in midfield, or wide on the left but Sheffield like to use me at the back for my athleticism".

Miguel showed on his debut that he was comfortable on the ball against very strong opponents. Wrexham were startled by the Stones

ability to keep possession and the young Bristolian hardly put a foot wrong all game - keeping a close rein on the dangerous Mullin and Palmer.

And then came an equalising goal on his second start at York! "It was a great ball in from Kinsey. Cookie and the other big lads were being marked at the back post but I was being left pretty much alone - and I was able to get to the ball just before the keeper to volley it in.

"The York players were all appealing for offside and I must admit I looked around for a flag... but fortunately there was no VAR!"

So now Miguel spends his time commuting between Bristol and Sheffield, with training and games at Wealdstone thrown into the mix.

"Every week is different, really, but if there is a Stones game I'll be in Bristol on the Monday and travel across on Tuesday as it's a shorter commute. Wednesdays I'll be in Bristol unless there is a first team meeting I need to attend in Sheffield. Then back to Wealdstone on Thursday evening, and then I'll be in Bristol on Friday doing some gym work .. then back up to Wealdstone

for the game on Saturday".

Miguel has been playing under-23s football for the Blades but missed a good chance to get noticed when a sickness bug ruled him out of a Sheff Utd friendly game against Leicester during the December World Cup break.

"That was just unfortunate" said Miguel. "And a Proposed loan deal to Solihull Moors also fell through earlier in the season because they wanted a striker rather than a defender.

"But I'm very happy to be at Wealdstone. I'd only really heard of the Raider before but now I know all about the club and the history. And I'm enjoying it".





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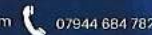
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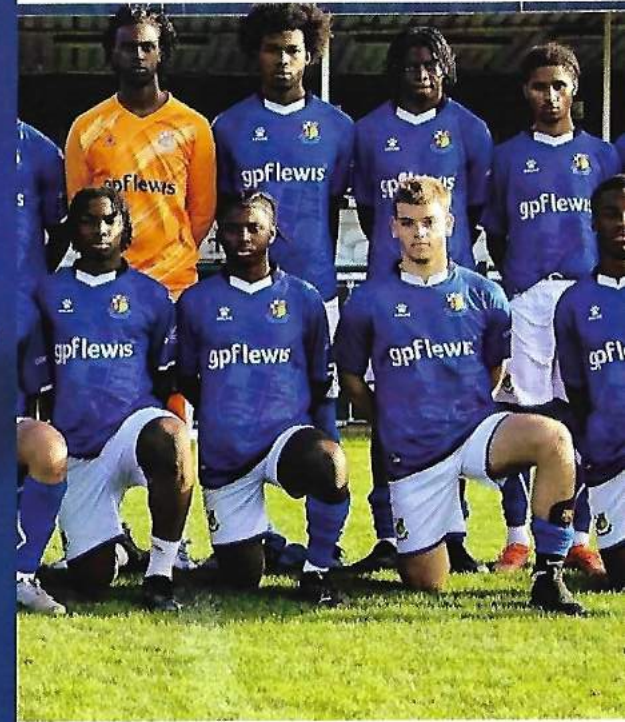
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The Fan in the Stand

If you'd seen the Stones win at Wembley in 1966, then of course you'll be a fan for life....



2-1 Bernie Bremer (11) jumps for joy after putting the Stones ahead in the 1966 Final

How we love a family of Fans in the Stand! In last Saturday's programme we featured Matthew Szurgot, whose Uncle John Nicolle had been watching the Stones back in the 1960s... and now we've managed to persuade John to share his memories too...

Name and age? Hi, I'm John Nicolle (pictured below right) and I'm 69.

Whereabouts do you live? In Devon by the sea.

Have you always lived in that area?

No, I grew up in North Harrow and left the area in 1976 when I went to College in Birmingham.

When was your first Stones' game?

I don't know the exact date but it must have been about 1963/4 ...and I don't remember who they were playing.

What were your first impressions of the Club?

I remember the excitement of walking to Lower Mead, the noise of the fans and the anticipation. I still get that buzz going to matches today.

Who introduced you to the Stones?

My grandad took me on that first occasion but soon after I met some older boys who went to matches regularly and they let me tag along.



What was the first football match you ever saw live or on TV? Back in the 60s the only live football on TV was the Cup Final. I certainly remember watching West Ham v Preston North End in 64.

Do you follow any other teams? There are 3 results I always look for on a Saturday: Wealdstone, Exeter City and the Arsenal. It's always a good feeling if all three win which has happened already this season.

What's the most memorable game you've ever seen?

For anyone of my generation it has to be the 1966 World Cup. I'd followed all the matches leading up to the final on TV so the World Cup was in black and white for me. When it came to the actual final I was at a boy's camp in Swanage and the only way we could see the match was through the shop window of Radio Rentals. I only heard the iconic commentary "they think it's all over..." later.

And the best Wealdstone game? No question. Winning the Amateur Cup Final, also in 1966, 3-1 against Hendon. This took place in April,



Bobby Childs levels the scores at 1-1...



Then hits the third to clinch victory.

before the World Cup. Hendon were great rivals and favourites on the day. When they scored first we all feared the worst, but Bobby Childs scored just before half time and Bernie Bremer put us in the lead in the second half. When Bobby scored the third we knew we'd won. I think we went to the Granada cinema in Harrow to see the cup being paraded.

What level of football do you prefer?

Because I live in Devon I watch Exeter City. Like Wealdstone they have had some hard times and nearly folded. They are now owned by the fans, through a Fans Trust, and doing well in Division 1. I've always enjoyed the honesty of lower league football.

How big a part of your life is 'the game'?

I have three sons who all enjoy football, so there's always football talk when we're together.

Have you ever played the game yourself and to what level?

Yes I played as a boy and played regularly up until my 20s when I broke my leg. I only retired from playing 5-a-side ten years ago. I never played at any great level but some of my happiest memories are playing Sunday league football with a bunch of mates.

How do you fit watching football in with your family/working days?

I'm retired and have a wife who also enjoys watching football on the

TV, so no problem.
Did the Stones' flying start – and 10 wins so far – surprise you this season? When you've supported a team for nearly 60 years you learn to enjoy the good times. I did however take a screen grab when we were top of the league!

Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen? Could you name a best-ever Stones side? My favourite players hark back to the 60s, especially Eddie Dillsworth, an imposing figure with skills to match and part of the '66 Cup-winning side. I haven't seen enough of the more recent teams to pick a best 11, but it sounds like a good discussion to have over a few pints in the Club bar.

How does Lower Mead compare to the Vale?

I persuaded my two nephews to come to the Vale last season when we beat Barnet 1-0. The atmosphere was terrific and the support superb, and the pint afterwards tasted great! They now regularly watch the Stones and my great-nephew Noah was the mascot at a recent match. I'm so pleased to see a new generation of Stones fans developing. The Vale is a great non-league ground but it may need some upgrade when we are promoted to the EFL.

What's the best away-day you've experienced so far? I was talking to a lifelong Stones fan the other day and remembering a trip on the supporters' coach to Torpoint near Plymouth in 1968. It was the first round of the Amateur Cup and Torpoint AFC were the minnows while we were one of the giants of amateur football. They played on a field with a shed for the clubhouse. Wealdstone most probably took two coaches of supporters and it rained all through the match. We got back to Wealdstone at 2am, but we did win. Maybe not the best away-day, but certainly an epic tale.

