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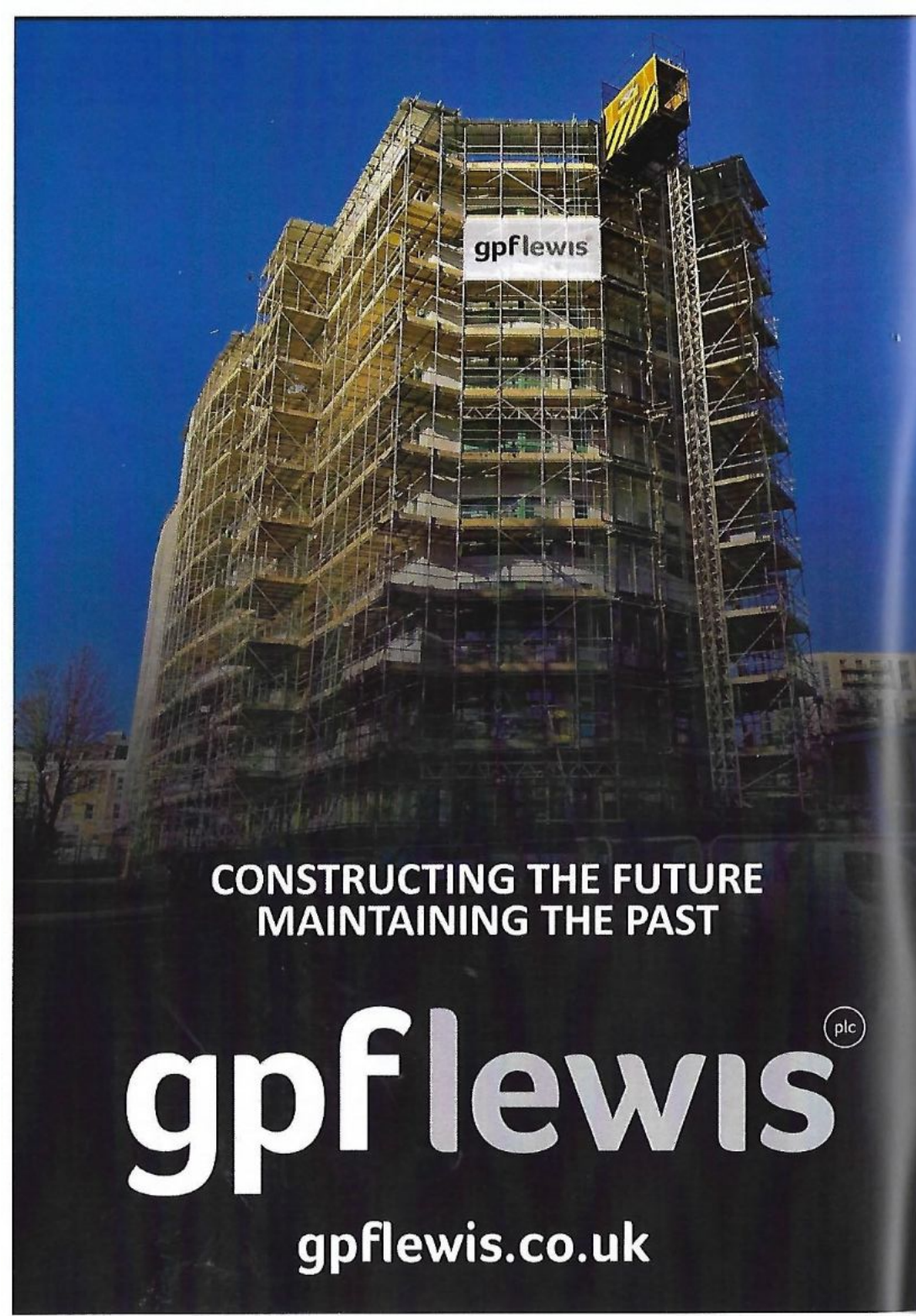
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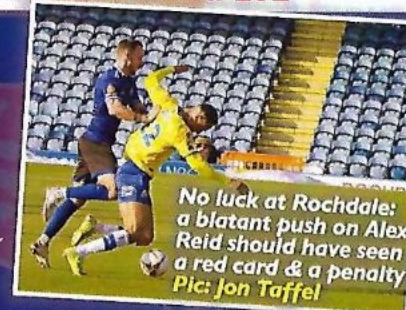
Never mind the battle for promotion to the EFL, for the Stones it's all about staying up and our predicament is no better than last season's battle against the drop. The ecstasy of claiming three wins back-to-back against Yeovil, Braintree and Ebbsfleet quickly dissipated in the agony of 4-1 defeats at Tamworth and Rochdale in the space of four days... and as Max Kretzschmar says in his column in today's programme: "Now is the time to call upon the experience we've had in these situations from seasons gone by and apply it on the pitch."

Certainly the spirit of last season's Dorking, Chesterfield and Oldham games has to be invoked if we are to survive. As last season, we have one or two games in hand on our rivals (see updated table, right) but how quickly they can be lost! What is certain is that you, the fans, can be instrumental in picking up the vital points both at the Vale and on the road. Our

Written in Stone



BY TIM PARKS



No luck at Rochdale: a blatant push on Alex Reid should have seen a red card & a penalty
Pic: Jon Taffel

visitors today, Eastleigh, are chasing that elusive play-off spot and are three points off the pace, having also played three more games than their immediate rivals. Let's get behind Neil Gibson's boys and improve on the 1-1 draw we fought out at Eastleigh back in November.

● A big thank-you today to serial match sponsors, the wonderful Ruislip Windows & Doors, while our ball donor is another well-established name: Toby Jackson of Lapel Badges fame.

● We have another long away trip on Tuesday (v Altrincham, 7.45pm) to test the ingenuity of our travelling fans before the two crucial home clashes with Woking and Aldershot. **Get behind the lads: UTS!**

Braintree Town	36	11	9	16	38	48	-9	42
Woking	35	9	14	12	38	49	-11	41
Aldershot Town	34	9	13	12	52	56	-4	40
Dagenham & Redbridge	36	8	12	16	47	53	-6	36
AFC Fylde	35	10	6	19	42	67	-25	36
Wealdstone	34	8	11	15	42	58	-16	35
Maidenhead United	36	9	7	20	41	68	-27	34
Boston United	34	7	10	17	35	51	-16	31
Ebbsfleet United	37	1	11	25	26	80	-54	14

The games to play: Any three from this eight will go down (discounting Ebbsfleet United)

BRAINTREE	WOKING	ALDERSHOT	DAGENHAM & RED
Sat 15 Mar H Altrincham	Sat 15 Mar H Barnet	Sat 15 Mar A Altrincham	Sat 15 Mar H Tamworth
Tue 18 Mar A Gateshead	Sat 22 Mar A Wealdstone	Tue 18 Mar A Maidenhead United	Tue 18 Mar A FC Halifax Town
Sat 22 Mar H York City	Tue 25 Mar H FC Halifax Town	Sat 22 Mar H Ebbsfleet United	Sat 22 Mar A Sutton United
Sat 29 Mar A Woking	Sat 29 Mar H Braintree Town	Tue 25 Mar A Wealdstone	Sat 29 Mar H Maidenhead United
Sat 5 Apr H Barnet	Tue 1 Apr H Rochdale	Sat 29 Mar A Rochdale	Sat 5 Apr A Gateshead
Sat 12 Apr A Tamworth	Sat 5 Apr A Aldershot (FAT)	Tue 1 Apr H AFC Fylde	Sat 12 Apr H Hartlepool United
Fri 18 Apr A Southend United	Sat 12 Apr H AFC Fylde	Sat 5 Apr H Woking (FAT)	Fri 18 Apr H Ebbsfleet United
Mon 21 Apr H Dagenham & Red	Fri 18 Apr A Maidenhead United	Tue 9 Apr H Boston United	Mon 21 Apr A Braintree Town
Sat 26 Apr A FC Halifax Town	Mon 21 Apr H Aldershot Town	Sat 12 Apr A York City	Sat 26 Apr H Altrincham
Mon 5 May H Rochdale	Sat 26 Apr H Eastleigh	Fri 18 Apr H Sutton United	Mon 5 May A Solihull Moors
	Mon 5 May A Sutton United	Mon 21 Apr A Woking	
	A Oldham Athletic	Sat 26 Apr A Barnet	
		Mon 5 May H Yeovil Town	

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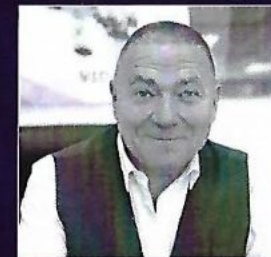
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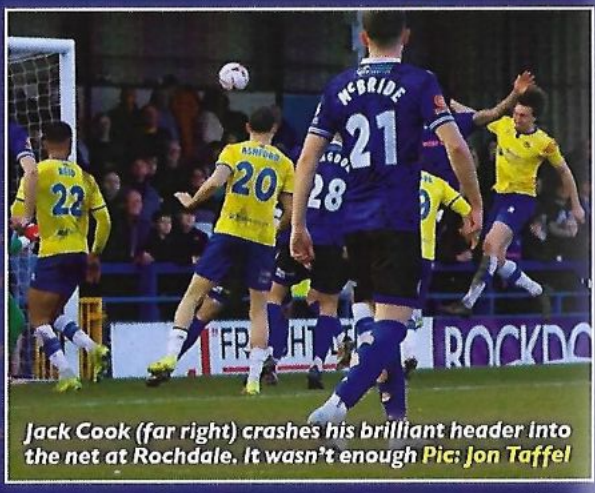
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'What we really appreciate is the miles you fans travel to support us...we need you more than ever'



Jack Cook (far right) crashes his brilliant header into the net at Rochdale. It wasn't enough Pic: Jon Taffel

HELLO everyone and welcome back to The Vale. Today's game is vitally important for both our season and Eastleigh's too, with the latter hopeful of making the playoffs while our National League survival is on the line.

Our previous encounter this season ended in a 1-1 draw on the south coast in probably the worst weather conditions we have played in all season. The howling wind and lashing rain played havoc with both teams' attacking play with good openings easier to create when the wind was behind you.

Sam Ashford scored a great header to equalise in a second half in which we started to pile on the pressure.

I expect conditions to be better today and fast flowing football therefore easier.

We've shown in recent weeks that there are goals in

this team having scored in all our last five games - including four at home against Ebbsfleet. It's been at the other end of the pitch where we've struggled in recent weeks by conceding too many goals.

All of us, in every position, must take responsibility for this. You defend as a whole team in football. We want to press teams high and be compact out of possession but in the past two games I think we've found this difficult.

The styles of Tamworth and Rochdale do contrast to one another yet we fell short in both. Tamworth smothered us with their set piece game (Tonk's long throw is definitely the trickiest I've ever played against) while Dale suffocated us with their possession-based style.

Both games have given us a sobering wake up call, having grabbed three league wins in a row before those fixtures. It has been a week of reflection where we've had to analyse where we went wrong in these games - and today is a chance to put it right.

