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Fair to say the last time we hosted our local rivals saw one of the most dramatic last minute winning goals in the Stones' recent history, Charlie Barker ensuring cult hero status.

A shame TNT Sports weren't present for that classic, so here's hoping our two clubs can put on a similarly exciting match for the cameras of DAZN, the new National League broadcast partners.

DAZN know that Wealdstone-Barnet is not just a decent derby in any season but was, get this, the first ever live televised fixture in English football history. Fire up your Wikipedias and you'll see that part of our Athenian League encounter against Barnet was broadcast live 78 years ago next month on the BBC, the UK's only channel back in 1946!

Turning back to contemporary matters and Callum McFarlane's brace against Forest Green Rovers last weekend meant our first visit to the New Lawn ended in a thoroughly justified draw. Our current lowly league position is no reflection of our battling performances in all fixtures, with last weekend's game a perfect example of just that.

Unfortunately, we lost keeper Archie Matthews to injury early in that game and we wish Archie all the best for his recovery. Reserve keeper Jacob Adams rose to the occasion magnificently with a truly fantastic performance, but with Archie out of

Written in Stone

BY MARTIN READ

action Sam Howes has returned to us on loan from Leyton Orient - you'll find a short interview with our returning star elsewhere in this programme.

OK, that's it. Please do consider taking up any of our match and ball sponsorships, or donating one of our players' kits. But for now - it's Barnet! So of course, come on you Stones! **Martin**

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THE GAFFER'S COLUMN: MATTY TAYLOR'S INSIDE TAKE ON WFC

GOOD afternoon Stones fans and welcome to today's spicy local derby with Barnet.

To be honest, for me, this is just another game and we can't play the match based on emotion, we can't get caught up in the furore. I know there's a lot of history between the two clubs, but I've told the players that we have to remove the emotion and just play the game.

There is already added pressure with the fact that it's on live TV, there will be 3,500 in the ground, but the players must just perform and put that out of their minds.

I think what you'll see this afternoon is a confident Stones team, trying to carry on in the same vein that we produced in the second half at Forest Green last Saturday.

As I've often said, this league is relentless and I'm so pleased that we had Alex Dyer back to help us at Forest Green, and pleased that we got 70 minutes out of him after he had missed the previous two games on international duty. He's so important to us; it's great that he wanted to carry on playing this season and fight for his shirt because he's a real leader. I also thought Jack Wells-Morrison had an outstanding game last Saturday.

We have been fortunate to bring Elliot Thorpe to the club - we are lucky to get him in the National League as there was a lot of interest in signing him. Elliot has had a torrid 18 months. I signed him at Shrewsbury a year ago to be a starter in League One, but he fractured his back and only played a couple of games.

He can play in two or three positions and I trust him - he's got all the attributes. He can cross the ball on the run and he's exceptional in tight spaces.

Of course we suffered huge blow last Saturday with Archie Matthews' injury. He had a

'Jacob did really well when he came on at Forest Green but we're delighted to bring Sam Howes back in a Stones shirt'

scan on his shoulder on Wednesday to see the extent of the rupture to his shoulder ligament. He's been a very consistent performer and he takes pressure off the team particularly with his command of the box.

We are delighted, though, to bring Sam Howes back to the club from Orient - he played for the Stones of course a couple of years ago and he gets the club, he understands the level, he's a very solid keeper but more importantly he wanted to come back. Sam loved his time here at Wealdstone and he already knows half the team of course!

It's tough on Jacob (Adams) ... he has trained well every day and he did really well at Forest Green Rovers when he came on as sub. He's played a lot of adult men's football at Hayes & Yeading and didn't look out of place - but these are the difficult decisions you have to make as a manager

As regards our other injured players, Jaydn Mundle-Smith will be ready to play games soon and Craig Eastmond is only weeks - rather than months away - from being part of the squad. Sean Adarkwa still has some time needed to recover while Sam Ashford, we hope, will be back available in the next two weeks.

After today we have Southend on Tuesday, follow shortly by Gateshead. We'll have faced five of the top teams in six weeks but I'm confident we will win points. **Be the 12th man today .. Up the Stones!**

I think you'll see a confident Stones team this afternoon after that great second half at Forest Green last Saturday



TIM PARKS COMPILES A MATCH REPORT WITH A DIFFERENCE

You'd think we'd gone and nabbed a point at Nottingham Forest Green Rovers!

The story of one glorious afternoon in Cotswolds

IT NEVER fails to amaze me how winning a single point on a Saturday afternoon can change a football fan's mood from despair to total jubilation.

After just six minutes at Forest Green Rovers' impressive New Lawn stadium last Saturday the Stones were 2-0 down... and fellow fan Alex Gordon began to untie his giant Wealdstone flag from the crash barrier in the away fans section.

"You're not going home already!" I joked and he flashed me a look of utter despair and dejection before saying: "No mate, just moving it".

I wouldn't have blamed him. The build up to the game was perfect. A smooth trip in the sunshine on a full-to-bursting supporters coach; a couple of hours with pals in a lovely pub (The George) nestled in picturesque Nailsworth; greeting more away fans who'd travelled down by car; while wondering how this sleepy town could accommodate TWO senior football teams (FGR and Shortwood United); and then a virtuous half-mile climb up a 5-in-1 slope to the tidy ex-Football League

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FOREST GRN 2

Dodge 2, May 6

STONES RALLY TO PEG BACK ROVERS

EBUILLIENT Wealdstone boss Matty Taylor lauded his side after they pegged back a two-goal deficit at high-flying Forest Green Rovers, Callum McFarlane's last-gasp strike handed the Stones a late point after first-half goals from Christian Dodds and Adam May had given Rovers a flying start.

McFarlane made a fist of it for the Stones just before the break and then helped himself to a second on 89 minutes to claim a share of the spoils.

Stones boss Taylor felt the turning point in the match was a 20th minute injury to his keeper Archie Matthews, who was forced off with a dislocated shoulder. "We started the game terribly and I was fearing the worst," he mused.

"For the 10-12 minutes we were 2-0 down, both avoidable from our perspective. And then Archie ends up dislocating his shoulder, but the eight-minute break gave me a chance to get the players in, and from that point moved the ball with such an intensity and we've come to arguably the team with the biggest budget in the league and dominated the ball and this now has to be the start of us picking up points."

Barclay, Forest Green hit their straps inside 50 seconds - Jamie Robson clipping a cross onto the head of Dodds, who bagged his sixth goal of the season.

And Rovers' goal advance continued on six minutes - May's uncuttable finish from the edge of the box making it 2-0.

A five-minute delay in play saw Matthews stretchered off on 20 minutes. Jacob Adams taking his place. Despite the injury setback the stoppage reinvestigated Wealdstone.

Rovers were on the backfoot, but Robson spared their blushes clearing off the line from Jack Wells-Morrison with seven minutes of the first half to go. Wealdstone's resilience finally saw them claw their way back into the game when McFarlane vol-

leyed home through a congested box with two minutes of the first-half remaining.

Wealdstone gained a second-half foothold. Jack Cook was a whizzer away from netting partly as his diving header from substitute Elliot Thomas finished wide. At the other end, Emmanuel Osondebe howitzer from 30 yards saw Adams throw up a strong piece to clip the ball over the bar and then, Liam Sercombe saw his slinger clip the post.

But the Stones snatched a deserved point at the death. Robson initially cleared the ball off the line but McFarlane was alert to rifle home on 89 minutes.

Rovers' boss Colterill felt the delay following Matthews' injury proved fatal, he said: "I think the goalkeeper situation disrupted our flow and we didn't quite look the same after that restart."

"At 2-1, the substitute keeper pulls off a great save from Manny Osadobe and Liam Sercombe hits the post and it goes on the inside."

"If there's an it's game over and when you are closing in on the 90th minute you've got to make sure you win that first corner in the box or you make sure you're on that second ball."

COMEBACK COMPLETE: Callum McFarlane wheels away after scoring Wealdstone's late equaliser, inset

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AS STONES RETURN FROM THE LEADERS WITH A SHOCK DRAW

Former Stone Sean Cronin was in the pub and on the terraces, and greeted warmly at the end by his ex-team mate Alex Dyer



WEALDSTONE 2

McFarlane 43, 89

By Ash Lovridge

LINE-UPS

FOREST GREEN Rovers
 Goal: 1
 Def: 2, 3, 4, 5
 Mid: 6, 7, 8, 9
 For: 10

WEALDSTONE
 Goal: 1
 Def: 2, 3, 4, 5
 Mid: 6, 7, 8, 9
 For: 10

STAR MAN: Callum McFarlane (Wealdstone) 43, 89

ENTERTAINMENT: ★★

REFeree: Paul Aldred

Above and left: The wondrous Non-League Paper covers our game properly (for a change)



From left: Jez Albert and Mark Conboy are struggling on the walk DOWN to the pub; and young and old enjoy their pints accompanied by officers from the Met Police (who are detailed for all our away games, strangely)



Maybe they were monitoring the alcohol consumption on the youth table (more shots on target than we were anticipating later that afternoon)... we were wrong as the two Callums led the final whistle celebrations

stadium. Jokes about needing crampers weren't far wide of the mark. The temptation to Google 'nearby defibrillators' was strong. But we made it. Yet after witnessing that dreadful opening six minutes a cardiac arrest might have been a better option.

We had just short of 200 fans looking on morosely from the away section - the whole length of one side of the ground - and it was at this point that the keyboard supporters back at home, tuning in to radio commentary, twitter feed or the live stream, began to vent their spleen.

"2-0 down after five mins, I've turned off this s**t" said Warren Ladd (setting himself up for volleys of good natured abuse at the end of the afternoon) while all across social media the disconnected fans fired off their disappointment and discontent.

Those of us actually at the

game saw the truth unfold: real character and the battling qualities that led to Callum McFarlane rattling in a deserved goal before half time, and then leading the charge after the break as we watched, spellbound, our written-off side dominated the much-fancied league leaders. A team with a newly-signed striker, the £7k-a-week Harry Cardwell on the bench! And eventually claimed the 2-2 draw we deserved.

It was just brilliant being there. Enjoying the moment and revelling in the energy and undiluted delight as young McFarlane raced across to share his joy with the cavorting away fans. He's had a good career so far with Fulham's academy sides but, as he said afterwards, nothing compares to scoring twice in a game that really matters.

So were we glad we'd made the effort. Hell yes! Will we be there for the next trips to Halifax and Gateshead? Er, hell yes!

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THE No.10 VIEW: MAX KRETZSCHMAR TAKES IT TO THE **MAX**

Hello all and welcome back to The Vale.

It's derby day and in my experience the atmosphere in this fixture is second to none - created by both sets of fans. It's set up to be a fantastic game with an all-too familiar sight in this game with title chasing Barnet looking strong.