I'm writing a couple of weeks ago and have two 'local' (for me) away trips planned to Yeovil and Torquay. Here's hoping for six points!

And finally, where do you think the Stones will be in 5 years? Playing Exeter City in the EFL, preferably League One, but League Two will do.

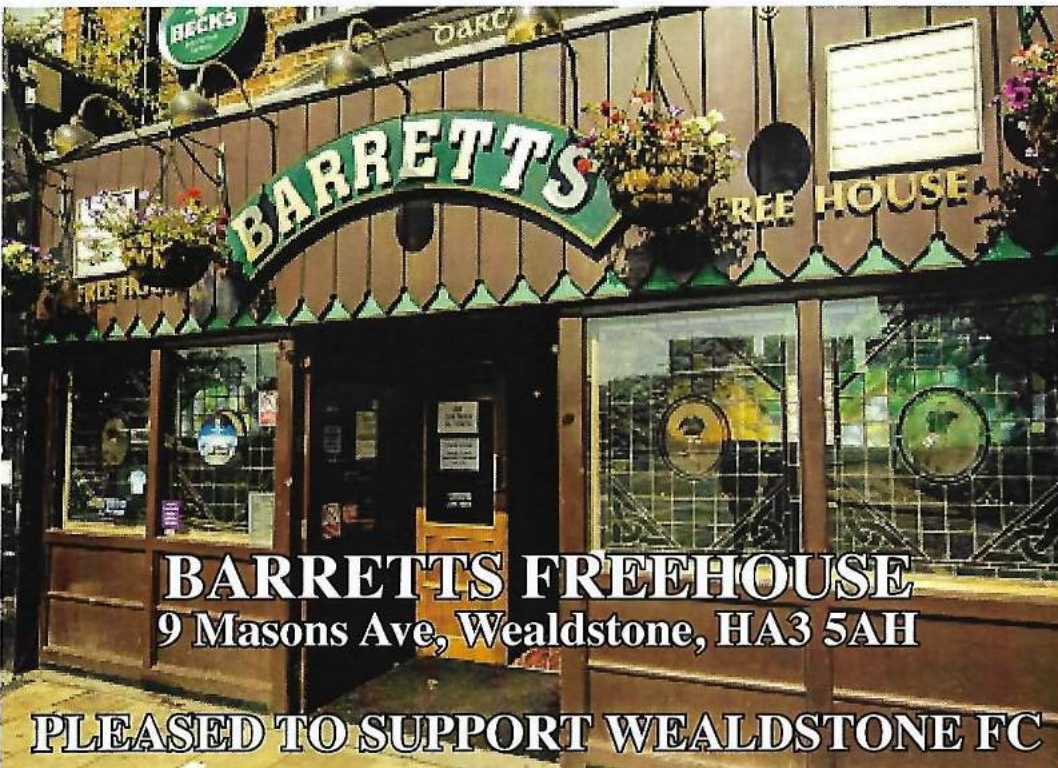
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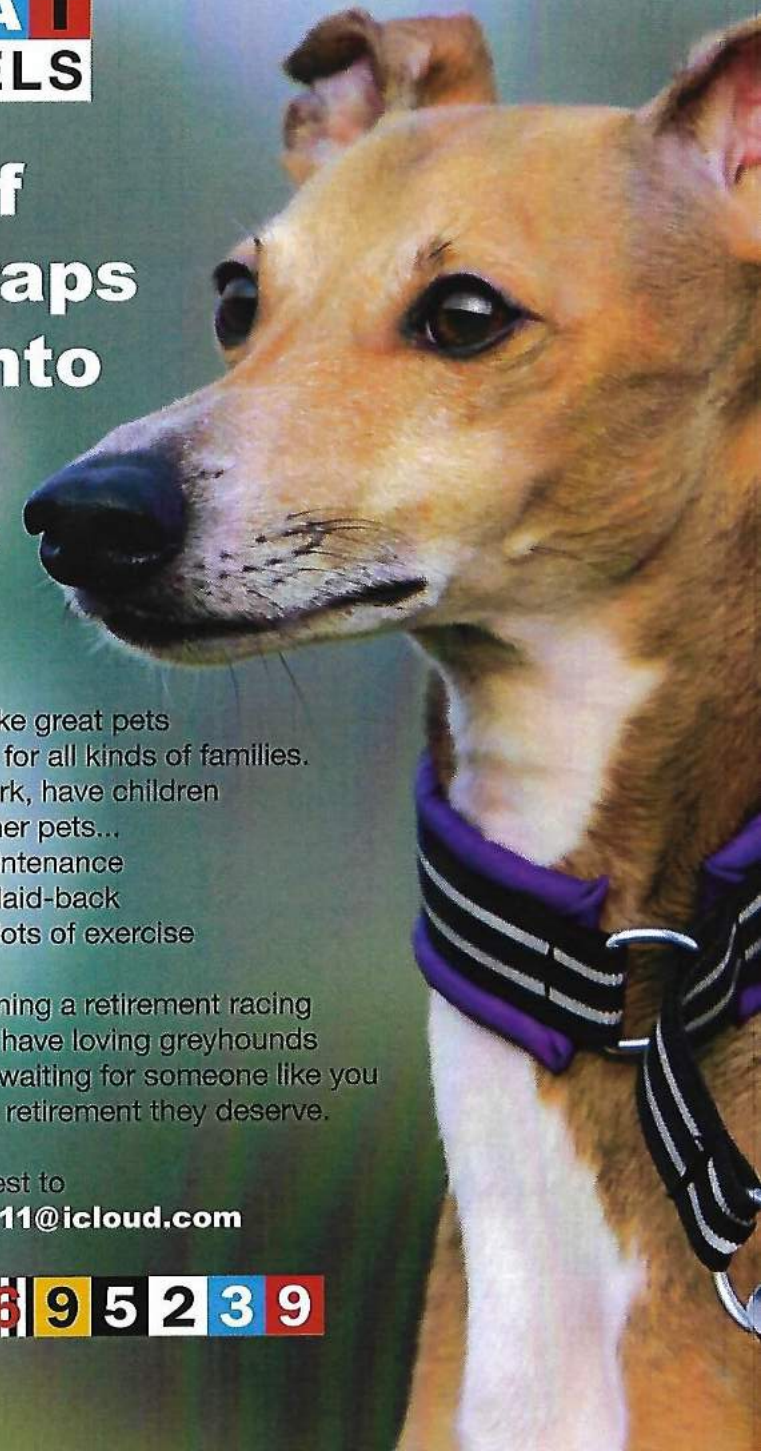
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The first season of Dagenham & Redbridge FC saw them finish third behind Wycombe Wanderers in the GM Vauxhall Conference and reach the 1st Round proper of the FA Cup, where they were defeated 5-4 in a thrilling game against Leyton Orient.

Unfortunately after this things began to go downhill for the club especially off the pitch when a Trustee of the Club illegally removing half a million pounds which he was later convicted of. Money was now tight and the 1995/6 season saw the Daggers finish bottom of the GM Vauxhall Conference and suffer relegation to the Isthmian League.

To ensure the Club didn't continue a downward trend Ted Hardy was appointed to stabilise it. and against all odds took the team to Wembley in the FA Trophy final unfortunately losing 0-1 in extra time to Woking having played for an hour with only 10 men.

League finishes of fourth, fourth and third meant that Ted had achieved the target of stability and on 1st March 1999 he announced his resignation.