What I and the whole team

appreciate is the miles you fans have travelled and will continue to travel this season to support us. We have some tough away days on paper coming up where we will need you all. Conversely, we have some winnable games at home against teams around us in the table and those games will be crucial in determining our fate.

It's time to call upon the experience we've had in these situations from seasons gone by and apply it on the pitch.

UTS! - Max



Their first win for the Stones: Jones and Gibson celebrate the final whistle at Yeovil Pic: Jon Taffel

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GOOD afternoon and welcome to everyone from Eastleigh for what will be another stern National League test.

Every team presents a different challenge and after playing a very direct and savvy Tamworth side, and then a possession-based Rochdale, Eastleigh will be somewhere in between.

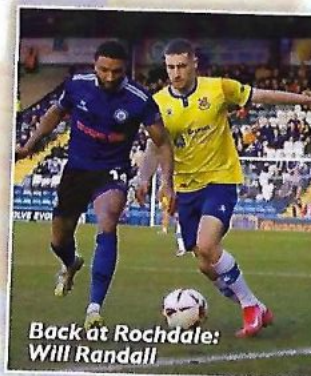
In the final third they will attack in a different way but we've done our due diligence as a management team having seen them play Oldham on Tuesday night.

We were back into training first thing Wednesday, when attention turned to Eastleigh and putting a game plan together. On Friday we planned to work on team shape, set pieces etc.

In fact we've changed the training schedule a little - when we have no midweek game we'll have Tuesday daytime, Wednesday daytime and Friday daytime to get the best added value out of our time with the players.

Previously, the schedule was Monday daytime, Tuesday daytime and Thursday evening, but we've noticed that we've picked up some injuries and had to dilute the Thursday session a bit... while we

'We've drilled and drilled and drilled the players to get back that positive frame of mind'



Back at Rochdale: Will Randall

have some some players who work elsewhere during the day it meant the majority were waiting around all day for the evening session and they seemed a bit lethargic. The players and staff have bought into it and we will now have 'matchday minus one' to get the players focussed before the Saturday game.

Last Tuesday we had a longer double session where we addressed the elements we need to improve on, especially in terms of the patterns of goals we concede. We then had an honest team meeting and video analysis on those areas where we need to be better.

We are still missing injured players of course, with Kallum Cesay now having consultancy and scans on his bruised bone and Craig Eastmond serving the second game of his suspension today.

Obviously Jaydn Mundle Smith is on the long-term absentee list along with goalkeepers Archie and Jacob. Mason Barrett and Sean Adarkwa are still a long way from returning but I'm grateful that we got Will Randall back on the pitch for some minutes - he missed Tamworth with a fitness bug but came on against Rochdale.

We are trying to get players in to improve the squad, but we have a tight budget

and some of the long-term missing eat into that budget. We have to balance the books which may mean some going out and some coming in.

Our main challenge is to build belief back into the group and break the pattern of a few good results following by a barren spell.

We thought we had turned a corner after those three successive wins but our momentum was stalled by the Boston game being called off, and then an unwanted free weekend with Aldershot in the trophy - it's not what we wanted so we are now trying to hit the reset button. We've drilled and drilled and drilled the players to get us back in a positive frame of mind.

We are relishing the challenge and enjoying it!

Lee and I were particularly looking forward to the Q & A with the fans last Wednesday and we hope than lots of you turned up.

I should also mention that today will see the crowd swelled by 20 or so Prestatyn Town fans who are travelling down for the day to support the Stones. Prestatyn, in North Wales is my home town so it will be good to see those familiar faces.... they will be loud and no doubt spend a few quid in the bar while watching the England v Wales rugby in the clubhouse afterwards!

Enjoy the game! - Neil

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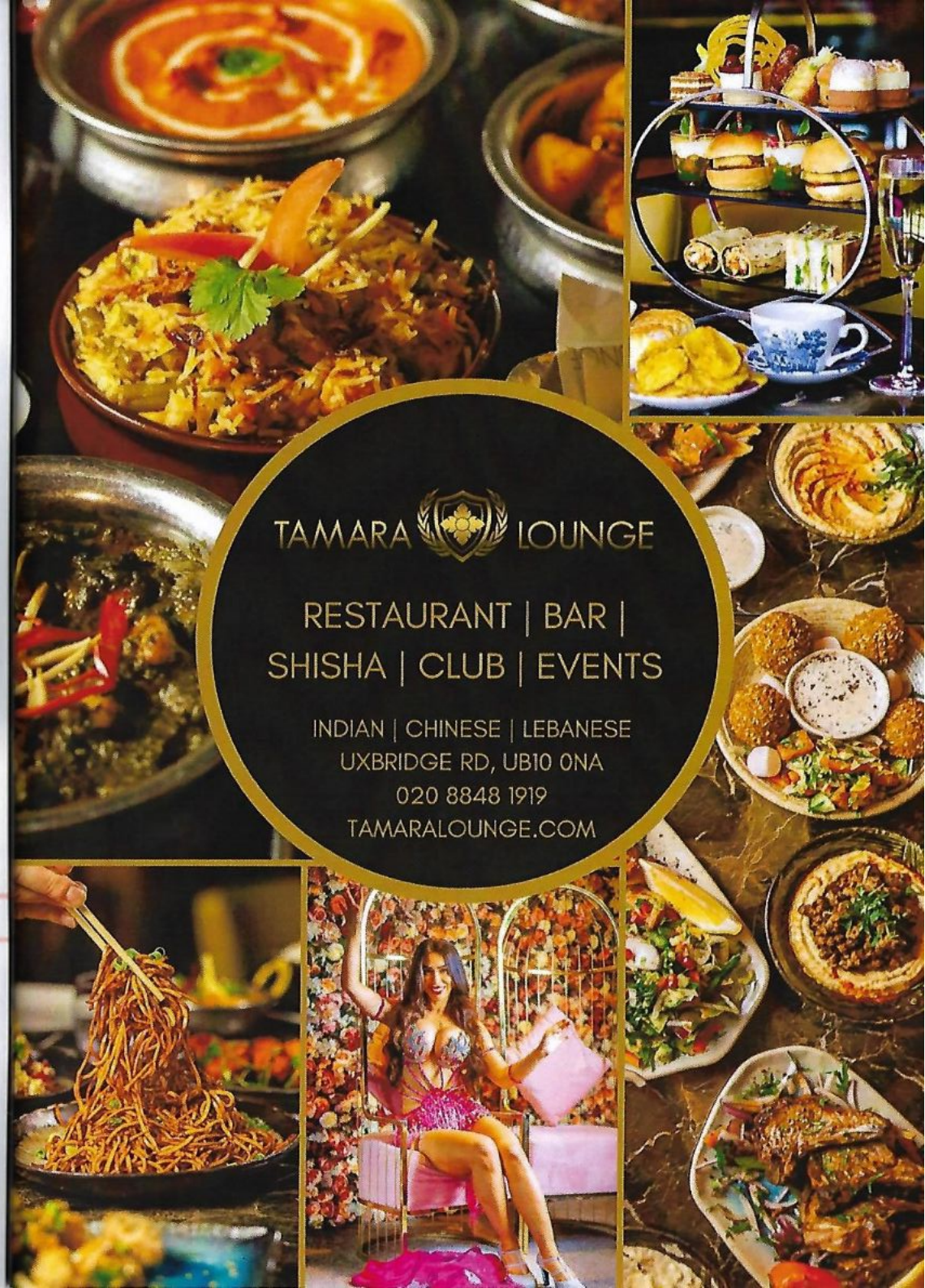


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TIM PARKS MEETS HARRISON SOHNA... AND GETS THE INSIDE

My record's not bad... I've scored two of my last three freekicks when going for goal!

MOVE over Max and Anthony, there's a hot new freekick specialist in town!

It had become a bit of a running joke among the fans that we never score from dead ball situations (apart from Jack Wells-Morrison's flukey corner against Dagenham and Kretz's crazy mishandled goal at Braintree).. and it's true that the only National League Wealdstone goal from freekicks in living memory were both scored by Aaron Henry against Stockport and Boreham Wood several years ago (although admittedly, since this was written, Anthony Georgiou landed his late and beautifully struck freekick at Tamworth).

So when we won a dead ball to the left of the box, 25 yards from goal, against Ebbsfleet three weeks ago there was barely a murmur of excitement. Max and Harrison Sohna stood over the ball. Then Max trotted off, leaving our Cheltenham Town loan signing to consider his options.

"It was a good area, to the left of the box at a good angle for a left-footer like myself" said Harrison. "The keeper looked a bit indecisive and I reckoned he would think I'd hit his near post, his right hand side... so I angled it up towards the other corner and it flew in!"

Up in the commentary box, myself and pundit John Morton also got quite energised with Morty de-

scribing it as 'a peach' of a freekick. Goalkeeper Mark Cousins had no hope of reaching the ball as it described the perfect arc, whipped at pace perfectly into the top corner... and Harrison ran off to knee-slide his celebrations in front of the glum Ebbsfleet fans.

"I practise freekicks as much as possible, although with part-time training you have to look after your legs a bit and not overdo it between games" he says. "I hope I'll be on freekicks now because my record's not bad. Before I joined Cheltenham I was at Sunderland, and took just the one freekick in the Under-23s and scored. For Wealdstone, I took one against Solihull (I believe) but didn't hit the target... then the one against Ebbsfleet that went in. So two out of three ain't bad!"

Harrison, 22, is of Gambian descent, with his English mum meeting his Gambian dad while on holiday in Africa... and persuading him to come back to Gloucester where the family still lives.

Though it was his grandad Terry Smith who did most of the chauf-

Harrison runs off to celebrate his sensational freekick goal against Ebbsfleet at The Vale
Picture: Sean Troup



feuring to matches and training for young Harrison as he made his way through the academies at Bristol City (who scouted him at the age of six) and then Stoke City which must have entailed a lot of driving. "My grandad now lives in Australia but he follows my career - he messaged me after the the Ebbsfleet game".

At the age of 11, Aston Villa spotted the fledgling talents of the midfielder and he spent the next eight years with the Premier League outfit. He even played for the England under-15s alongside current top-flight stars Morgan Rogers, Jude Bellingham and Cole

STORY OF HIS SENSATIONAL STRIKE AGAINST EBBSFLEET UTD

Palmer!

But then came probably his best moment in football so far... and the bizarre story of his appearance against Liverpool in the FA Cup.

"I was in the under-23s at Villa, in Premier League 2, during the behind closed doors season (2020-21), and the first team and half a dozen of the Under-23s were in a Covid 'bubble' to avoid testing positive. They had their own, sealed group at training," said Harrison.

"But somehow the bubble was penetrated and they nearly all came down with Covid... just a few days before the FA Cup 3rd round tie with Liverpool, who were flying along at the top of the Prem.

"It was such a shock for all of us. We came into training and were told that we would all be playing the next day... we went, 'is this serious?"