Dean Brennan has recruited fantastically well once more and they were my title favourites pre-season. Ex Stones striker 'Rhys Browne joined from Woking and if he can recreate the form which he showed in our brief time together here, Barnet won't be far off.

But collectively as a squad and as a coaching staff we believe that our 2-2 draw against Barnet's promotion rivals Forest Green last Saturday was a turning point and a line in the sand.

It's not often I can say I've been 2-0 down inside six minutes in my career but last Saturday brought that challenge. We started a little sluggishly in possession, but I wouldn't say we were poor. Forest Green then scored two fantastic goals, although there were minute mistakes we made in the lead-up to those goals which we can improve on.

I myself sprinted out of position for the second goal, which allowed an all-too familiar Jed Ward drilled pass over my head which allowed FGR advance up the pitch and eventually score - albeit a 25 yard screamer.

This was analyzed and highlighted on Monday morning in our detailed recap of the match. I think it's so important to be accountable for your mistakes in video meetings. It's never personal, just professional. Learning from them and ironing out such mistakes will make us better and hopefully achieve the successes we want this season.

The reaction after Archie's unfortunate injury was fantastic. We always talk about 'getting to



Callum (right) stuns the home crowd with his equalising goal

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our football' after earning the right to do so through hard work and composure, and I thought we did that brilliantly from there onwards, something we had failed to do days before against Woking.

Callum is off the mark in Stones colours as well which is great for him and also for the team. It's clear to see we've lacked goals this season with the absences of Sam Ashford and Sean Adarkwa not helping matters. Hopefully the floodgates open now.

I know you fans will be loud and proud today. It goes without saying. But beyond today's derby fixture long trips to Halifax and Gateshead await so every ounce of support and noise we receive will go a long way. It's a difficult run on paper looking at

it but in my experience football is played on grass and points can come unexpectedly at any time.

The noise and energy we got in the second half at Forest Green was unique. It clearly came from us playing great football but you guys gave us a visible boost. Let's recreate that today and in the upcoming matches.

Enjoy the game! UTS!



Moderately happy! Cookie, Callum (1) and Kallum (2)

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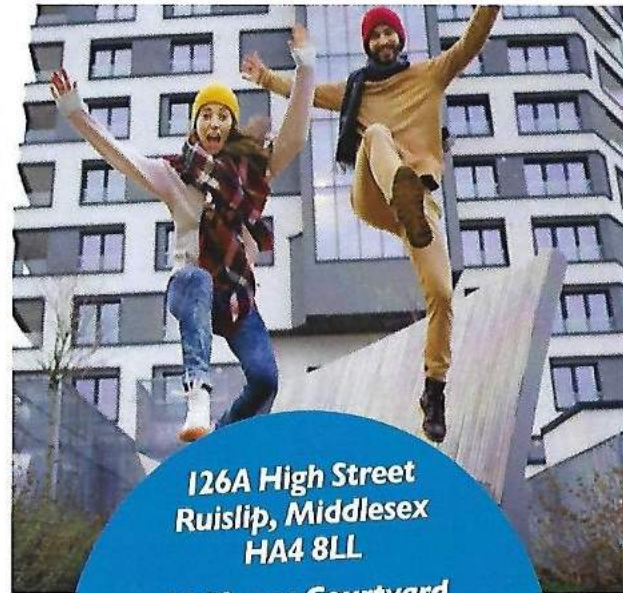


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TIM PARKS MEETS THE NEW BOYS... HOW DUTCH WINGER

A new baby and a new start with the Stones.. how Enzo's putting the pre-season pain behind him!

ENZIO BOLDEWIJN admits that the pre-season fitness tests he had to endure within a week of signing for the Stones were "an absolute killer"... but the tough training regime has left him feeling sharper and stronger than ever before.

The 31 year-old Dutch winger was a surprise capture from Eastleigh in the summer and he was delighted to score his first goal for the club in the 1-1 draw at Solihull Moors a fortnight ago.

He then followed that up with a string of dangerous crosses in the defeats by York and Woking, and in the excellent point at Forest Green Rovers last Saturday.

"Yes, the goal at Solihull was deflected in by a defender but in football you take any goal you can get. We deserved the point; it made up for two we were denied at Hartlepool, and to be fair, we deserved to get points out of all our opening nine games. I think teams are now paying us more respect. It's not just little old Wealdstone anymore.

"We've got a good, tight squad of players here and when the injured players are back fit again, we'll all be fighting for our positions, taking us up to the next level."

Enzio admitted that he wasn't expecting to be playing part-time, or hybrid, football this season but he is

now settled in Cheltenham with his fiancée Natalie and their 14 month old daughter Aurelia (pictured below).

"It's an hour and 45 minutes in the car but I'm at that stage of my career where I want to be enjoying my football and family life and Wealdstone is a good fit... I had a good conversation with the manager and the fact that we train three days a week works out really well for me.

"Despite that, it's already clear that we are fitter than most teams in the division. Though yes, I was suffering when Wayne Andrews put us through those tests: they were just so painful!"

Enzio's parents moved to the Netherlands from the Dutch colony of Surinam 30 years ago in the hope of a better life and better education for their children.

He was part of the FC Utrecht youth system from the age of 13 and always played as a centre-forward in his teens. "But when I was in the under-21s the Utrecht manager told me I'd be training with the first team and I

started up front... but then he changed the system and I played my next game on the right wing and got an assist.

"I've been playing there ever since, although when I was at Sutton United we had a lot of injuries and I played most of one season at right back, and then in



Enzio in the blue of the Stones.. and the red of Crawley Town (opposite page) PICTURE: JON TAFFEL

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that position again at Eastleigh".

He was at Eredivisie (top flight) club Utrecht for two years before signing for his hometown team Almere City in the second level. "But I'd always wanted to play in England having admired people like Nicholas Anelka, Thierry Henry and Didier Drogba – plus Dutch players like Dennis Bergkamp and Pierre van Hooijdonk."

In the summer of 2016 the Crawley Town Director of Football got in touch out of the blue and offered him a trial for the League Two club.

"The football was very different, more technical in The Netherlands although in recent years English football has become much better. Certainly at Wealdstone we play some great possession football and dominate games which I find very enjoyable."

Enzio scored his first goal for Crawley in the EFL Cup against Premier League Wolves, who won 2-1. He

said: "It was actually a near-post header from a corner – a rarity for me at the time although in recent years I've scored quite a few headers!"

In 100 games for the Sussex side he scored 16 goals, which won him a sideways move to Notts County in July 2018. "Both Oxford United and Notts wanted to sign me and I chose the League Two side as they were set up for promotion... but we ended up getting relegated after I missed three months with a knee injury."

The next season saw the behind-closed-doors Covid campaign, and Enzio found himself playing against the Stones twice, scoring in Notts' 3-0 win at Meadow Lane and then also in the 1-0 return win at Grosvenor Vale towards the end of the season.

In June 2021, he signed for Sutton United, just promoted to EFL League Two and played 84 games (three goals) for the Ambers as they cemented their place in the football league.

But another two years later he was off to Eastleigh for whom he

appeared 42 times last season, scoring six goals. He was a thorn in the flesh of the Stones, appearing in the goalless draw at Eastleigh and also in the desperately unlucky 0-1 defeat at the Vale that seemed to tip us close to relegation last season.

"That was a strange game and as an opposition player you don't like to come to the Vale because of the slope on the pitch, the dry conditions and the fans packed in tightly. But we can use all that to our advantage when we're the home team.

"This is a good tight group of quality players at Wealdstone, I could see that from the first moment but I've only ever played alongside Craig Eastmond from this group before... he was skipper at Sutton United, of course, and his return after injury will be a massive boost for us.

"He will dominate midfield and he's got that nasty side to him that you need, in those areas. I can't wait for him and the injured strikers to be back.

"Eastleigh's style play is very different to the Stones, we found ourselves on the back foot in most of our games but then we had Paul McCallum up front – we just needed to put the ball in the box and he would head it in."

Enzio was used as an emergency centre back for the AFC Fylde and Solihull games, although he was myeloid upfield as the management team changed shape in the second half of those games.

"In the Fylde game we were told to dominate so I didn't have much to do defensively. The manager got the formation just right and in fact we could've had four or five goals in the end... that's been a problem but I think it will change once Sam (Ashford) and Sean (Adarkwa) are back fit again" he said.

Does he prefer to play wide on the right or wide on the left? "I'm happy either side but I do love to be on the right because then I can go both ways, and Dom (Hutchinson) likes to be on the left.

"Although I "scored" at Solihull, I was disappointed with that chance when I cut in from the right and put the ball just wide of the far post... normally, they go in!"

But here's to a few more conventional goals Enzio, and welcome to the club. Today's the chance to become a Wealdstone hero!





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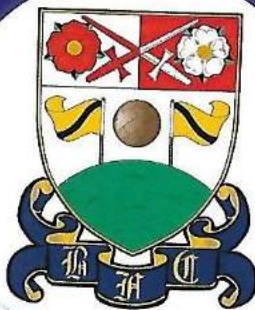
ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT BARNET, THE BEES

Today's opposition in focus

Football in Barnet can be traced back to the formation of the original Barnet FC in 1888, with the club plying their trade in the London League until folding in 1902. Local rivals Avenue FC subsequently took over their name and their Queens Road ground before merging in 1912 with near-neighbours Barnet Alston, a works team playing in a distinctive black and amber kit. In September 1907, they established a ground at Underhill where the current club continued to play for more than a century.

Barnet & Alston reverted to the name Barnet FC after the First World War and enjoyed moderate success, finishing outside the top half just once in the 1920s and recording a Herts Senior Cup triumph over St Albans City during the same period. The emergence of local boy Lester Finch at outside-left coincided with consecutive Athenian League championships in 1931 and 1932, the first of which saw Barnet win all but four of their 26 matches. Finch went on to become the greatest amateur player to feature for the Bees, with an England wartime international cap alongside the likes of Eddie Hapgood, Sam Bartram and Stan Cullis testament to his ability.

Although the Second World War curtailed competition to regional Cups, of which Barnet won more than their fair share, the resumption of the League in 1945-46 brought three major trophies to Underhill in consecutive years; two more League championships in 1947 and 1948 and a 3-2 win over amateur giants Bishop Auckland at Stamford Bridge in the 1946 FA Amateur Cup final. The Bees went on to lose to Leytonstone in the final of the same competition two years later. Barnet were also featured in the BBC's first ever 'live' televised game in October 1946 against Wealdstone and became the first



English club to play Hong Kong opposition, beating the League winners 5-3 the following year.