The Daggers installed Garry Hill into the hot seat and in his first season they returned to the Conference having romped to the Isthmian League title recording 20 victories and a draw from their 21 home league games and an outstanding 101 points. The success story continued into the 2000/01 season as the Club achieved third place. The 2001/2 season saw the Conference championship turned into a two-horse race with Boston United and the Daggers heartbreakingly missing out on promotion to the Football League on goal difference. The disappointment was made even worse when the Lincolnshire side were found guilty of illegal payments to players but the points deduction was carried into the following season. The following season saw the Club miss out on promotion to the football league for the second season running again by the closest of margins.

Garry Hill departed at the end of the following season and the Club turned to John Still for a second spell in charge. At the end of October the Club were ten points behind hot favourites Oxford United and a play-off place was seen as the best they could hope for, instead they kept up the pressure on the leaders and on the last day of 2006 they took top spot in the League, a position they wouldn't relinquish. On

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

HOME GROUND - VICTORIA ROAD
CAPACITY - 6,078
MANAGER - DARYL McMAHON
2021/22 - 8TH NATIONAL LEAGUE

HONOURS

League 2 Play Off Winners 2009/10

FA Trophy Runners-Up 1996/97

Conference Champions 2006/07

Conference Runners-Up 2001/02

Conference Promotion Final 2002/03

Isthmian League Premier Division
Champions 1999/2000

Essex Senior Cup Winners
1997/98, 2000/01

Essex Senior Cup Runners-Up 2001/02

Isthmian League Sheild Winners 2000/01

7th April 2007, a 2-1 home win over Aldershot Town gave them the Championship and with it a place in the Football League they had been so close to achieving in the past.

The 2009/10 season saw the Club reach the end of season play off's by virtue of a seventh all previous play-off records with a six goal rout of Morecambe and despite losing the second leg 1-2, went through to the final at Wembley 7-2 on aggregate. 32,054 attended the final on 20th May and saw goals from Paul Benson, Danny Green give the Daggers the lead on two occasions only for the Millers to equalise on both occasions. Barbados international Jon Nurse struck the winner after 69 minutes as the Essex side continued their amazing climb through the football pyramid.

The size of the task facing the squad in League One was evident & despite all the odds the club went in to the last day of the season with fate in their own hands but with over 1,000 Daggers making the trip to London Road Peterborough ran out easy winner to condemn the Daggers to relegation.

Wayne Burnett signed a two-year contract as manager in May 2013 and in his first full season in charge led the team to a ninth place finish in League Two, playing a more attractive style of football in the process however a poor start to the 2015/16 led to his departure and the return to

management of John Still.

The Daggers' 2016/17 season was an eventful season both on and off the pitch for Dagenham & Redbridge, with the Essex side almost returning to the Football League at the first time of asking only narrowly missing out in the promotion Semi-final to Forest Green Rovers. Daggers captain Scott Doe reached 300 appearances for the Club in March as well as the Daggers finishing fourth after being hit with a number of first team injuries.

In 2019/20 The Daggers embarked on their 4th successive season in the National League, looking to build on the solid foundations that have been put in place by the club's investors, Trinity Sports Holdings. Peter Taylor departed the club after a run of poor form at the start of 2020. Daryl McMahon joined as Manager in early January, with Terry Harris and Steve Gritt his joint-Assistant Managers, and Dave Jupp arriving as Strength and Conditioning and First Team Coach.

Opposition in focus

DAGENHAM & REDBRIDGE

1. ELLIOT JUSTHAM - GOALKEEPER

Elliot joined the Daggers after being released by Luton at the end of the 2015/16 season. He joined Luton having played previously for Waltham Forest, Leyton, Redbridge, Brentwood Town and East Thurrock United.

2. JOSH HARE - DEFENCE

Josh originally began his career as a part of the Gillingham youth set up. He joined Eastbourne Borough in a loan deal in 2014 and would eventually sign for the club in July 2016 before moving to then-National League side Maidstone United in 2017.

Hare's original stint at Eastleigh came following his time at Maidstone, before a move to then-League One side Bristol Rovers, where he would make 39 appearances before returning to Eastleigh.

3. ELLIOTT JOHNSON - DEFENCE

Elliott joined the Daggers in early August having spent the entirety of his professional career at Barnet.

4. DEAN RANCE - MIDFIELD

Dean signed ahead of the 2020/21 Season. Rance is a player that manager Daryl McMahon knows well, having played him at Dover and more recently at Ebbsfleet United. He arrived after spending the season with Aldershot Town, where he was captain of the Shots.

5. MANNY ONARIASE- DEFENCE

Manny returned to the Daggers in March 2022. The defender originally signed for the club back in October 2018 on a season-long-loan deal from Rotherham United, before making the switch permanent. During the 2019/2020 season, Manny departed the Daggers to sign for Scunthorpe United.

6. OMAR MUSSA - MIDFIELD

Omar made 34 Vanarama National League appearances in 2021/22 for relegated side, Weymouth. Starting his career in Belgium with KV Mechelen's youth teams until January 2019, when he made the switch to Walsall. From Walsall, Omar joined Dover Athletic during the 2020/21 season, before opting to join Weymouth.

8. MO SAGAF - MIDFIELD

Mo joined Dagenham & Redbridge at the end of January following his release from EFL side Carlisle United. Having started his career North Greenford United, Sagaf made the switch to the Ternana youth set up before returning to England to join Leatherhead. Mo found form at Waltham Forest



ELLIOT JUSTHAM



MO SAGAF

in 2017/18 and eventually a move to Ipswich where he joined up with the Under 23 squad. Barking, Braintree and Carlisle followed.

9. PAUL MCCALLUM - FORWARD

McCallum joined the Daggers in August 2020, after leaving Solihull Moors. HE started his career as a youth product at West Ham United before featuring for the likes of Portsmouth, Aldershot, Leyton Orient and Eastleigh before making the switch to the Midlands.

10. ANGELO BALANTA - FORWARD

Angelo joined the Daggers in 2018 from Boreham Wood. The Columbian born forward started his career in the QPR youth system spending time Angelo went on loan at Wycombe, MK Dons and Yeovil Town. After leaving QPR in 2014 he spent a year with Bristol Rovers before Carlisle.

11. MYLES WESTON - MIDFIELD

Myles joined the Daggers in February 2020 on a deal until June 2021 after he left Ebbsfleet United, making four appearances before the season was cut short.

12. MATT ROBINSON - MIDFIELD

Matt began his career as a youth player in the Leicester City academy before joining Luton Town in 2012. Matt has also had spells at Kidderminster Harriers, Grimsby Town and Woking. In May 2016 he was released from his contract by mutual consent and joined the Daggers.

13. JOSH STRIZOVIC - GOALKEEPER

Josh joined the Daggers in May 2019. Represented Burnham before he was then picked up by Billericay Town in 2018 before he signed for Maidstone United in September 2018. Josh has spent time on loan at Basildon United and Harrow Borough.

14. GEORGE SAUNDERS - MIDFIELD

THE PLAYERS TO WATCH



DEAN RANCE



JUNIOR MORIAS

George Saunders was the first signing of the summer of 2020 after two fantastic seasons for Hornchurch.

15. NIK TAVARES - MIDFIELD

Nikola joined the Daggers upon the expiration of his contract with fellow National League side WEALDSTONE in the summer of 22/23. The South African-born defender made 27 appearances in his recent one-year spell with the Stones. Tavares has also represented Croatia at youth level.