"It seemed like a wind-up. But it was genuine and we ended up with a team of academy players against probably the strongest team in the country".

Harrison was on the bench and watched as 17-year-old Louie Barry shocked the Kop by equalising Sadio Mane's early goal. Mane, again, and Georginio Wijnaldum made it 3-1 - but just after Mohamed Salah had shot Liverpool into a 4-1 lead Harrison came on as a 65th-minute substitute.

"At least they didn't score any more after I came on. But it was a bit unreal, playing against people like Salah, Mane, Trent-Arnold, Shaquiri, Firmino and Thiago Alcantara. I got Thiago's shirt after the game and he took mine... I wonder what he's done with it!"

But having watched the video of that final quarter of the game Harrison didn't look out of place.

"I'd been training a lot with the first team squad prior to that so I was used to marking and taking on people like Jack Grealish and Yanick Bolasie. It was a great experience". Villa released Harrison



at the age of 19 and he was quickly snapped up by League One Sunderland - primarily for the under-23s - but after playing four early-season EFL Trophy and Carabao Cup games under Lee Johnson his chances of breaking into the EFL side were looking good (above). Then Johnson was sacked and Alex Neil took over. "He gave me a game against Sheffield Wednesday and I trained with the first team every day. But I just wanted to be involved in more games."

When his two-year contract ended the 21-year-old found himself without a club for almost a whole season.

"I had an apartment in that area and I had a few trials locally - and then trained with Swindon for several months. The manager there, Michael Flynn, was keen on signing me but then he was sacked!

"But it's funny how sometimes things work in your favour: Flynn then got the job at Cheltenham, the nearest EFL club to where I live, at the end of last season and I had a great summer, playing in all the pre-season games and then in the first dozen League 2 matches".

He featured in wins over Newport and Harrogate and a narrow Carabao Cup defeat at Plymouth. Then a spell on the bench followed until he was back in man-of-the-match form in wins over Colchester and Carlisle, and an impressive draw against Bradford City.

"I was playing out of position, at left wing back, but felt I was doing really well so it was a surprise

when I found myself on the bench for a string of games.

"My agent suggested I go out on loan and Michael Flynn agreed. Then it was a matter of finding the right club and I was contacted by Matty Taylor... I was probably his last signing for Wealdstone! I agreed to join on the Wednesday and the following day he'd left!

"I was on the bench for the 2-0 defeat at Fylde, under Paul Hughes, but since Neil Gibson has come in I've started most games except Braintree, when I came off the bench in the 2-1 win."

So Harrison, we know all about your freekick game-changer against Ebbsfleet but talk us through your first goal in that game, to send us into the half-time break on level terms...

"Well, the gaffer has been emphasising that he wants me to get forward and hurt teams, and after Dom Hutchinson crossed, and Max's header was blocked, it was just a matter of one touch with the right foot to kill the ball, and then a low shot into the corner with my left from about ten yards.

"I'm really enjoying playing here; it's a good group with a mix of youth and experience. I can learn so much from people like Alex Dyer and Craig Eastmond and I've been given a chance to play in my favourite position... though I also like playing on the right as I can then cut inside... you get a bigger picture that way."

And how does the National League compare to playing in League Two?

"A lot of the NL teams could definitely compete in the EFL - that's been shown in recent seasons as the promoted clubs all flourish. Gateshead are the best side I've faced and I've spoken to to Regan Booty, one of their top players a few times when I was looking for a club. He told me the standard.

"I think we can compete in this division and start looking up the table rather than over our shoulders".



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TODAY WE WELCOME FANS OF EASTLEIGH

Good afternoon to our visitors from Eastleigh. At time of writing this, Eastleigh sit in 8th , 4 points outside the playoffs and the Stones sit 4th bottom.

In the reverse fixture the spoils were shared in a 1-1 draw with Sammy Ashford getting a 65th minute equaliser. Our matches against Eastleigh are always close , hard fought encounters and I expect the same this afternoon.

Eastleigh away record so far this season is 5wins 5draws 7 defeats, so a strong side at home.

Paul mcallum being the man to watch out for, a strong, goal scoring forward.

In other news tomorrow Sunday 16th the Supporters Club host Newcastle United fans for the 2nd time in 2 years when they face Liverpool at Wembley. Again we will have 400 fans staying to watch the match live in the clubhouse, and hopefully celebrating a victory with a pint or two and a burger.

We will also be hosting Birmingham City fans on the 13th April when they play in the EFL cup final . We have been compiling a list of those people who have come forward to help and will be in touch. Anyone who feels they can help at future events please speak to myself or any member of the committee.

We are doing an Easter raffle with great prizes,

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BY JOHN YOUNG



and we need as many people selling tickets to family, friends and work colleagues. If you can sell even 5 books this would be brilliant, Raffle books can be collected from the Captains Lounge, Club Shop or see a committee member.

Lastly we will have held our AGM and we are promoting LIFE Membership for only £20.00. There are important decisions that will need to be made in the future and as the 2nd largest shareholder the Supporters Club has a strong voice, now is a great time to join.

So onto this afternoon, let's make some noise , get behind the team and sing them onto victory.

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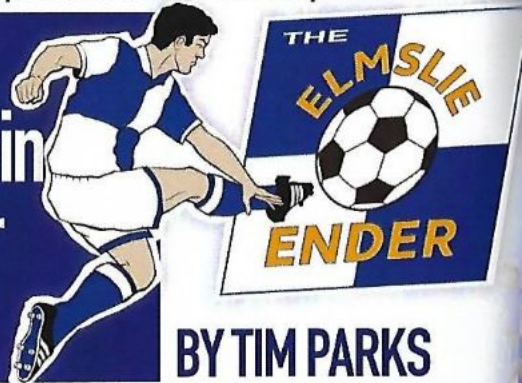
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We were denied the chance to celebrate in 2020.. but will it ever come round again?



BY TIM PARKS

FOOTBALL'S ups and downs never fail to excite. A week in the World of Wealdstone veers from joy and delight to misery and pain as we negotiate another tough season at National League level.



For all that, it seems a good moment to reflect on the current state of play at our wonderful club. And particularly how we can overcome any psychological barriers to believing we belong in the National League. Or 'imposter syndrome' as long-term fan Adam 'Atticman' Williams eloquently put it on the fans' forum a few weeks ago.

And I'm not talking about the management team or players. As far as I'm concerned they were hired as professionals to keep Wealdstone FC at this level and they should be viewed as up to the task... and in my opinion they've returned that faith with enough good displays to prove we're close to becoming an established mid-ranking National League outfit.

As a 'three-quarters of the season completed' report go it's a definite positive. We are out of the relegation zone (just). But is that good enough for the 'newbie' fans?

Recent converts have swelled the Grosvenor Vale crowds to a 1,700 average this season which is frankly

staggering to us 'old guard' who have survived the days of 200 regulars at Yeading, Northwood and Edgware. We had no expectations. But we had togetherness and slowly this was recognised by real football saviours. I'm looking at you, Gordon Bartlett, Leo Morris, Nick Symmons, Paul Rumens.

And then we starting winning games. Then we started winning titles. Our crowds slowly, slowly increased and word got around that Wealdstone (who were at the pinnacle of the non-League game in the mid-80s) were back in business.

We were a band of brothers. We paid our money, wore our colours, looked on and volunteered as the club surged from the Ryman League Division Three to the Premier Division in ten glorious years, 1995-2005. We were always fighting much richer clubs and, eventually, clubs with bigger fanbases and facilities.

But we kept progressing. We won the Ryman Prem in 2014. Then established ourselves in the National League South and, of course, stormed to the title as the Covid pandemic curtailed the season in 2020.

My big question as we find ourselves in 2025 is... can Wealdstone FC ever win another title? Have we gone beyond our natural level and will we ever have the infrastructure, never mind the funding, to win the National League?

At the moment it would take a leap of faith to believe we could even take part in the promotion conversation, with an extra eight years having to be tacked onto the Vale lease before we'd even be allowed to compete in the play-offs.

The hope, of course, is that the new stadium at Freezeland Way will solve our problems. And I've been convinced that it's



The closest thing to a shared celebration in the NL South-winning season: The flares and fanfares following the crucial 4-2 win at Havant in January 2020

the legalities of all the strands that have to come together for a project of this size to begin that has meant a slow start. With a stadium fit for purpose - and much as we love the Vale, it clearly isn't - only a lack of ambition can prevent the Stones from moving in an upwards direction. And Rory Fitzgerald, stand-in chairman Dom Whyley and the board have been demonstrably ambitious just to get this club into the National League, let alone fight for a place in the Football League.

How we all want this club to progress!
I, for one, felt cheated four years ago when Dean Brennan and Stuart Maynard's Stones had to sign off the Covid-hit season in March, denying the officials, players and fans a glorious end to the season, and the chance to witness that terrific Stones side lifting the title in front of 3,500 at the Vale.

It was so terribly sad. Once the moment had gone, it had gone forever.

The social club would have been bursting at the seams for weeks as the celebrations continued into the summer. The megastore would have been shifting merchandise in the way toilet rolls flew off supermarket shelves during panic buying, the playing budget coffers would have been far healthier than became the reality, and those early home NL matches against Stockport, Chesterfield and Wrexham would have seen The Vale rocking with 2,000-plus crowds.

The "feel-good-factor" would have continued through much of a season that very likely would have ended with a satisfactory lower half - but free

from relegation - finish.

That title success - by a side playing arguably the best football in this club's history - was dissipated within a few short months and that is why I again pose the question: Will we ever have the chance to celebrate another league title in the proper manner... without being relegated first?

I'd like to think the newly-arrived fans have bought into the *Stones-against-the-rest* mentality that Neil Gibson has fostered among the first team squad. With bigger crowds, the atmosphere is often electric now at the Vale and the club are winning hearts and minds in the local area with dozens of kids from the youth teams - and their parents - turning up on Saturdays for the games.

My first inkling that the club had 'arrived' in Ruislip was 11 years ago when walking down Shenley Avenue from the Manor tube station. It was the week before Christmas and we were taking on Maidstone in a table-topping Ryman Prem clash.

Up ahead, a family were coming out of their front door with blue & white scarves: a dad and two boys. Half a dozen houses further up, another dad and three kids came down their driveway in Stones regalia and marched off ahead of me to the Vale, buzzing with chatter about the game.

And I thought: this is how it's meant to be. I never felt that connection at Edgware, Northwood, Yeading or even at Lower Mead, our original ground slap bang in the middle of Harrow.

And it's that connection that will see Wealdstone FC forge ahead to success, where ever that might be. Fortress Freezeland Way.