Success eluded the Bees throughout most of the following decade, although another Athenian League title in 1959 dulled the pain of Wembley defeat against Crook Town in the Amateur Cup final the same season. Two further consecutive League successes in 1964 and 1965, plus a narrow FA Cup third round defeat to Preston North End, were the catalyst for the Bees to turn professional, which

they did when joining the Southern League Division One in time for the 1965-66 season. A 10-1 rout of Hinckley Athletic at Underhill in Barnet's first game whetted the appetite for a third successive league title, and elevation to the Southern League Premier Division at the first attempt.

Another Wembley final in 1972, a 3-0 defeat to Stafford Rangers in the newly-created FA Trophy, and an epic FA Cup battle with Queen's Park Rangers the following season proved to be the highlight of a quiet decade that saw the likes of Bob McNab, Terry Mancini and the mercurial Jimmy Greaves appear for the Bees. Barnet became founder members of the Alliance Premier League (later re-named the Conference) in 1979-80 but, despite new manager Barry Fry's attempts to rebuild the team, the Bees flirted with relegation almost constantly during the early part of the 1980s.

Saved from receivership, the club persuaded Fry to return to the Bees from rivals Maidstone for what proved to be a tumultuous 10 years at Underhill. After finishing runners-up three out of the previous four seasons, Fry finally led Barnet to the Football League after a dramatic 4-2 win at Fisher Athletic in their final game of the season. The Bees' maiden Football League season began with an extraordinary 7-4 home defeat to Crewe Alexandra and ended in play-off heartache, losing to Blackpool promotion to the third tier was achieved the following season but, following off-field turmoil in which the club escaped expulsion and lost virtually the whole playing staff, new manager Gary Phillips was unable to prevent the inevitable



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relegation back to the lower level.

Under Ray Clemence and John Still, the Bees quietly established themselves in the fourth tier, twice making the play-offs, before being relegated to the Conference in May 2001. It took Barnet four years to reclaim their Football League place as they secured the title at in Paul Fairclough's first full season as manager.

The 2008-09 season started poorly for the club and it wasn't until late September that the team recorded its first victory in any competition. Manager Fairclough subsequently brought forward his announcement to step aside and become a club director. Ian Hendon subsequently took charge of the first team and successfully steered the club away from relegation.

In 2009-10 League status was only guaranteed on the last day of the season under reinstated caretaker boss Fairclough.

In the close season of 2012 the entire backroom staff were released as the club entered a new era with the appointment of Fairclough as director of football and Mark Robson assuming the role of head coach, with the emphasis very much on youth. Many of the previous season's players were also released; including skipper Mark Hughes who had scored the winning goal at Burton.

In mid-October, with the team yet to record a victory in any competition, the world-famous Dutch international Edgar Davids was named as joint head coach alongside Robson. This appointment stunned the football fraternity and attracted worldwide media coverage for the club.

Davids became a fixture in the team and soon took sole charge of team matters. Despite many impressive results, including an away win at eventual champions Gillingham, defeat to Northampton on the final day of the season sentenced the Bees to the Conference on goal difference; the poor start to the campaign proving an impossible handicap to overcome.

There remained a mood of optimism at the club, boosted by the fact that Davids would again be at the helm for the Bees for the 2013-14 season but the

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club narrowly missed out on the Conference play-offs, and Davids was replaced in the latter stages of the season. Ulrich Landvreugd and Dick Schreuder temporarily steadied the ship, before Martin Allen returned for his fourth spell as manager and led Barnet to the Football Conference title the following season.

A bright start to the 2017 season including a narrow defeat at Premier League Brighton in the Carabao Cup and a 4-1 win away to Swindon saw the Bees get off to a good start, but a poor run of form saw Mark McGhee replace Rossi Eames as manager in November.

McGhee was charged with appointing his successor and hired Graham Westley in January but with only 2 wins on the board in 11 games, Martin Allen was brought in for a fifth time. The Bees would win 5 of their last 7 matches but this wouldn't be enough to keep them up, relegation to the National League was confirmed.

Barnet finished the 2020/21 season second bottom and three places below Wealdstone and last season in 18th and two places below Wealdstone

Despite finishing 5th on 2022/23 and securing a home tie in the Play offs the Bees fell at the first hurdle in the Quarter Finals 2-1 to Boreham Wood.

Last Season Barnet finish in second place and secured a guaranteed home Semi Final against Solihull Moors. Solihull won 4-0 on the day and for the second season in succession Barnet missed out on a Wembley appearance.

Who's who for the visitors



JEROME OKIMO

6. JEROME OKIMO- Defence Defender Jerome Okimo joined Barnet in June 2022, following his departure from Wealdstone. This deal saw the 34-year-old become a player/coach for The Bees, using his title-winning experience to help lead the Club in the right direction. Okimo offers a vast amount of experience to the team, following an 18-year career in the senior game, racking up over 380 appearances for clubs such as Stevenage, Chalfont St Peter, and Braintree Town. Barnet's No. 6 also featured in the

2019/20 National League South Team of the year because of his consistently excellent performances for title winning **Wealdstone**, featuring in 32 of the 33 league games.

7. JERMAINE FRANCIS- Midfield

8. RHYS BROWNE- Forward Former **Wealdstone** as well as Welling, Port Vale, Sutton United and Grimsby Town striker

9. NICKE KABAMBA- Forward Nicke Kabamba signed for Barnet in June 2022. The 6'3" centre forward joined on a permanent basis following his departure from Northampton Town. Kabamba started out at Hayes & Yeading and joined Uxbridge in 2011 where he spent two seasons. In 2015, Kabamba signed for Hampton & Richmond Borough. Stints at Portsmouth, Colchester United, Aldershot Town and Havant & Waterlooville followed before Kabamba signed for Hartlepool United in 2019. Kabamba joined Scottish Premier League club Kilmarnock in 2020 on a one-and-a-half year contract which preceded a move to Northampton Town on before coming to Barnet.

10. CALLUM STEAD- Forward The 23-year-old forward will joined the Club in the summer after scoring 13 goals in the National League North for Brackley Town last season, bolstering Barnet FC's attacking options as preparations for the upcoming season continues. Prior to Brackley, Stead played for Kettering,

Hitchin Town and South Shields.

11. IDRIS KANU Forward Idris Kanu signed for The Bees in September 2022 from Peterborough United. Kanu started his career in the West Ham United academy before joining Aldershot Town in 2016. After one season Kanu then signed for Peterborough United. The forward played 69 games for The Posh including Championship fixtures. Loans at Port Vale, Boreham Wood and Northampton followed before signing for The Bees last season. Kanu has also represented Sierra Leone at international level.

12. HARRY CHAPMAN- Midfield

13. JORDAN GILLMORE- Goalkeeper Up until the end of last season, Gillmore rose up through the academy system at Millwall as part of the Under 18 and Under 21 sides at the New Den. He also spent time in Chelsea's Academy setup earlier in his career, and joined up with the Lions in 2019, signing his first professional deal in the summer of 2021.

14. LENELL JOHN-LEWIS- Forward Vastly experienced forward, nicknamed 'The Shop', who joined City initially on loan from Grimsby Town in February 2022. John-Lewis has spent the majority of his career playing in the Football League for the likes of Lincoln City, Bury and Newport County.

15. MARVIN ARMSTRONG- Midfield York City announced the signing of Marvin Armstrong on a permanent transfer from Barnet in the middle of March 2024. The midfielder linked back up with manager Adam Hinshelwood again, having played under the manager whilst playing for Worthing.

16. JACK BLOWER- Midfield York City signed Rory following his departure from Doncaster Rovers in August 2023. York-born Watson spent the 2022/23 season with Wrexham, having joined from Scunthorpe United.

17. ZAK BRUNT- Midfield The 21-year-old attacking midfielder joined The Bees this summer from Premier League side Sheffield United for an undisclosed

fee. Brunt spent last season on loan at National League side Boreham Wood. He made 43 National League appearances for The Wood helping them to secure a play-off spot. Whilst with Sheffield United, Brunt also had loan spells with Southend United and Notts County.

18. ANTHONY HARTIGAN - Midfield

19. MARK SHELTON- Midfield

20. FINLEY WILKINSON- Forward

21. BILLY CLIFFORD- Midfield Former **Wealdstone** midfielder signed from Ebbsfleet.

22. ADEBOLA OLUWO- Defence The 23-year-old signed from National League South side Chelmsford City this summer having spent three seasons in Essex. The 6'3" Central Defender made over 80 appearances for The Clarets before making the move to The Hive

23. JOE GRIMWOOD- Defence

24. PATRICK MATEJKO- Midfield

25. NIK TAVARES- Defence Former **Wealdstone** player signed from Dagenham & Redbridge

26. MYLES KENLOCK- Defence

30. JOE KIZZI- Defence

31. RICHARD NARTEY- Defence

32. JORDAN CROPPER- Defence

36. ROHAT MATYAR- Defence



NIK TAVARES



RHYS BROWN

1. NICK HAYES - Goalkeeper

2. REECE HALL-JOHNSON- Defence

Summer signing, Hall-Johnson started his career at Norwich City Academy. The right-back was part of the FA Youth Cup winning team in 2013 that beat Chelsea at Stamford Bridge. He would make his professional debut against Crawley Town in the League Cup. After a few non-league moves, Hall-Johnson would join Grimsby Town in League Two. He would make 40 EFL appearances for the Mariners before leaving for Northampton. After one season with Northampton, Hall-Johnson joined Wrexham in the National League. During his three years in Wales he would win the National League and finish runner-up in the FA Trophy.

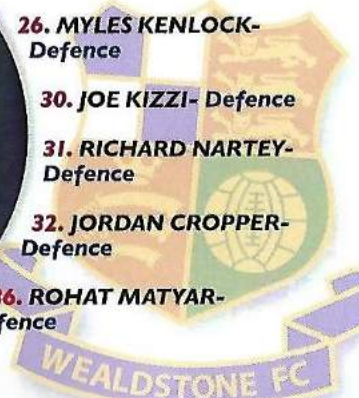
3. BEN COKER- Defence

Coker joined The Bees in the summer from fellow National League side Solihull Moors. The left-back started his career at Colchester United where he made 41 League One appearances in three seasons for The U's. After a loan spell with Histon, Coker joined Essex rivals Southend United in League Two. Coker would play over 200 games for The Shrimpers helping his side win the League Two play-offs in 2015 as well as making the PFA League Two team of the year. A move to Stevenage followed.

4. DANNY COLLINGE- Defence

Defender Danny Collinge, started his career in Germany with VfB Stuttgart. Collinge would feature 15 times for their second team before moving to Colchester United in 2019. Loans followed at Maldon & Tiptree and AFC Sudbury before joining Dover Athletic. Collinge joined Barnet in June 2022 after the expiration of his contract.