16. HARRY PHIPPS - MIDFIELD

Phipps joined the Daggers the week before the opening game of the 2018/19 season, the young holding midfielder joined the club having been released by Maidstone United.

17. YOAN ZOUMA - DEFENCE

Yoan Zouma joined the Daggers in December 2021. Before signing for the Daggers Yoan had spent some time at Barrow and Altrincham. Zouma also has 17 League One appearances to his name at Bolton Wanderers.

18. RYLEY SCOTT - MIDFIELD

Ryley started his career as a part of the West Ham academy set up, before making the switch to the Ipswich U18's. Scott joined Bury Town on a season long loan before he found a new home at the Farense B team over in Portugal. Ryley has spent some time out on loan to Concord Rangers this season but has made five appearances for the Daggers.

19. SAM LING - DEFENCE

Sam Ling first joined Dagenham & Redbridge in 2016 from Leyton Orient on a free transfer. Ling opted for a move back to Leyton Orient in January 2018 for an undisclosed fee and would go on to win the Vanarama National League the next season with the O's. Sam went on to make 45 EFL appearances for the east London club before his release at the end of the 2020/21 season.

LAST MEETINGS

Sat 30th April 2022- (H) L 1-2

Sat 29th October 2022 (A) L 1-4

20. MAURO VILHETE - MIDFIELD

Vilhete joined the Daggers in March 2021 on a free transfer from Wingate & Finchley. The midfielder spent 11 years at Barnet & enjoyed loan spells at Hendon and Boreham Wood.

21. DAVID LONGE-KING - DEFENCE

Longe-King made his move to Daggers in July 2022. The defender made six appearances in all competitions for Grimsby last season, as well as 15 in while on loan with Woking.

23. ANSU JANNEH - MIDFIELD

Ansu joined the Daggers in 2022. Over recent years, Ansu had also spent time with Walton Casuals, Lancing and Staines Town.

24. JUNIOR MORIAS - FORWARD

Morias started off his career at the Fulham academy but moved to Wycombe Wanderers with loans to hendon & boreham wood. full time moves to St.Albans, peterborough, northampton & St.Mirren followed before a return to borham wood then kings lynn.

35. JOEL TAYLOR - DEFENCE

Joel Taylor joined the Daggers on November 12th on a two month's loan from Notts County. Taylor began his career at Stoke City. He went on to join League One side, Rochdale on loan in 2017 Joel went on to join Kidderminster Harriers following his release from the Potters. In 2019, Taylor went on to join National League North side, Chester, on a one-year deal then Chesterfield. He moved to Meadow Lane at the start of last season.

36. JAY BIRD - FORWARD

Bird began his career at MK Dons. In 2019 he joined SHitchin Town on loan. 2021 Bird, spent the first half of the season on loan to WEALDSTONE.

39. SYDNEY IBIE - FORWARD

Sydney signed in mid December. The 20-year-old joined the Daggers from Isthmian League side, Northwood FC.

24. JOSH WALKER - FORWARD

Josh signed for the Daggers in 2021 following three years at Barnet. Walker began his career in the youth set up at Tottenham before making the switch to Fulham. Following his release from the Cottagers, he went on to join Hendon in the 2017/18 season

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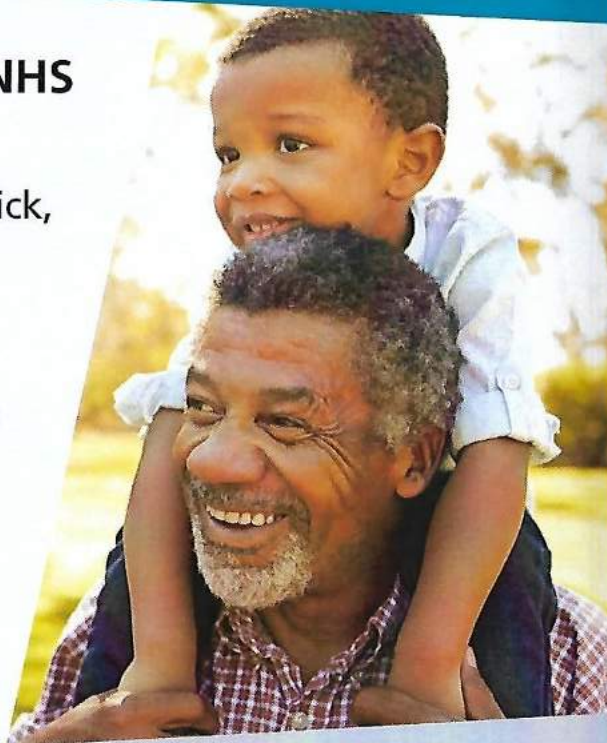
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BY JON TAFFEL



The Stones Alphabet



This week, our man with the Wealdstone dictionary looks at Liverpool, Losing, League Ladders and the Lease...

L is for **LOSING**. I hate Losing, so writing this as I am just after our defeat to Gateshead, I'm not in the best of moods. That's the thing about being a football fan, what happens in that ninety minutes can shape the mood of a whole day, weekend or week.

A win against Gateshead and we'd have been sitting in a play-off spot against all odds, and I was mug enough to take a sneaky look at the league table just before the Heed scored their equaliser. Twenty minutes later and our winning

position had become a defeat, and whilst disappointing it cannot be argued that on the balance of play the visitors didn't deserve it. Two post-match pints were enough for me, that's what a Loss does. With

a win, I'd still be guzzling my ale rather than writing this, so there is a benefit not just to my health, but also in that I'm more likely to meet the Daggers programme deadline. And that's before I even start to sort the match photos out.

L is also for **LIMBS**, a term used to describe an exceptional moment amongst fans when something outstanding occurs, most likely when as a result of a special goal or moment. Arms and legs go absolutely everywhere with a complete loss of control, and we've had a few of those moments this season. Sadly participation in Limbs moments are a thing of the past for me now I'm stuck behind the Lens, the best I can do is try and capture others in the act. Top contenders for Limbs moments this season have to be following our goals at Oldham and York, particularly Captain Cook's stoppage time winner in the latter.



JOHN LOUHLAN



JOHN McCORMICK

L is for **LONGSHOT**, and a late and unlikely contender for inclusion this week is John **LOUHLAN**. Younger readers may ask who on earth is John Loughlan? I must admit I had forgotten all about him until I was browsing through my 1970-71 Soccer Stars Gala Collection the other day – the equivalent of the modern day Panini sticker albums. Panini was already in existence but back then I don't recall them being on the UK market. Anyway, John Loughlan appeared on the Crystal Palace page next to former Stone John McCormick (pictured above). I was very struck with his haircut and sideburns... in later seasons the Soccer Stars Collections included pictures of players 'in action'. I wish there had been a version with pictures of players in civvies, I'm sure John would have been wearing a tonic suit.

Various images from my Soccer Stars collection may well feature in future editions, my particular favourites being the publisher's amateurish attempts at image editing - no sophisticated photoshop tools back then. Back to Scotsman Loughlan, after his football league career was over he did play non-league for Wembleton and Kettering as well as managing Corby so he did

cross paths with the Stones.