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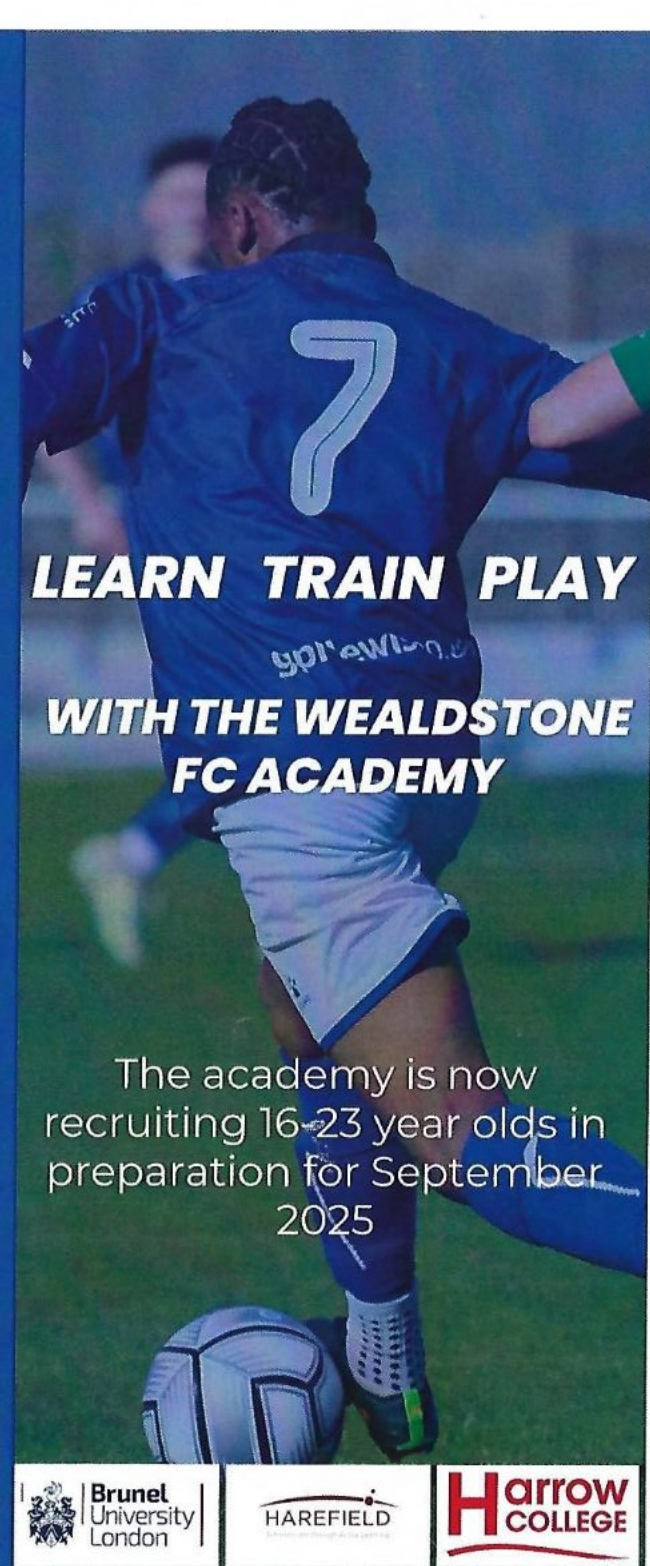
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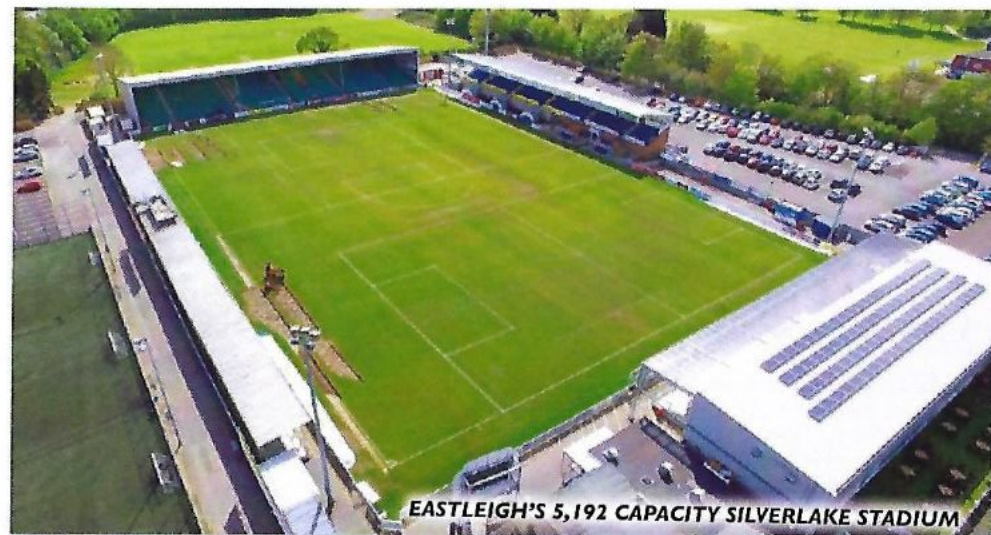
Eastleigh FC was founded on May 22, 1946, by Derik Brooks and a group of friends at the Fleming Arms public house in Swaythling, Southampton.

Playing home matches firstly on Southampton Common, and then at 'Westfield' in Swaythling, the new club were promoted into the Hampshire League in 1950 after two campaigns spent in the Southampton Senior League (West). Within another year, Athletic, (that appellation was dropped in 1973) had topped Division Three (West) and won the Hampshire Intermediate Cup. By 1956, Swaythling were playing in the 1st Division of the County league. They would return to that level in 1970 as champions of Division 2. In keeping with their early progress, the club moved to a new ground at Ten Acres in 1957 – which remains home to this day. The change to their current name was made in 1980, six years before Eastleigh F.C. became founder members of the Wessex League. The club settled at that level, until a distinguished period under the management of present Sutton United boss Paul Doswell which began in 2002/2003. Eastleigh were that season's Wessex League Champions. Twelve months later, they finished 4th in the Southern Football League Division One East. The club were beneficiaries of the F.A.'s restructuring of the non-league pyramid, and were elevated to begin 2004/2005 in the Premier Division of the Isthmian League. On-pitch advancement was being matched off the field. A new stand was constructed in time for the Isthmian campaign, which the team finished with a run of 14 unbeaten matches. That was enough to earn Eastleigh a play-off berth, which they capitalised on fully. Victories over Braintree Town (2-0), and Leyton (1-0) ensured that Doswell had taken his team from Wessex League to Conference South in the space of three heady years. Development of the ground has continued, with improvements made in 2006 both to the stand opposite the main grandstand, and that behind the goal furthest from the clubhouse. Eastleigh's present owners, Bridle Insurance, whose purchase of a majority shareholding in the club was



confirmed in February 2012, have further upgrading of the 'Silverlake Stadium' high on their list of priorities. Over nine years in the Conference South, Eastleigh have twice flirted with promotion to non-league's highest tier. In 2009, under the management of former Leeds United forward Ian Baird, the Spitfires lost a play-off semi-final against Hayes & Yeading United. A 4-0 extra-time home defeat cancelled out Eastleigh's 4-2 first-leg victory. In 2012/2013, a campaign which saw Baird replaced by current boss Richard Hill in September, the

Spitfires' second half of the season form took them from 21st to 4th place, and a play-off meeting with Dover Athletic. A 3-1 home reverse was wiped out with a 2-0 win in Kent, but, ultimately, a losing penalty shoot-out ended Eastleigh's promotion aspirations. The intervening years brought the Spitfires' only ever appearance in the F.A. Cup first round, and some silverware. The 2009/2010 cup adventure was ended by a last gasp goal which earned then Conference Premier team Barrow a 2-1 home win. Eastleigh's trophy joy came in the 2011/2012 Hampshire Senior Cup. In a final played at Southampton's St Mary's Stadium against AFC Totton – on a night which featured the first live testing of goal-line technology – the Spitfires were 2-0 winners. Eastleigh can lay claim to their part in football history then, but they hope to make headlines all of their own in the coming years. The high ambition of all involved with the club comes at no cost to the inclusive and fan friendly atmosphere which exists at the Silverlake Stadium. That is a fact to which founder, Director, and Life President, Derik Brooks will undoubtedly testify. Eastleigh's success didn't stop there – promotion was gained from the Conference South in 2014, where they won the league title. The following season, the Spitfires made the play-offs, however they couldn't get past a strong Grimsby Town outfit who went on to gain promotion. The following season saw an impressive FA Cup run, in which Eastleigh took Championship side Bolton Wanderers to a replay. The following season was the same story, with Eastleigh losing away to Championship team Brentford in the Third Round. In the 2018/19 season, under the guidance of Ben Strevens, Eastleigh finished 7th in the Vanarama National League. This meant they would face Wrexham in the Play Off Eliminator. The game finished 0-0 after normal time and it took a Danny



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Hollands wonder strike to send Eastleigh through to the Play Off semi finals versus Salford. Again the semi final went to extra time after the game finished 1-1. Only for Eastleigh to narrowly avoid a trip to Wembley after being knocked out on penalties.

In 2014, Eastleigh clinched the Skrill South title, gaining promotion to National League and are now in the tenth season competing at this level.

When formed, Swaythling Athletic began playing its home matches on Southampton Common behind where The Cowherds pub is now located.

In 1957, Swaythling Athletic moved to Ten Acres where the club has remained to this day and has been known as the Silverlake Stadium over the last ten season due to Eastleigh's stadium right naming partnership with local automotive recycling company Silverlake Automotive Recycling.

The stadium has undergone several renovations and expansions over the years, including the addition of floodlights in 1976, the construction of a grandstand, and since Stewart Donalds arrival the ground has saw Sherwoods restaurant, Brooks hospitality suite as well as the brand new south stand developed in recent years.

The old club crest came into being when the club changed its name to Eastleigh FC following the Annual General Meeting in May 1980.

Eastleigh Borough Council gave the club permission to use the Borough's shield but not the borough motto. The crest is explained as follows:

The Bishop Mitre refers to the connection of the Bishops of Winchester with Bishopstoke.

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ise the rural and agricultural nature of the Borough.

The Two Narrow Bands represent railway lines, recalling the historical importance of railways. They also represent the cable making activities within the Borough.

The Chequered Strip recalls that Eastleigh was once a Manor held by the Chamberlains of the Royal Exchequer.

The Winged Wheel signifies the theme of progress and transport.

The Medieval Ship represents shipbuilding and yachting activities within the Borough (at Bursledon and Hamble-le-Rice).

Eastleigh adopted their 'Spitfires' moniker after consultation with supporters during the close season of 2005. Southampton International Airport (previously known as Eastleigh Airport) was home for the assembly of the Supermarine Type F37/34 Spitfire once the aircraft had been built in nearby Woolston. The F37/34's maiden flight, piloted by 'Mutt' Summers' and watched by designer R.J. Mitchell, took place at Eastleigh Airport on 5th March 1936.



WEALDSTONE FC

Who's who for the visitors

1. JOE MCDONNELL - Goalkeeper

McDonnell arrived in the 2020/21 season from fellow National League side Notts County, becoming the Spitfires' number one goalkeeper. Eastleigh kept a club record and joint-league winner of 18 clean sheets in the 2022/23, earning him the Player of the Season award. The 29-year-old also holds Football League experience with AFC Wimbledon, where he played for five and a half years before his move to the Magpies.