5. JOE RYE- Defence



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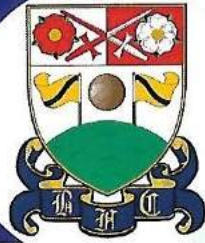


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1970 and plotted their 6-1 FA Cup first round win over Newport County in 1970-71, equaling the record victory by a non-League side over League opponents. He guided the Bees to the FA Cup third round that season and 1972 Southern League Cup final success, then led them to the FA Cup third round again in 1972-73 when they took QPR to a replay shortly before he left in January 1973. After coaching at various Islington schools, he managed Arsenal youth and reserve teams. He died in May 2013

BILLY MEADOWS

Player-manager Billy Meadows plotted Barnet's 1976-77 Southern League First Division (South) title triumph. A former Arsenal junior, the centre-forward played for Ramsgate, Yiewsley and Clacton, then was twice Dunstable's leading marksman. He moved via Hastings United to Barnet in July 1968. Later starring in Hereford United's epic 1971-72 FA Cup run, he then appeared for ASO Ostende, Barnet again and Wingate. He returned to Underhill as player-boss from July 1976 until November 1978 and signed Jimmy Greaves for the Bees. Later a London black cab driver based in Berkhamsted, he died in December 2019.

BARRY FRY

Colourful manager Barry Fry guided Barnet to the Conference title in 1990-91. Initially with Manchester United, the midfielder played for Bolton, Luton, Gravesend, Orient, Romford, Bedford and Stevenage before becoming Dunstable's boss, plotting promotion in 1974-75. After spells in charge of Hillingdon and Bedford, he joined Barnet as manager in November 1978 and returned from Maidstone to lead Barnet into the Football League. He resigned shortly before the Bees clinched further promotion in May 1993 and has since managed Southend United, Birmingham City and Peterborough, becoming their director of football.

GARY PHILLIPS

Player-manager Gary Phillips was in charge when

LESTER FINCH

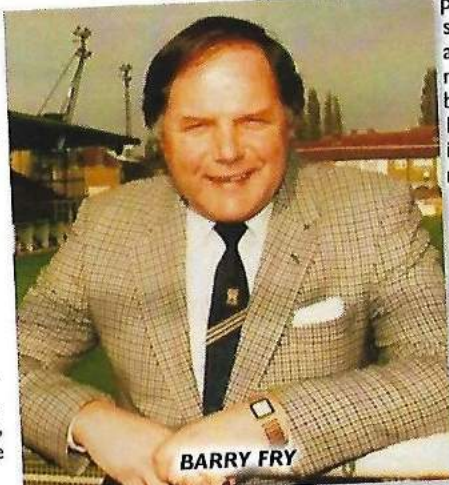
England Amateur international winger Lester Finch gave Barnet outstanding service in various capacities. He played for nearby Hadley before joining the Bees in July 1928, helping win the Athenian League title in 1930-31 and 1931-32. Playing for Great Britain in the 1936 Olympic Games, he was an England wartime international, starring in Barnet's 1946 Amateur Cup final triumph. Scoring 226 goals in 476 games for the Bees, he became secretary-manager in August 1946 and led them to the Athenian League title in 1946-47 and 1947-48. Remaining in charge until May 1953, he was later club president and died in November 1995.

DEXTER ADAMS

Astute manager Dexter Adams managed Barnet to the FA Cup third round for the first time in 1964-65. A former Hendon player, he took charge at Underhill in July 1962 and plotted two consecutive Athenian League title triumphs. He led Barnet into the Southern League in 1965, guiding them to promotion at the first attempt. Signing former Arsenal trio Gordon Ferry, Jack McClelland and Gerry Ward, he had the Bees challenging for the Southern League title in consecutive seasons, then steered them to the FA Trophy semi-finals shortly before resigning in May 1970. He worked for the Daily Mirror and died in February 2015.

TOMMY COLEMAN

Tommy Coleman managed Barnet to the 1972 FA Trophy final. Previously St Albans City's boss, he took charge of Barnet in June



BARRY FRY

Barnet took Chelsea to an FA Cup third round replay in 1993-94. Initially with Brighton, the England Semi-Pro goalkeeper had a spell with Barnet before moving to Brentford in December 1984. He played in the 1985 Freight Rover Trophy final and joined Reading in August 1988, returning to Barnet in December 1989. A key figure as the Bees won the Conference title in 1990-91 and further promotion in 1992-93, he was their player-boss from August 1993 until January 1994. He later managed Aylesbury, Hemel Hempstead, Barnet reserves, Grays and Hemel Hempstead again.

RAY CLEMENCE

Former England international goalkeeper Ray Clemence had Barnet challenging strongly for promotion in 1994-95. Initially with Scunthorpe, he joined Liverpool in June 1967, amassing a vast collection of honours including five League Championship triumphs and three European Cup final successes. He moved to Tottenham Hotspur in August 1981 and was an FA Cup winner in 1982, gaining a total of 61 caps, then joined the coaching staff at White Hart Lane. Appointed Barnet's manager in January 1994, he remained in charge at Underhill until August 1996, then was England's goalkeeping coach. He died in November 2020

JOHN STILL

John Still managed Barnet to the Third Division play-offs in 1997-98. A former central defender, he played for Orient, Dagenham, Bishop's Cleeve, Ilford and Leytonstone, then managed Leytonstone/Ilford to the Isthmian League title in 1981-82. He moved via Dartford to Maidstone and won the Conference title in 1988-89, then managed Dagenham & Redbridge and Peterborough. Appointed manager of Barnet in June 1997, he had a spell as director of football, then manager again. He later managed Daggers again, Luton Town, Daggers for a third spell, briefly Barnet again and Maidstone. Now Southend's head of football.



RAY CLEMENCE

PAUL FAIRCLOUGH

Paul Fairclough managed Barnet to the Conference title in 2004-05. He combined teaching with playing for Wealdstone, St Albans City, Hitchin and Harlow, then managed Hertford and Stevenage. Plotting their meteoric rise, he guided them to the Conference title in 1995-96 and FA Cup third round in 1996-97, then took Newcastle to an FA Cup fourth round replay in 1997-98. Later a sports consultant, he had another spell as Stevenage's boss and was Barnet's manager from March 2004 until December 2008, guiding them to the FA Cup fourth round in 2006-07. He became chief executive, with four spells as caretaker-boss.

MARTIN ALLEN

Former England U-21 midfielder Martin Allen managed Barnet to the Conference National title in 2014-15.

From a notable football family, he began with QPR and appeared in the 1986 League Cup final. He moved to West Ham in August 1989, twice winning promotion, then played for Portsmouth. After assisting Alan Pardew at Reading, 'Mad Dog' managed Barnet for a year until taking charge of Brentford in March 2004. He then managed MK Dons, Leicester, Cheltenham, Barnet again, Notts County, Barnet again, Gillingham to the League Two title in 2012-13, Barnet again, Eastleigh, Barnet for a fifth spell and Chesterfield.



MARTIN ALLEN





ROGER SLATER ON HOW TODAY'S TEAMS WERE THE FIRST TO

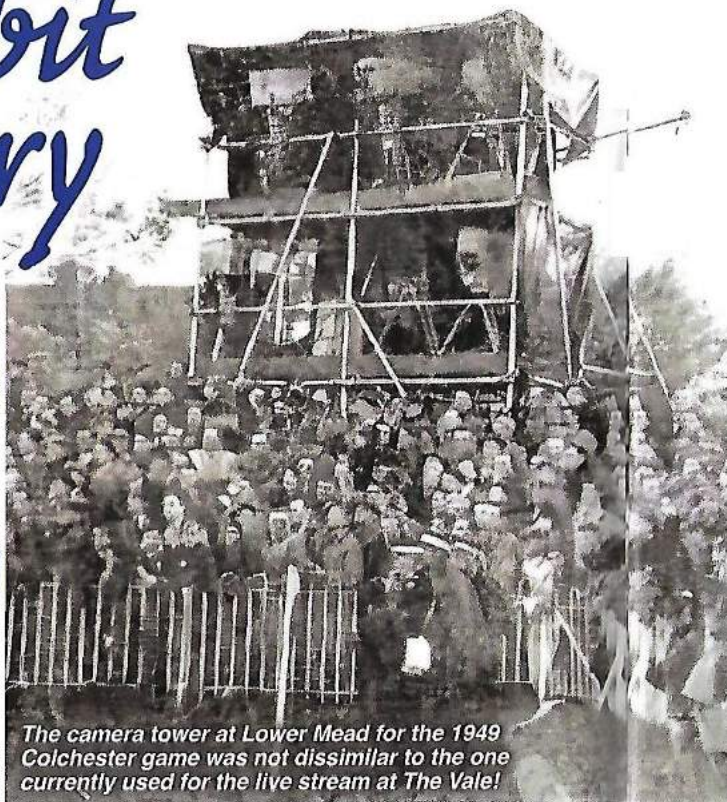
A little bit of history

We welcome the DAZN cameras here today...but Stones and Barnet were the very first clubs to be on live telly, 78 years ago!

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The Stones have featured on TV and in cinematic newsreels over the years: there are highlights of the FA Amateur Cup Final victory from 1966, covered by the BBC and Pathe News, and highlights too of the FA Trophy Final victory of 1985 (and the full video c/w Radio Lincolnshire commentary). Both of these are available from the WFC Megastore on DVD, but neither were covered live. Nor was the FA Cup tie at QPR in 1977 where again only seconds of highlights remain. Rotherham and Colchester in the FA Cup have clips on You Tube among others and a search of online archives even shows an Amateur Cup crowd queuing before Leytonstone v Wealdstone in 1949, though sadly no footage of the match is to be found.

But what many people won't realise is that,



The camera tower at Lower Mead for the 1949 Colchester game was not dissimilar to the one currently used for the live stream at The Vale!

in fact, Wealdstone were selected to be part of the pioneering live match coverage on the BBC 78 years ago - although before you ask, none of these were committed to tape as they were transmitted live, once only.

The Beeb started a television service back in 1936, and the first football match to be transmitted was a specially-arranged friendly match between Arsenal and Arsenal Reserves at Highbury on 16th September 1937. This was followed the England v Scotland International on the 9th April 1938 and that by the month by the FA Cup Final between Huddersfield and Preston North End. Each transmission was very much a trial, as the technology was so new that matches were only played in London within range of the transmitting (and receiving) stations.

Games continued to be recorded by the BBC and both Pathe and Movietone News

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also recorded highlights before and throughout Word War II before a live experiment was undertaken in 1946.

On October 19th, the first live televised amateur football match was broadcast by the BBC from Underhill. The opening twenty minutes of the first half of the **Barnet v Wealdstone** match was transmitted, then at 3:20pm, a thirty-minute programme about an Australian Escapologist escaping from an inverted straight-jacket was shown. Once presumably, he'd escaped, the transmission returned to Underhill at 3:50pm for the live second half. In fact, only thirty-five minutes was shown as it became too dark for coverage to continue!