L is for **LEAGUE LADDERS**, popularised by Shoot magazine in the 70's. These appeared every summer at the commencement of the new season and involved a pull-out card with slits for all English & Scottish League Divisions, and another sheet of card with tabs for each team that popped out and enabled the owner to move teams up and down the ladders each week. These multicoloured items were must-haves for any self-respecting lad back then, but were far from ideal if like me you supported a Southern League team. The answer was simply to turn the multicoloured tabs around and write the names of non-league teams on the beige reverse. Did anyone else other than me do the same? So good were these Ladders that a version was reproduced on Jack's Wealdstone website back in the nineties and these were very popular (in my house at least!)

L is for **LEASE**, probably one of the most relevant L's at this time in the determination of where our club's future lies. Incredibly it is over thirty years since we left our Lower Mead home, a period which has seen some massive ups and downs. Undoubtedly with the resources at our disposal we are riding on the crest of a wave at the moment. We all love the Vale, but our future here is reliant on our current **LANDLORDS** and **LEASE**.

Understandably developments in this area can't always be made public, but if the club is to continue its remarkable progression then we're all hoping for some good news on this front. Rory's programme notes for the Gateshead match certainly gives us cause for optimism here. **L** is also for a different kind of **LEESE**, referring to an unsuccessful experiment involving Andy Leese trying to share Gordon Bartlett's job.

Last week saw Stuart and Matt complete 100 matches in charge of the Stones, and one of the keys to our success has been use of the **LOAN MARKET**. Last season it was no coincidence that an upturn in our fortunes coincided with the recruitment of some key loan signings to supplement our squad. In George Wickens and Connor McAvoy from Fulham we were already doing OK, but the signings of Charles Clayden and Aaron Henry from Charlton Athletic took things to another level. This season we currently

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BARKING THE GLADIATORS	STAINES THE LILYWHITES
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BOGNOR THE BUCKS	TOOTING TERRORS
BROMLEY KENT TOWN	UXBRIDGE THE REDS
CARSHALTON WHINNERS	WALTON & H THE SWANS
DURWICH HARLEY	WEALDSTONE STONES
FORD UTD MOTORMEN	WHITELEAF THE LEAFS
HARLOW T HAWKS	WIDEN ROYALISTS
NORTHWOOD THE WOODS	WORKING THE REDS
OXFORD C THE CITY	YEADING THE BIRDS

Above: Jack's Wealdstone Website back in the 2000s and its terrific alternative League Ladders (see opposite page)

The Alphabet contd

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have Charlie Barker also from Charlton as well as Miguel Freckleton from Sheffield United and Brooklyn Ilunga from MK Dons.

This is not a completely new thing, we have had some cracking loanees in days gone by. Britt Assombalonga and Theo Robinson immediately spring to mind. This new crop are experiencing a high standard of football that will only enhance their professional development whilst also helping us to compete in a predominantly full time league. It's a win-win: Keeping the conveyor belt rolling!

With Dagenham as our visitors today, I was really hoping that this week would be 'M' not 'L' as it would be an opportunity to shoe-horn LINCOLN Manderson into the article. Now I could do this anyway simply by using Lincoln, instead I will do so by bringing in my favourite position of **LEFT BACK**. Left back is synonymous with the No 3 shirt worn by many Stones over the years, but none less so than Stuart Pearce. Fast forward then to 1985 and the Stones were in a two-legged FA Trophy semi-final against Enfield. Sandwiched between these two matches was a Capital League match at Victoria Road, so to avoid injuries Brian Hall asked the Supporters' team to provide players to 'bolster' the side. Yours truly was lucky enough to don the No 3 shirt that night, my proudest football moment where despite losing 3-2 I had

the aforementioned Mr Manderson in my pocket for the evening. He may still be there. Anyway, if you've read this far, if Daggers fan has any press cuttings from the evening I'd love to see them!

L is also, of course, for **LIVERPOOL**, it was just over nineteen years ago that our club's greatest-ever FA Youth Cup run (under the sadly and recently departed Francis Joseph) took us to Liverpool for an unforgettable evening. Whether on the Kop or in the Director's Box, it was a slightly surreal experience for our fans, never in my lifetime did I really think I'd see a Stones team at Anfield. I enjoyed seeing the scoreboard when it was Liverpool 0 Wealdstone 0... though sadly it wasn't to last.

The FA Youth Cup in Partnership with Pepsi
LIVERPOOL v WEALDSTONE
Tuesday 21 December 2004

Liverpool (Red Shirts)		Wealdstone (Blue & White Shirts)	
1	David Roberts	1	Michael Swain
2	Jordan Holmes	2	Lee Holland
3	Danny Smith	3	Rodney Hicks
4	Adam Ritchie	4	Eric Donald Obio
5	Robbie Threlfall	5	Todd Allison
6	Danny Guthrie (c)	6	Carl Martin (c)
7	Adam Hamill	7	Sam Sharples
8	Jay Spearing	8	John Christian
9	Karl Noon	9	Muhammad Jimbah
10	Conal Platt	10	Mark Thompson
11	Paul Barrett	11	Alex Augustine
Substitutes		Substitutes	
12	Calum Woods	12	Ryan Moore
13	Sam Roblin	13	Michael Lavender
14	Phil Townley	14	Calum Martin
15	Jimmy Ryan	15	Brian Green
16	Charlie Barnett	16	Luis Garcia
Referee Mr W D Smallwood		Assistant Referees Mr D Stustin & Mr T G Fox	

Uproar as Stones go out

REFREE David Letts, the man at the centre of the FA Youth Cup's controversial exit from the FA Trophy at Lower Head on Saturday, revealed that he came 'within a second of two' of abandoning the job, writes **ROGER JONES**.

The second half was only a minute when he sent off Steve Perkins for bringing an opponent into the play. The player took offence and, shouting, he ran off the pitch. Letts was told to get the game back on track and to ensure the referee was in control. He then said the referee was in control. He then said the referee was in control.

Lesson lost Having seen Steve go, Letts was told to get the game back on track and to ensure the referee was in control. He then said the referee was in control.



Wealdstone keeper, Ray Giddard, can only stare in dismay as Dagenham's Steve Head (No. 6) sets up the wrong way.

Dagenham's Steve Head was the only man to be sent off in the referee's decision. Letts was told to get the game back on track and to ensure the referee was in control. He then said the referee was in control.

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So that's almost it for this week, other than to mention one of the biggest travesties of all time. This was February 1982, and almost 41 years ago today we faced Dagenham in the FA Trophy. The referee that day was a Mr D LETTS from Basingstoke (he doesn't deserve to be referred to with his first name) and he single-handedly gave the game to the Daggers on a plate. (see left) It still hurts to this day, I'll leave it there with no further comment. Enjoy the game!

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Luckless Stones

Biggest crowd of the season sees battling Blues go down fighting



Here and on opposite page: The Harrow Observer gives decent coverage to the big Trophy tie at the second round stage 28 years ago: Our striker Paul Wilkins is pictured here putting Wanderers' pivot Glyn Creaser under pressure

On this day 34 years ago we had the terrible luck to draw Wycombe again

Saturday February 4 1989, FA Trophy 2nd Round: Wealdstone 0 Wycombe Wanderers 1

If you thought our luck has been bad in the FA Cup and Trophy in recent years - often being paired with the top club we could possibly have drawn - things were just as bad three decades ago!

Indeed, even in the dying embers of the club's amateur days of the very early 1970s clubs officials

By **John Comfort**

Wealdstone 0
Wycombe Wanderers 1

IT was a frustrating day for Wealdstone on Saturday as they slipped sadly and very unluckily out of the FA Trophy in front of their biggest crowd of the season, some 1,469 fans.