2. RICHARD BRINDLEY - Defence

Brindley joined the Spitfires at the start of the 2024/25 season after spending five years with Notts County. The right-back is a product of Norwich City's youth system. He has played over 100 games in the National League during his career.

3. JAKE VOKINS - Defence

Vokins spent the back end of the 2023/24 season on loan with the Spitfires before signing a deal to join up with us permanently during the summer after that. The left-back spent his youth career with Southampton and even went on to make appearances for them in the Premier League. The 24-year-old represented England at youth level 16 times

4. LLOYD HUMPHRIES - Midfield

Humphries joined the Spitfires at the start of the 2024/25 season after spending five seasons with Weston-super-Mare. He won their Player of the Season award in the 2022/23 and 2023/24 seasons, and played every single minute for them in the latter of the two campaigns.

5. LUIS FERNANDEZ - Defence

Fernandez is going into his first season as a Spitfire. He links up with Kelvin Davis' squad following his transfer from Hampton & Richmond over the summer. His performances during the 2023/24 season for his former club earned him the 'Player of The Season' award.

6. LUDWIG FRANCILETTE - Defence

Francillette impressed during his first season at Eastleigh, playing 38 times across all competitions. He played a huge part in our run to the third-round



BEN CLOSE

of the Emirates FA Cup last season. The centre-back also has 53 League Two appearances from his time at Crawley Town.

7. CHRIS MAGUIRE - Midfield

Maguire signed for the Spitfires at the start of the 2023/24 season and played a key role from the get go. In the 47 games he played that season, he tallied up 22 goal contributions. His free-kick against Hartlepool earned him the clubs 'Goal of the Season' award.

8. JAKE TAYLOR (C) - Midfield

Taylor made 38 appearances in his first season with the Spitfires. The midfielder scored his first goal for Eastleigh in a 2-1 away win against AFC Fylde.

Through the majority of his career, Taylor played in the football league. During that time he made an appearance for the Welsh national team.

9. PAUL MCCALLUM - Forward

McCallum hit the ground running on his second stint with the Spitfires. He found the back of the net 35 times during the 2023/24 season and was the National League's top scorer. His brace against Reading in the Emirates FA Cup helped to earn the Spitfires a spot in the third-round of the tournament in front of a sell-out crowd and thousands watching on ITV.

10. TYRESE SHADE - Forward

Shade joins the Spitfires upon the expiration of his contract at Swindon Town. He spent time on loan at Solihull Moors during the 2023/24 season and was involved in their play-off campaign. He has represented Saint Kitts and Nevis seven times on the international stage.

11. DEJI SOTONA - Midfield

Sotona joined the Spitfires at the start of the 2024/25 season. During his youth career, he played for big clubs such as Manchester United, Nice and Burnley. He represented Republic of Ireland at youth level.

13. TOMMY SCOTT - Goalkeeper

Scott made two appearances for the Spitfires during the 2023/24 season. His debut came against Aldershot Town in the FA Trophy, before he went on to make his National League debut for the club in April when we faced Maidenhead United at the Silverlake Stadium. The goalkeeper formerly had a

pro-deal with Southampton FC.

14. LEE HODSON - Defence

Hodson has represented Northern-Ireland 24 times and has spent the majority of his 15-year long career plying his trade in the football league. He is now going into his second season for Eastleigh after joining the club at the start of the 2023/24 season.

Last season, his versatility was key. Across his 35 appearances, he played in midfield, at full-back and at centre-back.

16. SOLOMON NWABUOKEI - Midfield

Nwabuokei joined the Spitfires at the beginning of the 2023/24 season. The midfielder opened his Spitfires account with the only goal in a win against Woking in March. He then backed that up with his second goal for the club less than a week later against Maidenhead United.

18. ANGEL WARUIH - Midfield

Waruih is going into his first season in Hampshire. During his youth career, the midfielder won the Premier League Cup. He made an appearance for Plymouth in the EFL Trophy during the 2021/22 season.

19. COREY PANTER - Midfield

Panter is a product of Luton's academy, having spent over ten years in the Hatters' set-up with loan spells at Scottish Premiership side Dundee and National League North side Kidderminster Harriers. He signed after spending a few weeks on trial at Eastleigh, he signed for the Spitfires before making 23 appearances in that season.

20. SCOTT QUIGLEY - Forward

Quigley is going into his second season with Eastleigh after making 36 appearances for the Spitfires last season. The striker was the National League's top scorer in the 2019/20 season, during his time at Barrow. He has been part of two sides that have earned promotion out of the National League in Barrow and Stockport. In the early stages of his career, Quigley made an appearance in the UEFA Champions League second qualifying round against SK Slovan Bratislava.

21. Noa Boutin - Defence

Born in Paris, Boutin played for ACBB Youth in the French capital before being offered a place in the Under 18s at AFC Bournemouth in 2020. Whilst at The Cherries, the left-back spent time on loan at Poole Town before continuing his progression to the Under 21s at Bournemouth in the summer of 2022.

22. BEN CLOSE - Midfield

Close joined up with the Spitfires for a second loan spell at the club, part way through the 2024/25 campaign. His first stint in Eastleigh came back in



SCOTT QUIGLEY

the 2016/17 season. He made nine appearances during that time, and went on to break into the first-team at Portsmouth following his time with the Spitfires. Across his seven professional years at Portsmouth, Close made just shy of 200 appearances across all competitions.

23. JAI SEMENYO - Midfield

Semenyo joined the Spitfires at the start of the 2024/25 season following a successful trial period in SO50. He came up through the ranks at Cardiff City, and appeared for them in an FA Cup match against Liverpool at Anfield back in 2022

26. JOE RYAN - Forward

27. LIAM WEBBER - Midfield

Webber signed his first pro-deal with the Spitfires over the summer. He won the Manager's Player of the Season for the 2023/24 season whilst playing for the EDS.

28. NATHAN ROGERS - Midfield

Rogers signed his first pro-deal over the summer. He won the Player's Player of the Season for the 2023/24 season whilst playing for the EDS.

29. MALACHI DOTSE - Midfield

Dotse signed his first pro-deal part way through the 2023/24 season after spending more than a decade in our academy set up. In just his second appearance for the Spitfires, the striker found the back of the net during a dramatic 4-4 draw against Boreham Wood. Originally a right-back, Dotse transitioned further up the field before settling as a goal-scorer during his development at the club.

30. CONNOR UNDERHILL - Midfield

Connor joined the football club as an Under 16 player. Within his time throughout the Under 16s and Scholarship programme he has shown fantastic levels of technical ability and great potential. Connor is comfortable on the ball within tight areas but can also carry the ball over longer distances and drive the team forwards. A player who has the ability to be effective in the final third. Connor has gained lots of senior experience at Fareham Town and is dual registered with them again this season.

31. NIALL MAHER - Defence

Phil was appointed on 28 April 2017, the eve of the last game of the 2016-17 season in which Altrincham had been relegated to the Northern Premier League. As a player, he was a junior at Crewe Alexandra, and then at Reading, before having a year at Port Vale. He made some two hundred appearances for Nantwich as a player, where he captained the team that won the FA Vase in 2006. Phil enjoyed promotion from the NPL as champions in his first season and promotion to the National League via the play-offs in 2020.

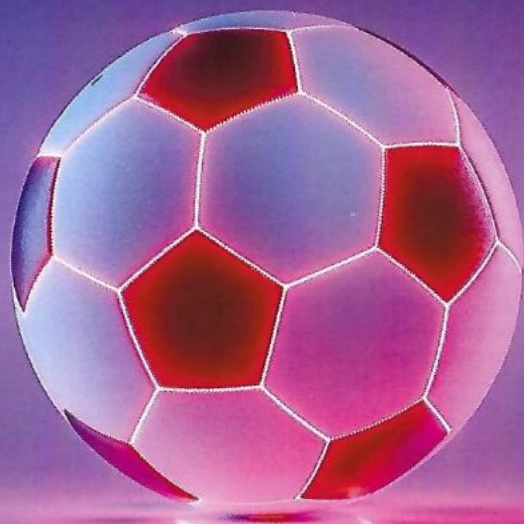
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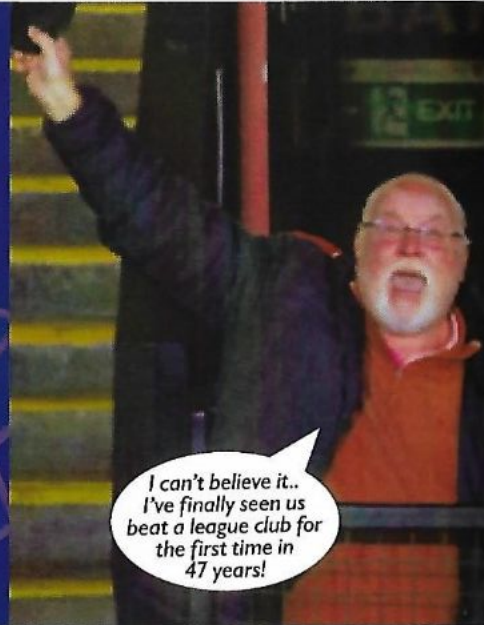


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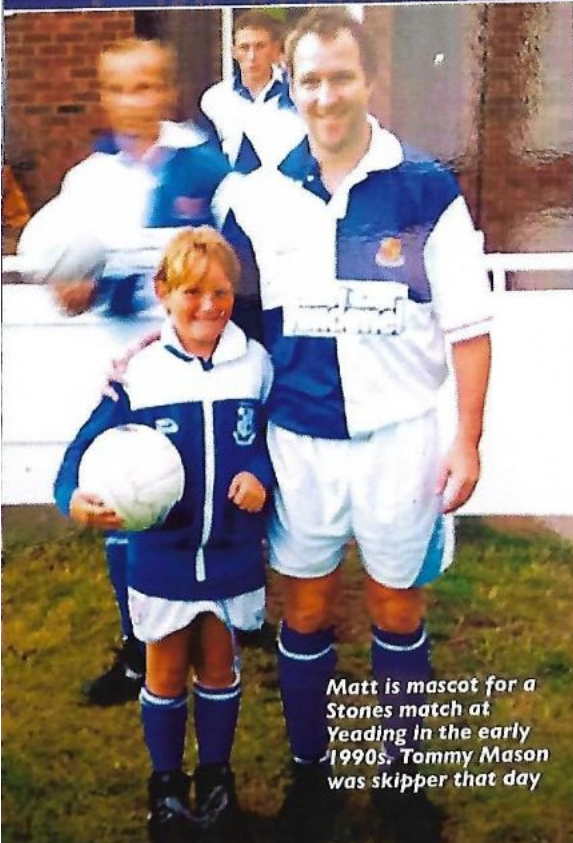
I can't believe it.. I've finally seen us beat a league club for the first time in 47 years!