Barnet won the match 3-2 in front of a crowd reported as 5,000, Jimmy Moore scoring both Wealdstone goals. And today's game will be the third big-game live TV coverage after that 1946 clash and then BT Sports' coverage of Barnet's 2-0 win here in March 2023.

Coverage continued but was sporadic as only FA Cup Finals and some England v Scotland games were transmitted until 1947 when the FA Cup 5th round tie between Charlton Athletic and Blackburn Rovers was shown live. Two years later on 29th October 1949, the live experiment was continued when the **Edgware Town v Wealdstone** FA Cup 3rd Qualifying Round tie from The White Lion Ground was selected initially for second half coverage, but it seems the whole match was shown with comedian Jimmy Jewel, better known for his comedy series on BBC Radio

"Up The Pole" as co-commentator. Wealdstone went on to win the match by 1-0 Edmund "Eddie" Smith scoring the only goal (Smith went on to sign for Chelsea at the end of the season but didn't appear as a professional footballer until two years later, having moved on to Bournemouth).

As a result of the win, Wealdstone took their place in the draw for the next round. In the meantime, the BBC published their schedules for the week of 12th November when the round was to be played listing that some coverage was planned, but the actual match was still to be selected as the draw hadn't been made.

Subsequently, **Wealdstone v Colchester** was the draw for the next round and it was announced at the end of the BBC transmission on Thursday 10th November that this was the game selected for live coverage. Forty-eight hours later, the sides took the field under the watchful eye of the BBC Cameras (the camera tower constructed at Lower Mead is pictured on opposite page) and once again, a live audience. Bill Saunders scored the only goal as Wealdstone were once again victorious.

The First Round Proper draw saw Wealdstone away to Port Vale. With the limitations of location meaning that the match could not be covered by the BBC no other game was selected - instead they chose to cover Harlequins v Blackheath live from Twickenham. Paramount News however are believed to

have recorded some of the match at Port Vale for a highlights newsreel, but despite a long search of their archive, nothing has been found. It would have been Port Vale's first appearance on television as they beat the Stones 1-0.....





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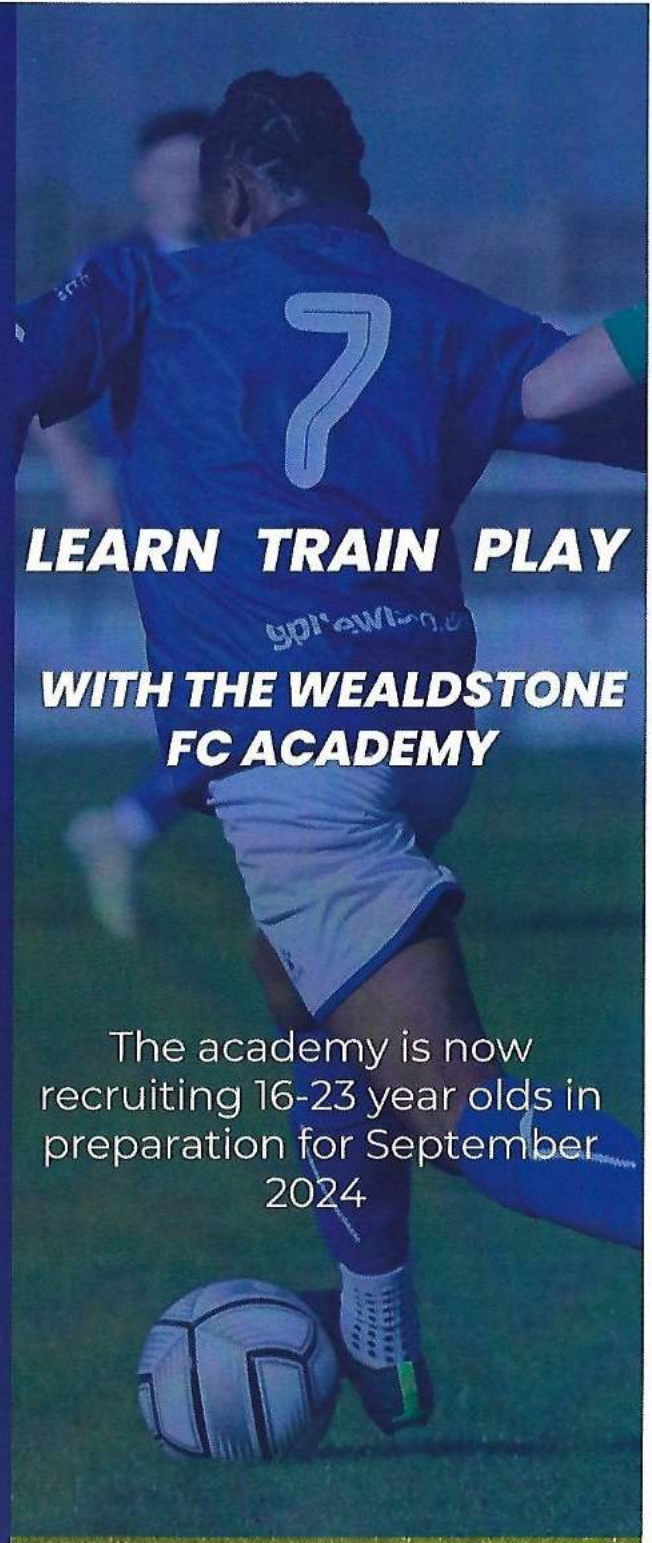
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17 OLDHAM ATHLETIC	VNL	0-1	1,825	517	19	
20 SUTTON UNITED	VNL	0-1	1,566	310	21	
24 Hartlepool United	VNL	1-1	3,614	33	21	Obiero
26 AFC FYLDE	VNL	1-0	1,325	50	21	Sandat
31 Solihull Moors	VNL	1-1	948	180	20	(Own goal)
SEPTEMBER						
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FACTS TO MAKE YOU THINK.. **STAT ATTACK**



By ADAM HILLS
Callum McFarlane was the Stones hero last weekend as his late leveller earned Stones a richly-deserved point away at likely title-challengers Forest Green Rovers.

It was the first time this season that Wealdstone had scored more than one goal in a game - and McFarlane's crucial goal just before the interval ended a run of 252 minutes without a goal. That in itself is a rather baffling statistic when you consider the quality of the chances that were missed against York City and especially the Tuesday night game away at Woking.

Archie Matthews became the latest player to join the injury list after dislocating his shoulder after 22 minutes at The New Lawn last weekend. Jacob Adams came in and performed with much maturity, making a brilliant fingertip save from Emmanuel Osadebe to keep Wealdstone in the game. Will he keep his place today or might we see another body between the sticks? It would be Wealdstone's

Callum's strike was our first goal in 252 minutes.. but worth the wait for Matty's rotating Stones

19th different goalkeeper since our return to the National League in 2020 if that is the case. The injuries have played a big part in why Matt Taylor has made so many changes to his starting XIs so far this season, but it's interesting to look at the numbers in terms of which players have really nailed down their starting place. The likes of Adrian Mariappa, Jack Cook, Enzo Boldewijn and (until last weekend) Archie Matthews are seemingly assured of their places whilst the likes of Micah Obiero, Dom Hutchinson, Anthony Georgiou, Henry Sandat

Player	Av. Mins Per Game
ADRIAN MARIAPPA	90.00
JACK COOK	90.00
ENZO BOLDEWIJN	89.89
KALLUM CESAY	84.88
ARCHIE MATTHEWS	82.44
MASON BARRETT	78.67
ALEX DYER	78.00
JACK WELLS-MORRISON	74.75
MICAH OBIERO	71.89
CALLUM MCFARLANE	68.75
JACOB ADAMS	68.00
BRANDON MASON	60.80
ANTHONY GEORGIU	60.25
DOM HUTCHINSON	56.67
HENRY SANDAT	55.11
MAX KRETZSCHMAR	51.43
SAM ASHFORD	49.00
LUKE DREHER	44.00
CHRISTIAN SCOTT	39.80
DEON WOODMAN	32.00
YACOU TRAORE	28.71
ELLIOT THORPE	25.00
JAHMARI CLARKE	15.50
TODD MILLER	11.67

and Brandon Mason are those who are being regularly rotated. With five subs available this season, perhaps that is inevitable but Taylor will no doubt be hoping to see a little more consistency across the squad.

...while you'll never guess who we do best against...

OF COURSE, today is Derby Day and memories of last season's dramatic game here at The Vale come flooding back. Our rivals are many people's favourite for promotion and, though they've already had a few hiccups this season, The Bees sit third in table and

are already the leagues top scorers with 19 goals. For many of our squad today, including the management team, this will be the first taste of the Stones/Bees rivalry. I'm sure the likes of Jack Cook, Max Kretzschmar and Alex Dyer will let the rest of the

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pls	PPG	GD	GPG
Barnet	8	4	2	2	13	9	14	1.75	4	2.75
Atrincham	8	4	1	3	10	10	13	1.63	0	2.50
Maidenhead United	8	3	2	3	7	13	11	1.38	-6	2.50
Halifax Town	8	3	0	5	5	11	9	1.13	-6	2.00
Woking	9	2	3	4	9	11	9	1.00	-2	2.22
Aldershot Town	8	2	2	4	14	17	8	1.00	-3	3.88
Chesterfield	8	2	2	4	8	14	8	1.00	-6	2.75
Bromley	8	1	4	3	12	14	7	0.88	-2	3.25
Boreham Wood	8	2	1	5	6	12	7	0.88	-6	2.25
Dagenham & Redbridge	9	2	1	6	8	18	7	0.78	-10	2.89
Eastleigh	8	1	2	5	5	11	5	0.63	-6	2.00
Solihull Moors	9	1	2	6	7	14	6	0.56	-7	2.33

squad know what this game means to the fans and it should be an electric atmosphere for the TV cameras.

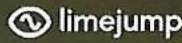
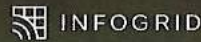
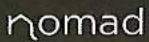
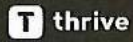
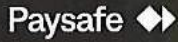
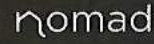
Barnet are one of 12 teams who have been ever-present since we returned for the (farical) 2020-21 season. Boreham Wood, Bromley and Chesterfield all took their separate ways out of the National League last season and so just 9 teams remain. However, of those 12 teams, it's our rivals who we boast the best record against (see table, left) with an average of 1.75 points per game across the 8 previous encounters.

Oh for that record to continue today.



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TIM PARKS HOPS INTO HIS TIME MACHINE TO DELVE INTO WHAT

57 years ago: It's drama, aggro and sendings off as Stones progress in the FA Cup



SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 21 1968, FA CUP 1ST QUALIFYING ROUND: WEALDSTONE 3 DUNSTABLE TOWN 2
LOOK at the crowd on the report on the opposite



▲ Start of the fightback: Keith Searle (right) smacks the ball past the Dunstable keeper at Lower Mead's Elmslie End. Stones were wearing their change strip of all yellow as Dunstable wore blue & white

page... 1,823 for an FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round tie!