Despite all the gloomy predictions that very much in form Wycombe had got the best going to a bye in the second round tie, Stones more than defied the prophets of doom with a superb battling performance that drew generous praise from Wanderers' boss Jimmy Kelman at the final whistle.

But well as they played, the one vital ingredient required for Stones to secure the shock result they threatened was unhappily missing - a player who can find the back of the net.

Having survived a testing first half and then been caught cold with a goal just two minutes after the break, Stones took a firm grip of the match and had the visitors in an unaccustomed backs to the wall position for the rest of the match.

But with their two leading scorers Tony Lynch and Alan Cordice both sidelined with injuries, Stones had no-one capable of converting intense pressure into the goals they deserved.

Almost inevitably it was rampaging defender turned midfielder, Mark Harrison, who came closest to the elusive goal that would have given his side a merited replay, but Wycombe keeper Garry Lester broke the hearts of the Stones fans when he flew through the air to superbly claw away his blockbusting 25

yard drive that had goal written all over it.

Stones' star in the first half when they found themselves very much second best to the visitors was Paul Morris who had a magnificent game in defence and cut short the threat of many a Wycombe attack.

And keeper Kevin Foster, in for the injured Darren Williams, also had a fine game. He was well placed to hold a close header from Andy Kerr after Carroll's corner had been flicked on and from another corner he somehow managed to save from the menacing John Kerr.

Kerr should have scored just before the break when Robinson's free kick was flicked on and left him with just Foster to beat, but the keeper managed to deflect the ball away and an angry Kerr was doubly incensed at his misfortune when referee Danson amazingly awarded a goal kick.

Wealdstone's best chance of the half fell to Paul Wilkins and he really should have made more of it. A good move ended with Steve Browne's cross flapped away and the ball fell invitingly for Wilkins just eight yards out. But instead of volleying into a virtually unprotected goal he waited for the ball to bounce and when he finally got his shot in there were plenty of Wycombe bodies on hand to block his effort.

make Trophy exit



Wealdstone's Danny Bailey uses some neat handwork to win the ball from a Wycombe opponent.

and from 10 yards out he blazed the ball past the hapless Foster.

Instead of demoralising Stones, that reverse incredibly stirred them into action and within minutes Lester had made his magnificent save to

defy Harrison and then kept out Danny Bailey's follow up effort.

Olneye fired over after being put away by Rick and midway through the half Morris almost got appropriate reward for his excellent performance when he got up in support of Margerison and

curled a great shot inches wide of the target.

Soon after Steve Browne put Bailey clear but he stumbled in the box with just Lester to beat - and Stones must have known then that it was not to be their day.

In the closing minutes their commitment to attack allowed Kerr to break away for Wycombe and cross for Blackler to fire wildly over and in the final minute only a superb save from Foster kept out a fierce low drive by Carroll.

But the scoreline was already unjust. Further Wycombe goals would have seen it bordering on the criminal.

Wealdstone's Foster, Corbin, Harrison, Risk, Morris, La Roudie, Bailey, Margerison, Wilkins, Olneye, S. Browne (C. Browne), Other sub: Eriemo.

ball League. And again we were pipped 1-0!

In the intervening years, the Stones had overtaken the Chairboys. While they remained a giant fish in a small Isthmian League pond, we embraced the semi-pro game and spent the 1970s as a decent Southern League side. When the Alliance Premier League kicked off in 1979 we were founder members, and then of course hit the heights in the mid-80s

when becoming the first non-League Double Winners.

Wycombe were beaten at Lower Mead on our march to the Trophy Final in '85, and the Bucks side finally realised they had to join the Conference if they were to have any credibility as a 'big' club.

They had always attracted big crowds to their old Loakes Park ground, but Wycombe really took off once they relocated to the wonderful Adams Park

Stadium in 1990. Funds were in place to entice the top non-League players from Barnet and Enfield across to Buckinghamshire and - just two years after this trophy win at Lower Mead - the Wanderers were crowned Conference Champions.

They were a decent side in 1989, too. We had just been relegated back to the Southern League from the Conference

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and new Chairman Alan Clifton (who had emerged the winner of a power struggle with David Morrill) gave manager Tony Jennings the financial backing that should have ensured a swift return.

£8,000 was spent on keeper Darren Williams and defender Mark Harrison, and a further £11,000 on centre backs Paul Morris and Alan Risk. Midfielder John Margerrison returned from Barnet for £2,500. On paper it was a strong side but, crucially, lacked pace and we were found out - not just by sides like Wycombe - but most of the Southern League Prem as we floundered to a midway finish.

The year that Wycombe won the Vauxhall Conference, incidentally, we were again drawn against them in the Trophy 2nd round at the brand new Adams Park. 2,690 people saw the game and, of course, it finished 1-0 to the Wanderers.

Stones back in third spot as Graves strikes again



Stones' scorer Nigel Johnson shoots just over the bar during one of Wealdstone's numerous assaults on the Enfield goal during Saturday's match.

WEALDSTONE 2 ENFIELD 1
WEALDSTONE bagged another two championship points with their win over Enfield at Lower Mead on Saturday — their third victory over their North London rivals in the five meetings between the two sides this season.

The victory moved Stones back into third place in the table as they maintained their bid to assume Enfield's mantle of Alliance League champions, writes *Willem Bull*.

But Enfield looked anything but reigning champions as they continued to show more muscle than skill on the quagmire that passed as Wealdstone's pitch.

It finally took a Mark Graves goal, his 27th of the season, to settle the issue, but Stones should really have been home and dry long before he struck in the 70th minute.

Enfield were under the cosh as early as the 23rd minute when Keith Hayzelden was forced to clear a Paul Bowgett volley off the line. A minute later Nigel Johnson headed just past the post and followed that by grazing the bar with a shot after a scramble in the goalmouth.

Enfield 'keeper Dave Mallett was brought into action after 33 minutes as he produced a brilliant diving save from a 25-yard free kick sweetly struck by Bowgett.

Stones deservedly took the lead after 37 minutes when Johnson fired in after Chris Dibble had forced the ball through to him with his persistence on the edge of the box.

Bob Nles, in the Wealdstone goal, was only threatened once in the first half as he was twice forced to save in quick succession from Paul Taylor and Hayzelden just before the break.

Wealdstone started the second half where they had left off in the first: outwitting the pressure on Enfield, Robin Wainwright headed a Dennis Byatt free kick just over the bar, Graves fired a dangerous cross across the face of the goal, with Alan Cordice just failing to get the final touch, and Johnson shot over after playing a neat one-two with Graves.

The Stones defence, as commanding as ever, only relaxed once. And they did dearly for the lapse as Steve King

latched on to a Steve Cox through ball after 65 minutes to level the score.

Stones were back in front within five minutes, however. Johnson did well to get to the by-line with a fine dribble and his cross was met by Graves, who gave Mallett no chance with a powerful header.

Graves later "scored" a superb goal, bending the ball round Mallett from the corner of the box, only to see it ruled out because Cordice was standing in an off-side position.

After the match, Wealdstone boss Brian Hall said: "I thought all the side

played well today. On a pitch like that it takes a lot of stamina and a lot of concentration to keep on working."

"I was satisfied with our first half performance, but perhaps we should have got a few more first half goals. We got the ball into dangerous positions, but we were just not finishing."

"Enfield came back well after they scored, but we did very well to get the goal with our only lapse at the back, but the goal was a bit suspect."