Some people just can't keep their emotions in check

Stones win 1-0 at Grimsby and one long-time Wealdstone fan just can't hold back the tears

Stop blubbing you old fool



Matt is mascot for a Stones match at Yeading in the early 1990s. Tommy Mason was skipper that day

Your name and age? Matthew Worby, 39
Whereabouts do you live, Matt? Southampton
Have you always lived in that area? Yes, but have spent plenty of time staying with my dad Pete in Croxley Green.
When was your first Stones game? Who knows!! The old man has been taking me since I was nipper - got a vague memory of being at Vicarage Road but was more interested in playing with the seats than watching the game and I was a ball boy during our time at Yeading. However Edgware is where I remember my first game, though being a kid matches have blurred together. But I always remember Jonah (Brian Jones) being an absolute s***house, the kind of player you love on your own team but hate if they play against you.
What were your first impressions of the club? Instant love, I just loved the foul and abusive language I would hear on the terraces. During that time with our smaller crowds everyone knew each other and there was a real sense of belonging (which I still feel today, to be fair)
What was the first football match you ever saw live? Or on telly? Hazy memory of Pearcey missing a penalty in Italia 90. But first game would have been Southampton v Blackburn in 1993/94 for a friend's birthday. I remember this as Shearer was returning to the Dell.
Do you follow any other team? I have a soft spot for Charlton Athletic as they were my grandpa's team How devotedly. But I haven't been to see them in

years, Wealdstone is my football love.
What's the most memorable game you've EVER seen? Well... Don't want to ruin the next question so it's either Germany 1 England 5, or England winning that penalty shoot out against Colombia.
And the best Wealdstone game? EASY!!!!!! Was this season, Grimsby 0 Wealdstone 1! I have seen us play better but the pure emotion of getting to the 2nd round and beating a league club. Watching the old man crying with joy. Will forever be etched in my mind.
Who introduced you to the Stones? My Dad, I had no choice in the matter lol.
What level of football do you prefer? That's a hard one to answer... I love the intimacy of the lower levels, speaking to your own players and manager. Berating the opposition until the crowd gets in their head and start making the wrong decisions. But who doesn't love watching the best players in the world score worldies. But gonna have to go for our level.
How big a part of your life is the game? Huge, I watch

as much as I can and if I'm not watching I'm reading the forum or playing footy manager.
Do you have other hobbies? I enjoy fishing, but the main one is reading. I smash out at least one book a week.
How do you fit watching football in with your family/working life? Same as most of us, you just make it work. Swap shifts take days off in holiday and promise the family you will make it up to them :)
Who are the best Wealdstone players you've ever seen? Could you name a best-ever Stones side, 1-11? It would be easier if you said favourite players instead of best ones then I could name Fergus Moore, Jonah, Peter Dean, Johnny Wright, Wes Parker, Dennis Greene..... the list goes on and on. But as we have progressed through the years the players we have had have just got better and better but here is the best I've seen (in my humble opinion).... Goalkeeper - my heart wants to say Northy but honestly George Wickens is a better keeper and I expect him to make it at a higher level.

'Best game ever was Grimsby this season! I have seen us play better but the pure emotion of getting to the 2nd round and beating a league club, and watching the old man crying with joy. Will forever be etched in my mind'

At left back Mendy edges out Lee Chappell while in the middle Alan Massey and Jerome Okimo are in (Sean Cronin just misses out).
 At right back Michee Efete - I can't think of a RB who comes close.
 In midfield Glenn Little - the best footballer I've ever seen play for us. Legs had gone but his footballing mind was unreal. Alongside him Tom Pett - happy that he has had a solid professional career - and Ashley Charles, so underrated but I think we can see the hole he left in the team once he had gone.
 Up front Richard Jolly - best finisher I've seen for us - and of course Beckford who misses out to Little as the best player but easily the most naturally talented player I have seen for us. And I do love some of the Beckford stories knocking around.

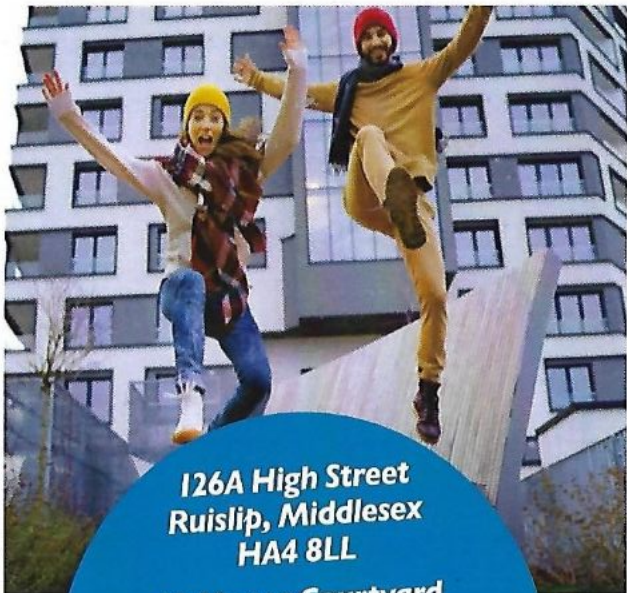
Also in there is Ross Lafayette, just ahead of the mighty Jefferson Louis: the complete NL forward.
And finally, where do you think the Stones will be in five years?

God I hope we are in our new ground and still battling away in the National League. Fingers crossed that doesn't mean relegation followed by promotion back into the NL....



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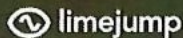
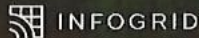
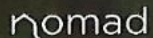
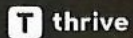
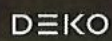
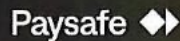
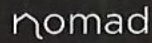
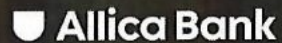
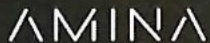
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BY LEIGH EDWARDS



PAUL DOSWELL

Paul Doswell managed Eastleigh to three successive promotions. Born in Southampton, he became Eastleigh's manager in May 2002 and guided them to the Wessex League title in 2002-03, then further promotion in 2003-04 and 2004-05. He also plotted their 2005 Russell Cotes Cup final success and became Eastleigh's director of football in December 2006. Appointed Sutton's boss in July 2008, he led them to the Isthmian League Premier Division title in 2010-11, Conference South title in 2015-16, FA Cup fifth round in 2016-17 and Conference National play-offs in 2017-18. He became manager of Havant & Waterlooville in April 2019, then Sholing.

JASON DODD

Former England U-21 right-back Jason Dodd managed Eastleigh during the 2006-07 campaign. Starting with Bath City, he moved to Southampton for £50,000 in March 1989 and made his League debut in their 4-1 victory at QPR seven months later. He partnered the likes of Micky Adams and Francis Benali in defence and impressed in midfield when displaced by Jeff Kenna. Starting in successive Cup runs, he scored nine times in 398 League outings for Saints and was loaned to Plymouth prior to joining Brighton in July 2005. He moved to Eastleigh in July 2006 and was player-boss from December 2006 until July 2007, then held coaching posts at Southampton.

DAVID HUGHES

Former Welsh U-21 midfielder David Hughes was a player and

manager at Eastleigh. Signing professional for Southampton in August 1991, a catalogue of injuries including two broken legs hampered his progress before a knee injury curtailed his top-flight career. He became Eastleigh's player-coach in July 2002 and helped win the Wessex League title in 2002-03, then further promotions in the next two seasons. Managing Eastleigh from July 2007 until October 2007, he reverted to player-coach under Ian Baird and netted 38 goals in 250 games. He reunited with Paul Doswell at Sutton United in October 2008 and has since worked as a football consultant.

IAN BAIRD

Ex-England Schoolboy striker Ian Baird managed Eastleigh to the Conference South play-offs in 2008-09. Initially with Southampton, he joined Leeds United in March 1985 and was twice top scorer, moving to Portsmouth in August 1987. Returning to Leeds in March 1988, he featured in their 1989-90 Second Division title campaign and later played for Middlesbrough, Hearts, Bristol City, Plymouth and Brighton. He managed Havant & Waterlooville, then Eastleigh from October 2007 until September 2012, plotting their 2012 Hampshire Senior Cup final triumph, since assisting Paul Doswell at Sutton and Havant & Waterlooville.

RICHARD HILL

Richard Hill managed Eastleigh to the Conference South title in 2013-14. A former winger, he began with Leicester City and followed Graham Carr from Nuneaton to Northampton Town in June 1985. He was top scorer in their 1985-86 Fourth Division title triumph and moved via Watford to Oxford United. Later coach at Reading and Wycombe, he managed Stevenage, then held other coaching posts. He managed Eastleigh from September 2012 until September 2015, guiding them to the Conference National play-offs in 2014-15. Briefly Whitehawk's boss, he has since had two further spells in charge of Eastleigh, in 2017 and again last season.

CHRIS TODD

Welsh manager Chris Todd guided Eastleigh to the FA Cup

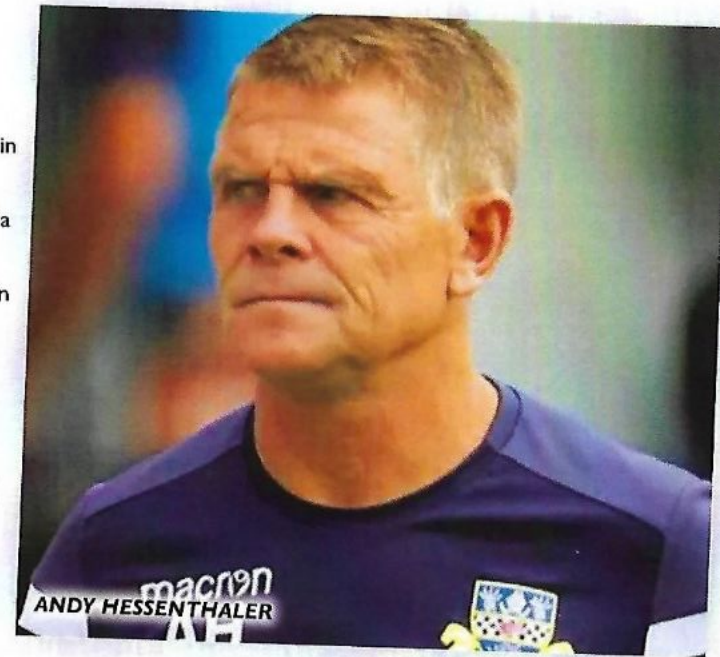
third round for the first time in 2015-16. Initially with hometown Swansea, the defender played for Drogheda and Exeter prior to joining Torquay in June 2007. He overcame leukaemia to star in their 2009 Conference National play-off final triumph, then helped Newport County clinch the Conference South title in 2009-10. He moved via Forest Green Rovers to Eastleigh in January 2013 and helped win the Conference South title in 2013-14. Scoring four goals in 63 Conference games, he was Eastleigh's boss from October 2015 until August 2016, then managed Gloucester. Now Yeovil's assistant-boss.