Over a thousand more than we had through the gate for the last time we played a home FA Cup tie (against Dagenham and Redbridge in 2021 for those with short memories) but I'm sure the receipts eclipsed the £221 15s 6d that the club took from this Dunstable game 45 years ago.

Our crowds are terrific now but these were the days that the Stones were regularly watched by 2,000 for run-of-the-mill Isthmian League games. We had been watched by 45,000 at Wembley in the Amateur Cup Final just two years before (the biggest-ever crowd to watch a Wealdstone game) and in those days of limited entertainment the FA Cup was a big draw. Even against a very average Southern League side like Dunstable.

The fans loved to compare their heroes against the part-time professionals plying their trade in 'The Southern', particularly as the Stones' amateurs invariably came out on top. To be honest, 'amateurs' should be in quotation marks as everyone knew that every Isthmian League club (except for a few clinging to the Corinthian ethos) paid substantial expenses to their players... 'expenses' that meant the top amateurs could remain in their normal jobs and earn more than even full-time professionals in the lower divisions.

This 'shamateurism' was allowed to continue until a club in the Northern League (perhaps Bishop Auckland) officially complained to the FA about 'boot money' that had enticed half their team to decamp to

a rival outfit. The Football Association could no longer turn a blind eye and it was only a year or so after the Stones played Dunstable that the FA announced that all footballers were henceforth to be known as 'players', ending once and for all the distinction between amateurs and professionals.

The FA Trophy competition was sanctioned in 1970, and the last Amateur Cup Final was played in 1974, after which every non-League club played in the Trophy, with the smallest outfits taking part in the FA Vase.

But back to Dunstable! Their collection of ageing ex-Luton pros, and up-and-coming youngsters like centre forward Bill Garner (later to star for Chelsea) actually provided a stern test for Dave Underwood's Wealdstone side, who had started the Isthmian League season in decent form.

Although – as you can read from the Harry O report reproduced here – they did themselves no favours by using strong-arm tactics that eventually resulted in defenders Brendan McNally and John Downard being sent off in the 75th minute. Quite an achievement in those days when most referees were Laughing Policemen, happy to pass off the most dangerous tackles as youthful high jinks.

At that point Garner had scored twice, Keith Searle and Dave Swain replying for the Stones, and the final 15 minutes saw the Lower Mead crowd baying for blood as the nine men held on grimly for a replay. But happily it was substitute John Hutchinson – the popular teenage winger – who won the game in the dying moments.

EXACTLY HAPPENED ON THIS DAY IN WEALDSTONE HISTORY

WEALDSTONE (1) 3 DUNSTABLE TOWN (2) 2
Attendance: 1,823 Receipts £221.15.6.

A THUNDERING left foot shot by substitute (yet again!) John Hutchinson three minutes from the end gave Wealdstone their ticket to a home tie with Banbury Town on Saturday week and sent Banbury's fellow Southern League Division One side Dunstable out of the F.A. Cup first qualifying round for the fourth successive year.

And a riled, wrecked Dunstable too with right back John Downard sent off on 75 minutes for a foul on Dave Leonard and Brendan McNally, already in the referee's book, following him off in the same minute for "foul language".

Add centre-half Mick Collins booked and Wealdstone's Denny Montague taken to hospital at half-time for what turned out to be a right instep injury and you have the mayhem.

The match itself was typical cup stuff, hard, heartless and with strength in the tackle at a premium. Dunstable leader Bill Garner made it a happy beginning for the visitors as he had Dave Bromley heading back for a corner that Andy Williams held in the opening seconds and then put his side in the lead a minute later as after Mike Bennett and crossed, Bromley headed the ball down and Garner had only to nod through with the Wealdstone defence all flatfooted.

Young Colin Franks gave home fans a little hope as he hit narrowly over Charlie Watson's bar and it was the willing Keith Searle who followed on six minutes to earn a corner that Hughie Lindsay took and Searle fluffed himself before being penalised for pushing.

Close

Sid Carter slipped after showing promise on the left and four minutes later popped up on the right after winning through a tackle.

Carter again on the 15 minutes as he headed wide from Lindsay and the newly returned (from holiday) Dave Swain was the cause of a free-kick when he charged Watson.

Downard had a free-kick on 16 minutes that failed and it was Keith Searle, then Montague and finally Carter getting Wealdstone going, only for Carter to lose it.

Searle tried a solo, well watched after a slip by McNally and it was Swain, put through by Searle, who had the best chance to date, but he was strangely hesitant back on English soil and Collins cleared quickly for a corner that swung way over to Leonard and was negated by Lindsay being caught offside.

With their lead, Dunstable were still pressing and Wealdstone attacks had to be battles out of defence, only running time and again into the power-packed half-back line of the Southern League.

Defensive pattern was a tutored patchwork, relieved only by Collins fouling Swain and a gentle Lindsay free-kick following Searle's head and the header going straight to Watson. Straight ley let in Bernard McConaghe and it took two Tony McGuinness interventions to solve the problem, Williams holding a final long range effort.

Thought

It was at moments like this that one again remembers that Wealdstone's then only 'keeper had an injured little finger and one wondered. There wasn't much time to Franks tried a relieving run but it was Ellingham racing back and evading the crippled Montague to give Garner a chance.

The centre-forward hammered the ball with such force that Williams' finger problem would have been settled for life had he got his hand to the shot.

The arrival of Hutchinson put Wealdstone in willy nilly with more attacking power and it was Swain on the right crossing for Lindsay to hit wide in the middle and then Swain again, with Carter lurking on the right, wrecking the move by passing straight to Ellingham who was having a solid match indeed.

Lindsay, the brams of the side, turned chump as he lost the ball with Micky Doyle and Swain waiting and McGuinness missed in midfield and promptly deceived himself with a fine move.

Lindsay's turn to alone had a sudden shot on the run from 25 yards going just over the bar.

A McGuinness foul had a wasted free-kick and Lindsay off on the right again had Watson holding in the far post Collins gave the Wealdstone captain yet another kick as he chopped down Carter and Watson had to push this one away for a corner that McGuinness got his head to but the 'keeper held.

A Dunstable breakaway had Marshall hitting wide and a minute later on the hour McGonaghe beat just a hair as everyone around before wasting a cross.

Petty fouls were now all over the place McGuinness

stone left and Leonard was stretched out by what looked like a left hook.

Mr Holland spent a quiet minute or so talking to Downard, looked back at the still prostrate Leonard and sent Downard off.

A row over the free-kick had a furious McNally promptly dismissed, Collins booked and then Chalmers putting a Lindsay effort away for a corner as Dunstable's nine settled to survive the siege and earn a replay. Franks hit wide, Searle did the same seconds later and more violence erupted as long-suffering Bromley laid out Marshall who then had a clash with Searle.

With three minutes left, it was all wrapped up. Lindsay took a throw to Searle, Searle pushed it over for Hutchinson and Wealdstone's other 21-year-old cracked a left foot 25-yard shot that sailed into the top right-hand corner for the winner.

And a match of much unnecessary fouling ended with the young Wealdstone fans doing themselves and the club little credit by throwing copper coins at the Dunstable players as they came off.

It is some little consolation for Isthmian fans that there are tougher, drier leagues than their own.

Wealdstone: A. Williams, M. Doyle, D. Leonard, D. Bromley, J. McGuinness, C. Franks, K. Searle, H. Lindsay, D. Searle, D. Montague, S. Carter, Sub: J. Hutchinson.
Dunstable Town: C. Watson, J. Downard, J. Ellingham, I. Chalmers, M. Collins, G. Marshall, B. Gabor, A. Gluck, M. Bennett, Sub: T. Feeley.



▲ The Harrow Observer report in full.. brownie points from everyone at Programme Towers if you can manage to read all the way to the end! Cuttings courtesy of Mick Pullin



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A BIG WELCOME TO FANS OF BOTH CLUBS TODAY

WFCSC update: How the latest £10,000 donation will be spent



BY MARK RANDALL



A warm Wealdstone welcome and a very good evening to both sets of players, officials and supporters for the first of two derby days of the season.

I want to start today's notes with the hot-off-the-press news that WFCSC has donated £10,000 to the main club to fund the recent refurbishment of the dressing rooms, by means of share purchase.

So why the dressing rooms and why a share purchase? Whilst WFCSC have previously directly supported the budget and helped with transfer targets, the committee's preference is to put the hard-earned funds towards something tangible. Players will ultimately come and go but fixtures - such as the dugouts we funded earlier in the season - will be with us for years, one way or another.

The old changing rooms had a previous spruce-up to meet the 'A' ground grading standard, but this new refurbishment makes the

player's environment even better. Also, if we want to attract the better players in our new hybrid model, this will help build our club pro-

file so when we were approached by the club for support, we were happy to help.

The share purchase should be more straightforward to explain. We all know that it is important in the modern game for supporters to have their say on both how their club is run and how it deals with major issues like ownership. With WFCSC shareholding at circa 10%, this gives you, the loyal supporter, a voice and not just a name on a database.

Our aim is to at least keep our shareholding at this percentage ongoing and if possible, increase it further.

So thank you to everyone who has purchased a 50:50, Xmas or Easter raffle ticket over the last year as without your support we would not be able to make this donation!

Sales for the next music fundraiser are going well so if you want to see 'Electromantics' perform their renowned 1980s Electronic and New Wave set (they are top drawer), then please contact James on 07979 795414 and he will sell you an advance ticket for Saturday 26th October for £17. This rises to £19 on the door so be quick!

Thank you to those supporters who have given us feedback about ideas to cele-

brate the main club's 125 year anniversary. We have taken these on board and hope to announce something for the second half of the season in due course.

Finally, don't forget to visit the Megastore and check out all the new lines for this season.

There are newly designed T-shirts (above) with new logos from the traditional, to The Raider and of course the iconic 'Dead Fox Corner' design (pictured left). The shop is located next to DD's just outside the ground and open pre- and post-match plus at half time.

UTS! Mark



TIM PARKS SAYS HELLO ONCE AGAIN TO ON-LOAN KEEPER SAM HOWES

SAM HOWES is delighted to be back in the Stones goal after being brought in on loan from Leyton Orient to cover for the injured Archie Matthews.

"It's been a difficult year for me at the Os" said the 26-year-old keeper who was *Player of the Year* here at the Vale before being snapped up by the League One outfit in the summer of 2023.

"I feel really sorry for Archie who seems to have been having a very solid season, but this is a chance for me to just play games and showcase myself with my contract running out at the end of the season".

Orient have been very helpful in smoothing the way to the loan deal, with 6ft 3in Sam signing for an initial two-month period which can be extended depending on Archie's recovery time from his damaged shoulder ligaments.