Wealdstone: Nles, Perkins, McCargo, Byatt, Bowgett, Wainwright, Greenaway, Johnson, Cordice, Graves, Dibble. Subs: Price and Donelan.



Happy Birthday...12-year-old Davendra Bahrahia of Glebe School (centre) celebrates his birthday by becoming Wealdstone's match day mascot against Enfield, with plenty of club souvenirs to take home. He is pictured before the match with Wealdstone officials (left to right) Colin Pope, Alan Clifton and Deanne Saxby.

Wealdstone are looking to the supporters of tomorrow in an effort to inject some increase in their sagging crowds at Lower Mead.

Complimentary tickets for home matches are being sent to local schools — with encouraging results.

More than 50 children attended the home game with Weymouth, and about 70 youngsters watched Saturday's clash with North London rivals Enfield.

The schools represented were Glebe School, Harrow; Christchurch, Richmond; Qualnton Hall, Harrow; and Mariborough First and Middle, Harrow.

While almost 40 years ago..

Saturday February 4 1984, Alliance Prem League: Wealdstone 2 Enfield 1

HOW well do I remember this game! I was Sports Editor of the Enfield Gazette at the time, young and opinionated and well on the way to cheating off the Es boss Eddie McCluskey... particularly when he learned of my Wealdstone leanings.

The cuttings (left) are taken from the Harrow Observer, but my own report in the Gazette focused on Enfield's shortcomings just a year after they had finished as magnificent APL champions in a three-way fight with

Maidstone and ourselves. After losing this game at a muddy Lower Mead they were - shockingly - below halfway in the table and I wrote that 'this league is no respecter of reputations. If Enfield don't start winning soon they could find themselves back in the Isthmian League'.

Enfield chairman Tommy Unwin was so incensed he banned me... before realising that the local paper was (in those days) hugely important in publicising the club. McCluskey admitted that his players were under-performing, and it was the same group that pushed us all the way to the Gola League title the following season, before lifting the League themselves in 1985-86.



Wrighty misses a sitter v Brackley

And, finally, that grim afternoon against Brackley six years ago

Saturday February 4, 2017, FA Trophy 2nd Round: Wealdstone 1 Brackley T 4

This FA Trophy defeat to National League North side Brackley six years ago is right up there with the Big Wealdstone Let Downs. The previous round had seen the memorable 2-1 win at powerful National Leaguers Southport and we simply weren't expecting this meek capitulation.

To be fair to Gordon Bartlett's boys we were missing our two most dangerous players, Elliott Benyon (injured in the post-match celebrations at Southport) and Matty Whichelow who suffered a freak training injury three days earlier. Brackley were a far different side from the one we famously beat 1-0 in the Trophy seven years earlier - that afternoon when Jon North was sidelined with a migraine

and centre-back Sean Cronin (below) played the whole game unbeaten in goal.

No, this Brackley were hungry and potent... and Jimmy Armison punctured the bubble with two goals in the first 11 minutes. How deflating was that?

We had just one shot in the first half and even trailed 3-0 at the break when David Noyo smashed the ball past the overworked Northy. Danny Green pulled a smart goal

back on the hour but it was Lee Ndlovu who completed the rout close to the end.

The following season, of course, came our most recent

long run in the Trophy and again it was Brackley who spoiled our fun by beating us over two legs in the semi-final.. and even went on to lift the trophy at Wembley with a dramatic victory over Bromley.





Trophy agony Stones

Moore sees red as last-gasp goal denies Stones an upset

By John Comfort

Dagenham and Redbridge 1 Wealdstone 1
IN equaliser three minutes into injury time cruelly denied Wealdstone an FA Trophy upset on Tuesday night in a dramatic finish to an incident-packed game that the visitors finished with only ten men after having skipper Fergus Moore sent off.

Wealdstone, who were without suspended leading goalscorer Brian Jones, seemed set for a notable victory over their Premier Division opponents when they took the lead with a superbly taken goal by Stuart Kent with just four minutes to go.

Substitute Steve Bircham's perfect pass sent the striker clear of the home defence and although evading the challenge of advancing keeper Paul Gothard took him wide of goal on the right, he cleverly cut back past a covering defender and curled a great left foot shot with precision into the far corner of the net.

Three extra minutes had elapsed when Moore got his marching orders. He had already been booked following an incident where Mitchell Springett took exception to his wild challenge, although no foul was given, and the Dagenham player was fortunate to stay on the pitch after retaliating.



Sent off - Stones skipper Fergus Moore.

But when Moore was somewhat harshly adjudged to have elbowed Mark Janney in an aerial duel, referee Harvey promptly showed the Stones skipper the red card.

A minute later the final whistle went but despite the disappointment of being dealt in the dying moments, Stones boss Gordon Bartlett had no complaints about the outcome.

"It was a fair enough result" he said. And he was right, for both sides had a full quota of scoring chances.

Wealdstone's best in the first half came when Ken won a loose ball, broke for goal and squared it for Dell whose fierce rising drive was turned onto an upright and away for a corner by the diving Gothard.

After 30 years, we have still to beat Dag & Red in a competitive game - and even when we MUST win, we lose!

Tuesday October 27 1998, FA Trophy second Round: Dagenham & Redbridge 1 Wealdstone 1. Replay (November 9): Wealdstone 0 Dagenham & Redbridge 5

The Stones' record against Dagenham & Redbridge is truly awful! When the famous old East London club was just plain old Dagenham, our record against them was halfway decent. I've bored you before with tales of the wonderful 2-0 FA Cup win over the all-conquering Daggars of the 1970s at Lower Mead, with George Duck blasting a memorable clinching goal, and another 3-0 win at Victoria Road in the FA Cup final qualifying round in 1986. We also managed to overcome them with some regularity in the early days of the Conference.

But as soon as Dagenham merged with Redbridge Forest in the early 90s our ship was sunk. No wins in ten meetings in competitive games, being knocked out of the FA Cup by the reformed side three times and, then KO'd in the FA Trophy in 1998-99 in a pair of matches that somehow sum up our ineptitude (and sheer bad luck) when facing the East Londoners.

Wealdstone 0 Dagenham and Redbridge 5
IN a list of great all time football injustices, this reverse, which ended Wealdstone's interest in the FA Trophy on Monday night, would gain a considerably high placing. writes John Comfort.



Left: Brian 'Jonah' Jones was back for the replay but it all went wrong for Gordon Bartlett's side

The final scoreline of this first round replay was farcical and did absolutely nothing to reflect a particularly outstanding performance by Stones in a game in which they were unquestionably the better side for most of the game. However, as in the first clash at Victoria Road, Stones were again left to

I was working when the clubs met at Victoria Road for this FA Trophy clash 25 years ago but was heartened by reports on the club's email list (the rather basic form of social media a quarter of a century ago). It sounded like our mid-table Ryman League Div One side should have beaten our Premier Division opponents, but for a missed penalty when we were 1-0 up, the sending-off of the talismanic Fergus Moore and an injury-time Dag & Red equaliser.

But I was there at the White Lion Ground (where we shared with Edgware Town) for the replay the following Monday. All the talk was of how we'd bested Dagenham in the original Trophy tie (which was rained off at half time) and then again in the 1-1 draw that previous Tuesday. Our electric striker Brian

reflect on a series of 'if onlys,' not to mention the quality finishing of the visitors. Mick Swaysland had the best chance to stamp Wealdstone's first half superiority with a goal but put a free header wide and it was totally undeserved when Paul Cobb gave Dagenham the lead four minutes into the second half after Mark Janney had broken free on the right. Fergus Moore headed wide from a Brian Jones cross with the goal at his mercy as Stones pressed strongly for the equaliser - and it proved a crucial miss, as Daggars took full advantage of that let off.