RONNIE MOORE

Ronnie Moore managed Eastleigh during the 2016-17 campaign. Starting with Tranmere Rovers, he was top scorer in their 1975-76 promotion campaign and moved via Cardiff to Rotherham in August 1980. He starred in their 1980-81 Third Division title triumph and joined Charlton Athletic in September 1983, then played for Rochdale and Tranmere again. Briefly managing Southport, he rejoined Rotherham as manager in May 1997, twice plotting promotion before leaving in March 2005. He then managed Oldham Athletic, Tranmere, Rotherham and Tranmere again, Hartlepool United and Eastleigh from August 2016 until November 2016.

MARTIN ALLEN

Former England U-21 midfielder Martin Allen managed Eastleigh to the FA Cup third round in 2016-17. 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, becoming Brentford's boss in March 2004. He has since managed MK Dons, Leicester City, Cheltenham, Barnet again, Notts County, Barnet again, Gillingham to the League Two title in 2012-13, Barnet, Eastleigh from December 2016 until February 2017, Barnet again and Chesterfield.



ANDY HESSENTHALER

Andy Hessenthaler spent ten months as Eastleigh's manager. Initially with Dartford, he moved to Redbridge Forest in July 1990 and joined Watford in September 1991. He moved to Gillingham in August 1996 and featured as they twice reached the Second Division play-off final, including their 2000 Wembley triumph. The Gills' player-boss from June 2000 until November 2004, he guided them to the FA Cup fifth round in 2001-02, then managed Dover Athletic to promotion in two consecutive seasons. He managed Gillingham again for two years, since managing Leyton Orient, Eastleigh from December 2017 until October 2018 and Dover again.

BEN STREVS

Ben Strevens managed Eastleigh to the Conference National play-offs in 2018-19. A former striker, he won the Conference National title with Barnet in 2004-05 and Dagenham & Redbridge in 2006-07. He joined Brentford in July 2009, then featured in Wycombe's 2010-11 promotion success and Gillingham's 2012-13 League Two title campaign. Moving via Daggers to Eastleigh in May 2013, he starred in their 2013-14 Conference South title win and reunited with Richard Hill at Whitehawk. Rejoining Eastleigh, scoring 22 goals in 139 Conference games overall, he was manager from November 2018 until January 2022, then Dagenham & Redbridge's boss. He won the Conference North play-offs in two consecutive seasons including their 2020 final triumph.



We've met before ...AND THE DAY WE MADE THE TRIP DOWN TO HAMPSHIRE FOR A MEMORABLE FIRST CLASH...

Memories of 'village side' Eastleigh 21 years ago when the ridiculed James Beattie saw Stones' wonderful 2-1 win

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY AUGUST 30, 2004, RYMAN PREM: EASTLEIGH 1 WEALDSTONE 2

Eastleigh's history is well chronicled elsewhere in this programme but it's extraordinary to think that they were playing in the Wessex League (step five of non-League) 40 years ago while the Stones were winning the Conference and FA Trophy double in 1985.

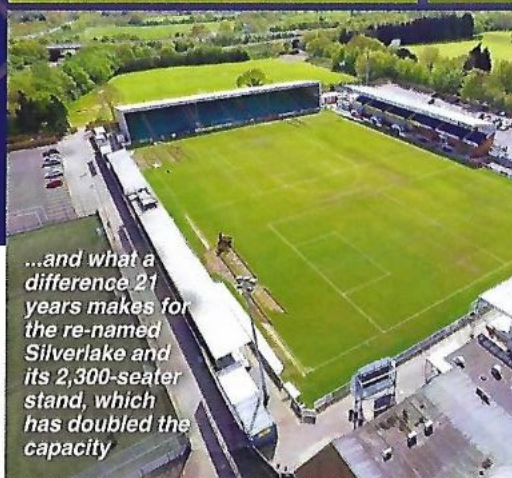
In fact, just five years earlier they were called Swaythling FC and playing in the Hampshire League!

The club's climb to the top flight of non League football - and to the brink of promotion to the Football League after losing in the national League play-offs in their first season (2014-15) and also in 2019 - has been phenomenal. In tandem with that, owner Stewart Donald and his Bridle Insurance company (since sold to the Finch Group) have renovated Eastleigh's Silverlake Stadium with impressive new stands and infrastructure. Bridle were chief sponsors of Oxford Utd but when that club decided to install a new chairman 15 years ago, Donald upped sticks and took his money to Eastleigh - much to the surprise of Oxford and the delight of the Spitfires. He has since had a dalliance with Sunderland but has been back as the controlling shareholder since 2023.

The first time the Stones met Eastleigh was when we were both moving in an upwards direction. The reorganisation of the non-League game meant that the Spitfires, finishing fourth in their first season of Southern League Division One (East) football after elevation from the Wessex League, found themselves moved across to the Ryman League



This was Eastleigh's homely Ten Acres



...and what a difference 21 years makes for the re-named Silverlake and its 2,300-seater stand, which has doubled the capacity



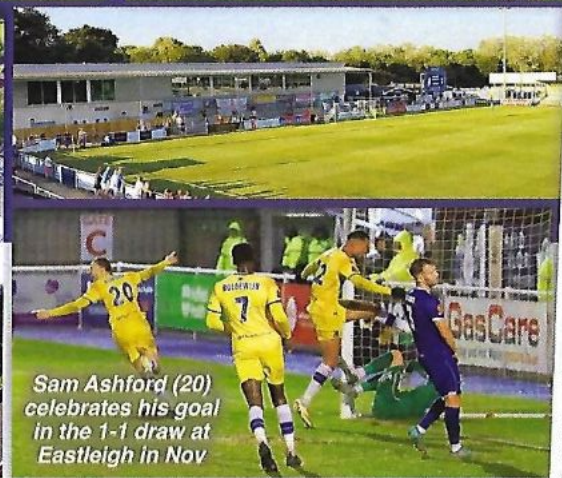
Premier Division. The Stones had crept into seventh place in the Ryman League Div One (North) and, by virtue of the famous play-off win over Dulwich, found ourselves also in the rarefied heights of the Ryman Prem.

Believe me, for the penniless Stones and our ranks of success-starved fans, that was pretty damn exciting and the trip down to Hampshire is one fondly remembered by all. We only just survived that season - while Eastleigh's rocket-fuelled rise continued with promotion to Conference South via the play-offs - yet remarkably we won 2-1, that sunny Bank Holiday Monday in late August.

Steve Paull's match report in the programme (above right) covers the basics plus the memory-jogger of the gigantic home custodian Matthews (whose 'Lurch-like' size I'd completely forgotten). In the next home programme Megaphone Mick Vincent also mentions the presence that afternoon of Southampton's international striker James Beattie (left), he of the chiselled jaw and limited ability. Mega says that Akhil or Nikhil Rawal thanked him for the own goal he'd scored for Chel-



ground back in 2004....



Sam Ashford (20) celebrates his goal in the 1-1 draw at Eastleigh in Nov

Monday 30th August, Ryman Premier League Eastleigh 1 Wealdstone 2

From the depths of the poor Wealdstone performance. Northwood on Saturday came this battling performance won three points in Hampshire on Monday.

And the depths of Hampshire it was too. Despite being so close to Southampton the Eastleigh ground is a quiet backwater. If you ignore the drummers practicing behind the stands, the village green feel is complete with ice cream van instead of ground as well.

As for the game, the opening half was a particularly quiet one of very few chances. Richard Jolly made a poor connection. Martin Carter cross, and namesake Andy Carter in Wealdstone goal had to come scampering out of his area to tackle Forbes as he burst clear.

James Fisher had replaced Gary Burrell, who was knocked unconscious in a challenge. The defender made a last attempt to carry on for a few minutes, but a further knock led to his withdrawal.

Fisher, playing out of position on the left, then proceeded to have one of his best games in a Wealdstone shirt and nearly scored but for his touch letting him down when bursting into the area after a tempting cross from Jolly.

Carter tipped over a shot from Chamberlain before, in the first minute of stoppage time added on after the Burrell injury, Alexander picked up Gary McKeown's chip and fired past the gigantic lurch-like frame of the Eastleigh keeper Matthews. Eastleigh were woken up by this goal and came out with a purpose for the second half - almost immediately Smith's headed the bar and Forbes fired wide.

Alexander's header did draw Matthews into a full length save but this was an isolated incident as Carter saved acrobatically from Williams and knew nothing about Stokoe's shot that hit the bar and rebounded to safety.

Just when Wealdstone were getting a little respite from the pressure, a disputed penalty was awarded for a perceived foul by Cahill. This was particularly harsh as a similar claim had been turned down when Alexander was bundled to the floor earlier. Williams' penalty gave Carter no chance.

As the game entered the final minutes Alexander's effort was tipped onto the bar by Matthews, but as the ball was fed back into the box by McKeown, Jolly turned to score what turned out to be the winner, although Alexander could have made the game safe had he not sliced hopelessly wide when one-on-one with Matthews.

sea the week before - that must have gone down well. Almost as well as the chant that followed, as the Stones fans got a bit high on the prospect of our first away win of the season... "If James Beattie plays for England so can I!"

We were leading 1-0 at that stage through a low Ben Alexander strike, and the smiles turned to scowls as the referee penalised Chris Cahill for a perceived foul in the box and Eastleigh's Williams levelled from the penalty spot. But all was sweetness and light in the dying moments when Alexander's shot hit the bar, and when Gary McKeown played the ball back in Richard Jolly seized on the ball to fire in the winner.

Wealdstone: Andy Carter, Jason Shaw, Gary Burrell, Chris Cahill, Danny Wolf, Martin Carter, Danny Tilbury, Gary McKeown, Ben Alexander, Richard Jolly, Dave Ryan. Subs: Matt Carvell, James Duncan, Tommy Williams, James Fisher, Mitch Hahn. Attendance: 402

What happened next?

We blew hot and cold (mainly cold) that season and Eastleigh were emphatic 4-1 winners at the White Lion ground in the return game on New Year's Day. The dynamic Andy Forbes netted a

hat-trick as the Spitfires raced to a 4-0 lead by half time, not helped by our one-off keeper Andy Silverman who had a day to forget. He was never seen again, not in blue and white

anyway. The only other clashes between the two clubs have been since our elevation to the National League, of course. Eastleigh took the points (ending our run of five successive wins) 2-0 back in November 2020 at the Silverlake while Stones gained revenge with the sensational 4-3 FA Trophy win here at The Vale just before Christmas that year. The Spitfires were 3-0 head at half time but Charlie Wakefield, Jack Cawley, Dennon Lewis and Jacob Mendy Mendy secured one of the great comeback wins in history.

The return game ended as a goalless draw and the following season, with fans back in the grounds, Eastleigh recorded a league 'double' (2-1 and 4-1)... and since then we've only beaten the Hampshire side once (3-1 in January 2023). Let's do better today than the 1-1 draw in November!