"I've played seven or eight games for the Os, including cup ties, but when I've not been involved with the first team I've been watching out on *Flashscore* for three results: Orient's, Wealdstone's and my local team Horsham... when news of Archie's injury flashed up on Saturday I had a very quick message from my agent and then only a day later Fingers had sorted out the paperwork and I was a Wealdstone player once again... something like my fourth spell at the Vale, and every time I come back there seem to have been improvements around the club."

Sam first wore a Stones shirt eight years ago as a teenage keeper with West Ham... but he had to be recalled after a goallie crisis



Sam keeps a clean sheet in a 0-0 at Blackpool

'It's great to be back at The Vale, for the fourth time because I have so many fond memories here.. I just want to play games, showcase what I can do and help us up the table'

before the Hammers' FA Cup tie at Liverpool. Sam was on the bench and only moments from playing at Anfield. Then he returned for a two-game cameo, covering for the concussed George Wickens in May 2022.. and finally joined on a permanent deal that summer. He played every one of our league games as



Sam pulls off a save at Gateshead two years ago

Stones finished 13th, our highest-ever placing in the NL.

"It's just nice to be back because of my fond memories. Training at Brunel though is kind of weird because we were a part-time set up when I was here before and this is a great move, something that had to happen.

"I had an hour-and-a-half con-

versation with the gaffer, Matt, which was honest, straightforward and actually refreshing".

In his first season at the East London club, having being brought in by the current manager Richie Wellens, Sam had a fight for his place with another loan keeper and then, last summer, Zachary Hemming came in on

loan from Middlesbrough and has kept the number one shirt for the vast majority of games.

"We were then literally on the road to Shrewsbury on deadline day when I heard that the Os had signed Josh Keeley, the Tottenham

keeper who had played for Barnet last season, without telling anyone."

Now he's looking forward to a fresh start at the Vale and with seven or eight players still at the Stones since his last spell here he'll fit in immediately. Welcome back Sam!

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MICK FISHMAN ON THE HISTORY OF WEALDSTONE AWAY

I'd like to let the train take the strain... if it's running!



THERE'S something really special about supporting your team away from home.

You sort of forge a special bond on three levels – with those close friends you travel up and stand/sit with; the entire block of fellow Stones fans who too have made the journey to cheer on the team; and, of course, the management team and players representing the club.

It's a special relationship that, once in place, is difficult to break.

Apart from the odd match, I didn't start attending Wealdstone away games until my mum decided I was old enough to do so in 1966, when I was 13 years old. As an amateur team in the old Isthmian League, this did not on the face of it involve very much in the way of travelling, since the Isthmian League of the 1960s comprised of clubs either in or close to London.

But this was well over a half a century ago and things were somewhat different to now. Of the 20 clubs that comprised the league in the late 1960s only six were located outside what is now the TFL area. In modern terms that means 14 clubs could be reached using an Oyster or contactless bank card.

In the 1960s, however, one day travel, Oyster cards and contactless payments were decades in the future: If you needed to use BR suburban trains, the tube and a bus to get to a match, you would have needed to buy individual tickets for each mode of transport.

A real pain, but there were a couple of easier options. So long as I could get to matches using a Red Rover (cost 2s/6d), which was a one day ticket that allowed you to



Beer & cheese is always the go-to combo on an away train... modelled here by Mark Hyde and Dave Leach....

TRAVEL... AND WHY IT'S BOTH A PLEASURE AND A CHORE



...while you may also get to earwig on players' conversations like Thorpe Park Mark and Akhil Rawal

being sold over-priced sandwiches that looked and tasted like cardboard.

Certainly, British Rail (as it then was known) had an air of neglect and decay, but our memory is probably a little unkind than was the reality; and this is the main purpose behind this missive.

Between 1973 and a couple of seasons ago, I could count the number of away games I missed in total on my two hands – and that includes all the various Middlesex Casserole games and those ancient odd competitions like the Premier Midweek Floodlight League. Now having passed three score years and ten, my creaky knees make five and six-hour round journeys by car a torture.

My mode of transport by choice to away matches, therefore, is train; and therein lies the problem.

The rolling stock is modern and smooth, but the service is shambolic. The chances of the train company getting you to the match in time for kick off and back again on the same day is around 50/50. The ticketing is beyond eccentric and the cost at times close on prohibitive.

The only days you can be sure about the regularity and certainty of the service are the numerous "strike" days when you can be sure there will be no trains to and from the match destination. If it's a long or just longish distance evening away match, train travel is a no-no, unless you are prepared to start your return journey at half-time.

Aside from the matches at Billericay and Maidenhead when I was out of the country for Christmas, I missed seven away matches last season... and I reckon on the last time I missed that many away games in a season was some 52 years ago back in 1972/73.

There is, of course, always the supporters' club coach, and it is wonderful that Dave Reader & Co take on the onerous task of organising the service. But the coaches are timed to allow for some serious imbibing of no doubt excellent beverages, and I have never bought into the drinking culture around football.

Don't get me wrong; I have no problem with it. I no doubt drink far too much beer in my general life, but I have never found the need to combine doing so with football and am too old to change now.

For me, to return to attending all or most away games would require our railway system to be re-imagined into one that can by and large get the passenger from A to B in a reliable and timely fashion and at a less eye-watering price.

I fear that, like our proposed new ground in Hillingdon, I shan't still be around to enjoy either.

By Mick Fishman, 43 (inside leg)

use any London bus, or a Twin Rover (cost 3s/6d), that allowed the passenger to use London buses and the underground, those away trips were pretty straightforward.

Matches at Hendon, Clapton, Ilford, Barking and Leytonstone were relatively easy to get to. Following the team to such far-off places as Maidstone United, Wycombe Wanderers and Oxford City were the 60s equivalent to treks to Hartlepool and Gateshead! Unless you drove, they were unattractive propositions.

Once we hit the Southern League, away matches ceased to be centred around London, and that is where the great Barbara Robson and her supporters' club coaches really came into their own.

Prior to the existence of the M25 so many away matches involved driving through London, so booking on the coach to any match at a Kent or Sussex team was highly sensible.

I rarely found myself amongst the elite on "Coach One", which was always within the control of Barbara herself, but with the riff raff in "Coach Two" under the auspices of Phil Tricker.

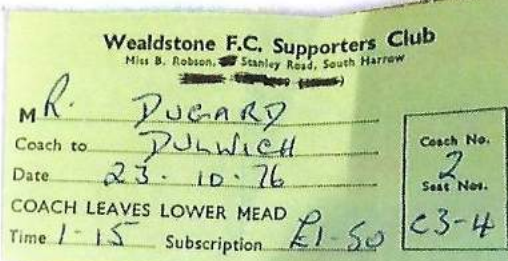
As time moved on, however,



we did favour driving to the majority of away matches. Those were our salad days. Nick (Symmons) chose to do most of the driving in his array of humble Hillman Minxes. We would roll into town with eyes scouring the high streets for the tell-tale be-grimed coca cola signs that promised the delights of an old fashioned "greasy- spoon" café, serving up barely edible food on plates that would be called out by modern day health inspectors measuring for e-coli traces on toilet floors.

Those pre-match repasts always seemed to take the edge off the subsequent standard 2-0 defeat at Nuneaton, Bath or Kettering.

The coming into being of the Alliance Premier League meant trips to far off exotic places, mostly within the hinterlands and tundra regions of the frozen north, which is when inter-city train travel sometimes came to the rescue. The collective memory of those old enough to remember is of travelling in cattle trucks on an unreliable service and, if hungry,



One of Barbara Robson's famous green coach tickets (above) and a Yellow Peril coach (left)

TIM PARKS ON THE BEST AND WORST AWAY TRAVEL NUMBERS

From 33 at Hartlepool to 921 at Barnet...the smallest to the biggest and the reasons why



AFTER three 'proper' seasons back in the National League (discounting the behind-closed-doors monstrosity that was 2020-21) the day was always going to come when awayday fatigue set in.

And that day arrived three weeks ago at Hartlepool when a surprisingly low number of Stones fans (33) populated the away end. In the previous article, written by Mick Fishman back in the summer, he almost set the scene by outlining how arduous some of the away treks were becoming. Especially midweek at the other end of the country.

For a fanbase that prides itself on turning up loud and proud, loyalty (and sanity) was stretched to the limit by a re-arranged game at Atrincham in midweek last season. Some 47 fans travelled up to support the Stones, and only a few more managed the 560-mile round trip to Gateshead also on a Tuesday night last autumn. A few of us actually flew to Newcastle, first travelling 100 miles south to Southampton airport in one of the most bonkers manoeuvres you can imagine to watch a non-League match.

But Hartlepool away on a Saturday in August? Surely that would be close to three figures travelling! In his Elmslie Ender notes in the York home programme, Sudhir tried to relate why he and so many others baled out... outlandish train prices; train times that made it impossible to get home on Saturday evening; and cancelled trains on the Sunday even if you decided to stay over. Supporters Club Coach travel was ruled out when the addition of a second driver pushed fares up to the £50 mark.

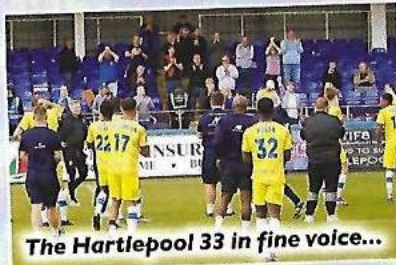
Also playing a part was the fact that Stones had just lost three straight games to kick off the season. A few

Stones fans get the Hive humming



extra points would maybe have swayed the waverers who might have made their own way to the North East by car. They don't know what they missed!

I could do "A Colin Pope" by naming every one of the Famous Thirty-Three but that would be unfair on the supporters who were unable to make the trip. Mr Pope, programme editor in the 70s and 80s, went out of his way to name the 20-odd fans who braved the away trips to Altrincham and Gateshead (on a Monday night and a Wednesday night in March 1985, with just one day between!) that turned the Gola League title race in our favour. That week had seen the Stones chalk up FIVE wins in EIGHT days!



The Hartlepool 33 in fine voice...



...and the vantastic fans in 1978

Among that happy band, almost 40 years ago, was superfan Martin Allen who chalked up 500 consecutive Stones games at Solihull a fortnight ago - and a week earlier, at Hartlepool no less, the astonishing Dave Jones also hit the 500 mark after braving a 12-hour bus journey that arrived back in London in the early hours on Sunday morning. I'll just pull on my Stones beanie hat and raise it to you both, sirs.

So was there ever a lower turnout in recent years than at Hartlepool?

Having discussed this at length with my car companion Jon Taffel, killing the long car journey up to Durham, he came up with a couple of quickly-arranged midweek trips to Bridgend in South Wales, and then Atherstone in the West Midlands in April 1979 when the season was long dead. Jon reckoned we took two CARLOADS to each game! Sudhir, meanwhile, likes to bang on about the

IN STONES HISTORY

infamous bottom-of-the-Southern-League game at Canterbury 30 years ago when the entire crowd totalled 42. Away followers were 20 tops.