Jones was also returning from suspension for the replay. What could go wrong? Well, everything as it turned out. In front of a 500+ White Lion crowd, very good for those days, the Stones fans were out in force and were baying in dismay as Mickey Swaysland and then the abrasive Moore both missed presentable chances. Of course the inevitable happened. In Paul Cobb and Danny Shipp Dag & Red possessed two of the best strikers outside the League and the pair struck in deadly fashion in the second half. John Comfort's report (above) rightly singles out Paul Lamb for an imperious display at the back but even he couldn't contain the rampant visitors. **WEALDSTONE: Noel Imber, Lamb, Moore, Waugh, Dicker, Chris Walton, Jones, Swaysland, Bircham, Holmes. Subs: Kent, Benning, Yaku, Horner**

Lee Goodwin headed in a Paul Cobb corner to make it 2-0, and Danny Shipp notched a hat-trick of goals in the last 15 minutes to complete the ludicrous appearance of the final scoreline. Stones' only consolation on a night of inequity was that they had the best player on the park in the shape of Paul Lamb, who was immaculate in the home defence. **Wealdstone: Imber, Lamb, Sterling, Moore (Kent), Waugh, Dicker, Walton, Jones, Swaysland, Bircham, Holmes. Other subs: Benning, Dell, Yaku, Homer. ● Wealdstone's transfer listed keeper, Noel Imber, is on trial this week on trial with Lincoln City.**



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Brown, Kyle											1		1			1		
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Charles, Ashley	19	1		1									20	1		83	16	1
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Ferguson, Nathan	17	2	2							1			18	2	2	35	2	3
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Habergham, Sam	17	2	1	1						1			19	2	1	19	2	1
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Matthews, Sam *	1	2											1	2		1	2	
McGregor, Giovanni	9	2		1						1			11	2		11	2	
Mongoy, Jordy *	3												3			3		
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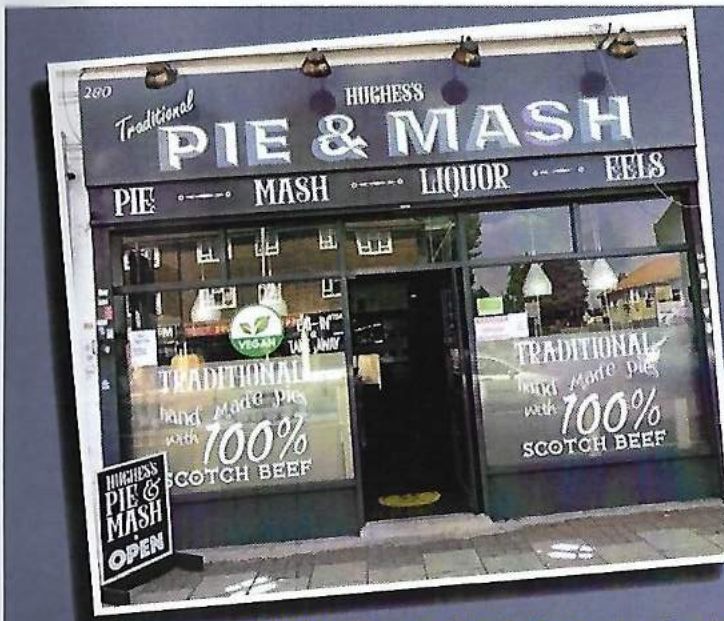
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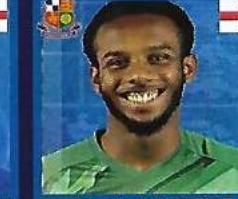
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For all Vanarama National League fixtures: £12 admission for EFL or Premier League season ticket holders and members of the armed forces

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER TABLE @28/1/23

	ALL						HOME						AWAY						RESULTS		
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS	(H)
1 Wrexham	27	20	5	2	70	23	12	12	0	0	44	10	15	8	5	2	26	13	47	65	0-0
2 Notts County	28	19	8	1	70	25	14	10	4	0	28	6	14	9	4	1	42	19	45	65	1-6
3 Woking	26	16	4	6	47	25	13	8	2	3	26	14	13	8	2	3	21	11	22	52	1-1
4 Chesterfield	25	16	4	5	50	30	13	11	0	2	29	13	12	5	4	3	21	17	20	52	
5 Barnet	25	13	5	7	47	41	14	9	2	3	23	17	11	4	3	4	24	24	6	44	0-2
6 Bromley	28	10	10	8	41	36	15	6	7	2	23	15	13	4	3	6	18	21	5	40	3-2 3-3
7 Dagenham & Redbridge	26	11	6	9	40	41	14	7	3	4	26	22	12	4	3	5	14	19	-1	39	1-4
8 Southend United	26	10	8	8	34	24	14	6	4	4	19	12	12	4	4	4	15	12	10	38	0-1
9 Eastleigh	27	11	5	11	35	34	13	9	2	2	21	10	14	2	3	9	14	24	1	38	3-1 0-1
10 Wealdstone	26	10	7	9	33	38	13	5	4	4	18	19	13	5	3	5	15	19	-5	37	---
11 Boreham Wood	25	9	9	7	30	25	11	3	5	3	13	13	14	6	4	4	17	12	5	36	1-2
12 Solihull Moors	26	10	6	10	40	36	13	5	4	4	22	16	13	5	2	6	18	20	4	36	1-2
13 Altrincham	28	9	9	10	40	50	14	7	3	4	21	18	14	2	6	6	19	32	-10	36	1-0
14 Aldershot Town	29	10	4	15	40	48	14	4	2	8	18	23	15	6	2	7	22	25	-8	34	2-1
15 York City	28	8	8	12	33	34	14	4	4	6	16	19	14	4	4	6	17	15	-1	32	2-1
16 Maidenhead United	28	9	5	14	31	41	13	5	4	4	15	14	15	4	1	10	16	27	-10	32	3-2 0-0
17 Halifax Town	27	9	5	13	24	34	13	7	2	4	15	14	14	2	3	9	9	20	-10	32	1-0
18 Yeovil Town	26	6	12	8	23	26	13	5	5	3	13	10	13	1	7	5	10	16	-3	30	0-0
19 Dorking Wanderers	28	8	6	14	44	67	15	6	3	6	25	33	13	2	3	8	19	34	-23	30	1-3
20 Oldham Athletic	26	7	7	12	33	41	12	6	2	4	21	19	14	1	5	8	12	22	-8	28	2-1
21 Gateshead	27	5	10	12	33	45	13	2	6	5	17	22	14	3	4	7	16	23	-12	25	1-2 1-0
22 Torquay United	27	6	7	14	30	49	14	3	6	5	23	27	13	3	1	9	7	22	-19	25	1-1
23 Scunthorpe United	29	5	8	16	34	56	15	4	3	8	22	30	14	1	5	8	12	26	-22	23	3-1
24 Maidstone United	30	5	6	19	33	66	15	3	5	7	16	25	15	2	1	12	17	41	-33	21	1-1



Wrexham

National League

Saturday
11th February
3:00pm

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Northwood

Middlesex Charity Cup

Tuesday
21st February
7:45pm

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National League

Tuesday
21st February
7:45pm

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