But the most remarkable, to my mind, were the ELEVEN fans (and three of them were just tourists really) who went to see Stones play in the Anglo-Italian tournament at Reggio and Arezzo in June 1978. How many would we take on an Italian jaunt today?

Step forward the five who travelled in RAF Corporal Kevin Bright's white van, pictured far left (Duncan Towell, Mark Chamberlain & Dave Thomas) plus Nick Symmons and pals Martin and Janet Ball who made a last-minute decision to interrail it to Italy two days before the first game. Steve Paull and his mate Ray Bennison drove down, sleeping in the car, and Steve (along with Nick, the only remaining regular fan) still describes it as being the most uncomfortable few days of his life.

And what about the Stones' most impressive turnouts?

Well, Barnet have gladly welcomed close to 1,000 Wealdstone fans to the Hive since we collided again in the National League, and there were huge numbers at Woking in the NLS play-off semi-final in 2018 (600) while 500 made the midweek trip to Bath in the previous round.

There never used to be definitive figures on away fans until recent seasons, but I'd estimate another 600 at Newport for the FA Trophy semi-final in 2012, and maybe the same at Billericay and Brackley five years later. I know that the club sold 2,000 tickets for the FA Cup 3rd Round tie at QPR in 1978 so that is the most I've seen at a Stones away game. The fans were split between the terracing and the seats that day though, so there wasn't the huge volume that characterised Barnet last season, and Havant & Waterlooville (another 500 turnout) in the NLS 2019-20 title season. What a win that was!



BARNET are flying high in the National League and are rightly one of the hot favourites to win promotion back to the EFL.

But it must be a great source of frustration to the men from The Hive - and particularly their ex-Stones boss Dean Brennan - that it is the Blues who have held sway since we regained our place in non-League's top level.

The rivalry between the neighbours was dampened by the behind-closed-doors Covid season yet Stones were overwhelming 5-1 winners when the clubs clashed at Grosvenor Vale on Easter Monday 2021. It was our biggest win over Barnet since the 6-0 win at Lower Mead back in the Conference days of 1983.

Stuart Maynard's Wealdstone chalked up a memorable double in 2021-22, Rhys Browne snatching the only goal at the Vale before Nathan Ferguson, Josh Umerah and Jaydn Mundle-Smith sparked electric scenes in the away end as Stones won 3-1 in the return.

WHEN WE LAST MET

Bees, I reckon we've played you once or twice before

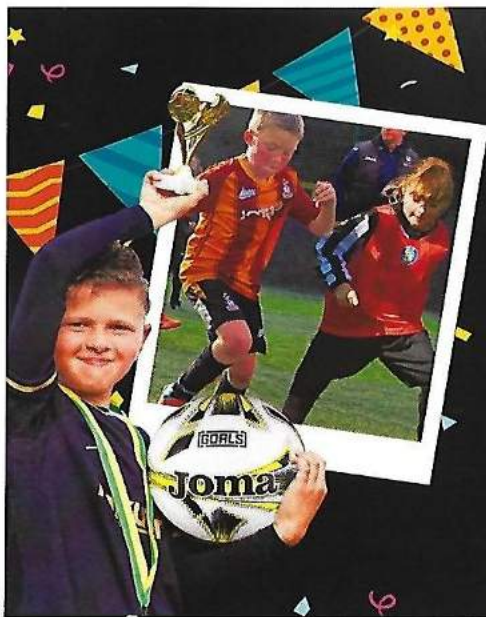
Barnet took the honours the following season with 2-0 wins in both games - the second setting a new attendance record of 3,012 here in Ruislip - but it was the Blues back in business last season with an epic 3-2 win at the Vale thanks to a brilliant double from skipper Jack Cook... followed in injury time by a spine-tingling headed winner from his defensive partner Charlie Barker. The roar could be heard in Wetherspoons!

And there was more late drama in the return at the Hive after Calum Stead had shot the Bees ahead. Harry Pritchard should have made it 2-0 but for Marcus Dewhurst's penalty save, setting the scene for Corie Andrews' improbable equaliser (see above) in the ninth minute of injury time - and wild jubilation among the 921 away fans.

The sides have met a total of 141 times since 1921, 103 years ago, but there can't have been an eruption like that in any of the clashes back in the amateur days... although back in the late 1980s it was the Barnet fans who wore smug grins after

chalking up successive 5-1 and 6-0 wins over the Stones as we dropped out of the Conference and Bees won promotion to the EFL.

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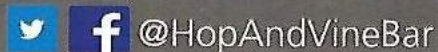
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ASL Executive
Brunel University London
Group 1 BMW Ruislip
Barton Petroleum
Bathroom Complete
Bugler Group
C S Bedford
C&G Scaffolding
Clear Insurance Management
Count Creation
D&B Decorators
D&R Drain services
Exiom Technologies
Falcon Green
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Goals
GO Sport Travel
GPF Lewis
Groundtel
Guy Mummery Roofing
Harrow College
Homeflair
HNC Empire Estates

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JPS Group
Lawrence Rand
Lewis Decorators
LMS Sheridans
Merchandise.co.uk
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Stollwells Cleaning
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Version 2
Wealdstone FC Academy
Wells Glass
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Programme, Community & Academy

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PUKKA
Rolfe East
Sorrell & Son Appliance Sales

LIST OF FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES SEASON 2024-2025

A = APPEARANCES AS STARTER
 S = APPEARANCES AS SUBSTITUTE
 G = GOALS SCORED
 * = HAS SINCE LEFT CLUB

	CORRECT AS AT 10TH SEPTEMBER 2024			VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE			FA CUP			FA TROPHY			MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP			MIDDLESEX CHARITY CUP			TOTALS			STONES CAREER				
	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G	A	S	G		
Adarkwa, Sean																					20	15	10			
Ashford, Sam	2	1	1																		2	1	1			
Barrett, Mason	2																				41	16	2			
Boldewijn, Enzo	8																				8					
Cesay, Kallum	7																				7	14	2			
Clarke, Jahmari *		2																			2					
Cook, Jack	8																				8	137	5	13		
Dreher, Luke	2	1																			2	1				
Dyer, Alex	5	1																			5	1	222	45	35	
Georgio, Anthony	5	3																			5	3	5	3		
Hutchinson, Dominic	5	3																			5	3	25	11	1	
Kretzschmar, Max	4	2																			4	2	55	22	16	
Mariappa, Adrian	8																				8		8			
Mason, Brandon	2	2																			2	2	19	9		
Mathews, Archie	8																				8		8			
McFarlane, Callum	1	2																			1	2	1	2		
Miller, Todd		3																			3		3			
Mundle-Smith, Jaydn																						86	14	5		
Obiero, Micah	7	1	1																		7	1	1	65	14	11
Sandat Henry	6	2	1																		6	2	1	6	2	1
Scott, Christian	2	3																			2	3	2	3		
Traore, Yacou	3	4																			3	4	3	4		
Wells-Morrison, Jack	2	1																			2	1	2	1		
Woodman, Deon	1	2																			1	2	1	4		



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Vanarama National League
Tuesday
24th September
7:45pm




YEovil TOWN
Vanarama National League
Saturday
19th October
3:00pm




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Vanarama National League
Tuesday
22nd October
7:45pm

VANARAMA NATIONAL LEAGUE – TABLE, AS AT 15TH SEPTEMBER	ALL					HOME					AWAY					GD	Pts	STONES RESULTS			
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	W	D			L	F	A	H
1 York City	9	6	2	1	15	6	5	4	0	1	8	3	4	2	2	0	7	3	9	20	0-2
2 Forest Green Rovers	9	5	3	1	17	8	3	2	1	0	7	3	6	3	2	1	10	5	9	18	2-2
3 Barnet	9	6	0	3	19	11	5	5	0	0	15	3	4	1	0	3	4	8	8	18	
4 Rochdale	9	5	2	2	14	5	5	2	2	1	8	4	4	3	0	1	6	1	9	17	
5 Gateshead	8	5	2	1	17	12	4	4	0	0	12	3	4	1	2	1	5	9	5	17	
6 Eastleigh	9	5	1	3	13	11	4	3	1	0	8	4	5	2	0	3	5	7	2	16	
7 Oldham Athletic	9	3	5	1	13	10	4	1	3	0	6	3	5	2	2	1	7	7	3	14	0-1
8 Solihull Moors	9	4	2	3	11	10	4	1	2	1	4	4	5	3	0	2	7	6	1	14	1-1
9 Dagenham & Redbridge	9	3	4	2	17	10	5	3	1	1	13	5	4	0	3	1	4	5	7	13	1-2
10 Halifax Town	9	3	4	2	9	7	6	2	2	2	7	6	3	1	2	0	2	1	2	13	
11 Hartlepool United	9	3	4	2	7	6	4	0	4	0	1	1	5	3	0	2	6	5	1	13	1-1
12 Yeovil Town	9	4	1	4	12	12	5	1	1	3	3	5	4	3	0	1	9	7	0	13	
13 Woking	9	4	1	4	9	11	5	3	0	2	6	7	4	1	1	2	3	4	-2	13	
14 Aldershot Town	9	3	3	3	16	15	4	2	1	1	11	9	5	1	2	2	5	6	+1	12	
15 Sutton United	9	3	3	3	14	13	4	1	1	2	8	7	5	2	2	1	6	6	+1	12	0-1
16 Altrincham	9	3	2	4	9	11	4	2	1	1	6	2	5	1	1	3	3	9	-2	11	
17 Southend United	8	2	4	2	10	9	5	2	2	1	8	6	3	0	2	1	2	3	+1	10	
18 Boston United	9	2	2	5	9	16	6	0	2	4	4	14	3	2	0	1	5	2	-7	8	
19 Tamworth	8	2	2	4	8	16	4	2	1	1	7	5	4	0	1	3	1	11	-8	8	
20 Braintree Town	9	1	4	4	5	11	4	1	2	1	2	2	5	0	2	3	3	9	-6	7	
21 Wealdstone	9	1	3	5	6	11	4	1	0	3	1	4	5	0	3	2	5	7	-5	6	-- --
22 Maidenhead United	9	1	2	6	10	17	4	1	1	2	4	5	5	0	1	4	6	12	-7	5	
23 Fylde	8	1	2	5	9	18	3	1	1	1	6	6	5	0	1	4	3	12	-9	5	1-0
24 Ebbsfleet United	9	1	2	6	5	18	5	1	1	3	2	6	4	0	1	3	3	12	-13	5	


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Vanarama National League
Saturday
28th September
3:00pm



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Saturday
5th October
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Saturday
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