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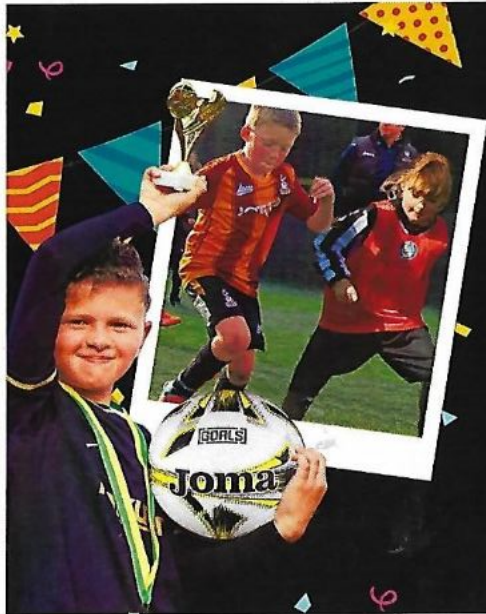
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HOPS INTO HIS TIME MACHINE... BACK TO 1975

Adders lose home record

ATHERSTONE TOWN 1, WEALDSTONE 2

BY BOB PATERSON

Atherstone Town's unbeaten home run of 29 games came to a halt on Saturday against a Wealdstone side that made much better use of the muddy conditions.

And Atherstone could not complain about the result. They had their chances, missed them and paid the penalty with a costly defeat.

Adders had gone their last eight Southern League games without defeat, but met their match against a well-balanced Wealdstone side, currently in fourth position in the premier division table.

It was really a case of the visitors adjusting more to the conditions, and Atherstone must be kicking themselves for squandering valuable first half chances.

And credit to Wealdstone for converting the few scoring chances they created. Adders are not the easiest team to beat at Sheepy Road, as their record suggests, last losing at home on August 19.

TEAM CHANGE

Atherstone manager Gil Merrick was forced to make a hasty team change before the game when he learned that Roger Smith was unable to play following his father's death.

Malcolm Beard and Ernie Hunt were both included in the team after recovering from groin strains, while Gerry Kavenagh

came into the side in midfield. Atherstone dictated terms from the start, and looked all set for victory. Wealdstone were defending in depth, unable to break through the home side's midfield machinery.

Barry Franklin had a tame shot in the third minute with the goal at his mercy and then hammered a hard drive fractionally wide after Hunt and Kernan had combined well.

Kavenagh blasted two efforts over the bar in the 19th minute and Webster had a shot pushed round an upright by Wealdstone keeper John Morton.

Wealdstone's only real noticeable effort came early in the first half when midfielder Vincent O'Kane found striker Bob Moss on the right. His first time cross caused Mick Preston problems and the resultant clearance only went as far as John Henderson, whose shot was well saved by Peyton.

Mick Russell tried a 22nd minute back pass that keeper Peyton only saved with a desperate dive, but Atherstone were in control for long periods

But Atherstone had nothing to show for their overall superiority and suffered a major setback four minutes before half time when they conceded a goal.

Clearly, Adders' defenders Mick Russell and Mick Preston were at fault as defender Bill Byrne sent a fine first time forward pass upfield to George Duck. With Preston and Russell either side of him he neatly controlled the ball, took it into the penalty box and shot home past the helpless Gerry Peyton. It was poor marking that cost the goal and so the visitors were ahead from their first real attacking move.

Kavenagh was replaced by Bobby Mellor at 59 minutes in a bid to strengthen the attack but Atherstone slowly faded, making frequent mistakes in midfield and attack.

True, the muddy pitch made any sort of constructive play difficult but Wealdstone were managing to slow the tempo, control midfield and make dangerous counter attacks with startling efficiency.

Mellor wanted too much time to control a cross from the left and, only a few yards out at the far post, his shot was blocked and another chance was wasted.

Minutes later wingman Adrian Eglise, Wealdstone's most dangerous player, sent a searching left side pass to Fulton

who quickly crossed for George Duck to volley home unmarked and with plenty of time.

It was a fine move by the Wealdstone front-runners but one that Adders really should have got to grips with. Duck, who is the visitors' top scorer with 24 goals — he scored 63 last season — was completely unmarked and unhurried.

Adders tried hard to pull back and Preston managed a goal at 87 minutes when he headed home a flick by Mellor following a Hunt right side corner.

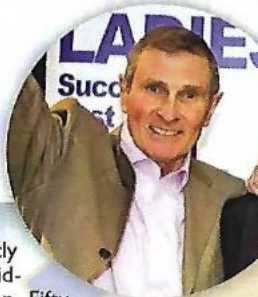
But, in the end, Atherstone were beaten by the better side on the day. They had the better of the exchanges in the first half but sorely faded after half time to allow Wealdstone time, space and, more important... goal-scoring chances.

Atherstone Town: Peyton, Russell, Beard, G. Smith, Preston, Kernan, Kavenagh, Kurila, Franklin, Webster, Hunt, Sub: Mellor.

Wealdstone: Morton, Kinnear, Kitchener, Godfrey, Byrne, O'Kane, Fulton, Henderson, Moss, Duck, Eglise. Sub: Dyson.

Referee: J. H. Rees (Birmingham)

Attendance: 518.



SATURDAY MARCH 15 1975, SOUTHERN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: ATHERSTONE 1 WEALDSTONE 2
EXCUSE the indulgence but this game was screaming out 'choose me, choose me!' when I was perusing the list of games On This Day on the Stones history website.

Fifty years ago? It's like yesterday for this ancient fan, then enjoying our first taste of Big Time Football in the Southern Prem. To liken it to the current top league outside the EFL (as it was then, though there was no automatic promotion) is totally erroneous, and certainly quaint little Atherstone Town didn't last long in the company of the Bath Citys, Yeovils and Wimbledons of this world. They folded three years later and

have since reformed as Atherstone United, currently playing at Step Five in the Midland League Premier Division. Fifty years ago they fielded former Coventry star Ernie Hunt and teenage keeper Gerry Peyton, who later went on to star for Fulham and the Republic of Ireland.

He had no answer to the goalscoring exploits of George Duck (above) however: Our legendary record goalscorer (250 goals in seven seasons, an average of 35 each year) netted two memorable goals to end the Warwickshire side's long unbeaten home record and have us dreaming of landing the Southern League Prem title at our first attempt. Eddie Presland's side managed eighth place in the end so it wasn't too shabby.



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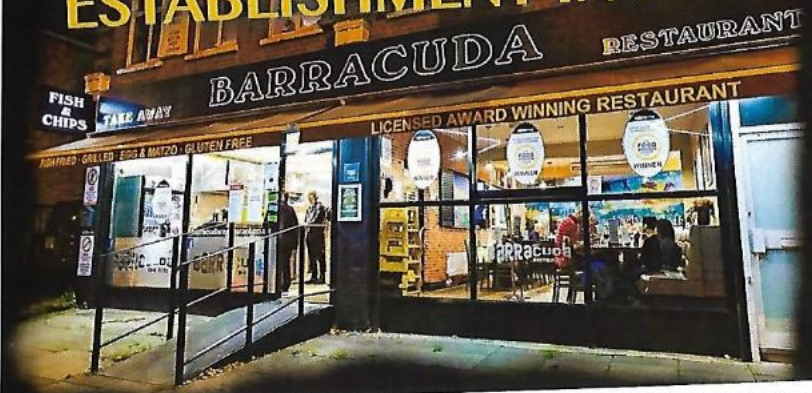
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Sliding Doors moments MICK FISHMAN LOOKS BACK WISTFULLY AT INCIDENTS THAT CHANGED HISTORY

If John Hannah was a Stones fan he'd quietly acknowledge his pivotal scene was definitely Dom v Daggers all over again



SLIDING DOORS is a terrific film. No question. Its very title has entered the English Language... "a sliding doors moment." Essentially, something that relates to an action or moment that defines the future.

Yes, an excellent film. Yet for a proud Londoner like me - who spent most of his working life commuting into central London - what prevents it being a classic is the carelessness with which the pivotal moment (where Gwyneth Paltrow does or doesn't make it on to the tube train) was filmed.

It's years since I saw the film, but from memory the problem is the platform announcement following the depiction of her missing her blue & white liveried underground train. The tannoy announced: "The next train is for 'Richmond via Victoria.'"

That could only be a District Line train, and they are not, and have never been, operated by tube trains. They are even a different colour!

It's just basic research for heaven's sake. Pick any destination served by a tube line for the announcement and you're fine. Shoddy, very shoddy. But, as I said, I haven't seen the film for a very long time and my memory might be faulty. (For reasons of research, the whole Programme Team watched the whole film and yes, it was definitely a cock up. See

The error-strewn scene from *Sliding Doors* that so annoyed our correspondent. Gwyneth Paltrow is about to enter the carriage with John Hannah in the background



picture above - Ed

Leaving that aside, the premise from which the film is constructed is wonderful. What if?

Every football match probably has a few "what if" moments; if that shot had been a couple of inches lower it would have scored rather than hit the bar... that sort of thing.

But I am wondering if there have been pivotal moments for the club that have defined its progress and for individual players that went on to seriously affect their careers. What prompted all this was **Dom Hutchinson** failing to score that chance late on at Dagenham & Redbridge in the very first National League game of the season. He had played well in pre-season and was looking pacy and dangerous when called upon at Dagenham. The score was 1-1.

The ball fell to him a few yards out in the middle of the goal. Stroke the ball towards either corner and it was a goal. Instead, he attempted to put his foot through the ball and spanked it straight at the keeper. The chance was gone, and the Daggers went on to win 2-1.

Dom's form stalled, not helped by injury, and he is now back with us after two spells on loan at St



Dom Hutchinson's big moment at Dagenham on opening day... saved by Elliot Justham



Albans. Had he taken that chance, might his confidence have soared? Would he now be a regular in the team? Or even playing in the EFL?

Another Hutchinson from a decade earlier had a similar defining moment. **Josh Hutchinson** had bagged a bundle of goals for Potter Bar Town and was signed for the 2015/16 season. The first away league match at Bath City saw Josh look the part until he was presented with a one on one with the keeper and fluffed his lines. Confidence visibly drained away from the player who went on to make 9 starts and sit on the bench a further 10 times before injury curtailed his season and he was released. His football career seemed to peter out, but had he scored at Bath might he have been a success with us, and would he have prospered as a player?

Like Josh Hutchinson, another promising young forward from

Right: Lewis Putman featured on the cover of the Chelsea friendly programme in pre-season 2013... but he was already cracked and potentially a great future laid to rest

the lower leagues was signed by Gordon Bartlett in the hope that he might be able to "step up." **Lewis Putman** had scored an astonishing 84 goals for Oxhey Jets in a very short space of time. Lewis played in a couple of pre-season friendlies and looked very clever and sharp until an innocuous challenge in a home friendly against Hayes & Yeading resulted in his picking up an ACL injury. That kept him out for the entire season. He returned to football but was never able to quite recapture his edge and has pursued what I hope has been a satisfying career in the lower leagues with numerous clubs. But for that injury, who knows where his talent might have taken him?

We need to go back no further than to the start of last season to see how injury can wreck a promising career. **Luke Dreher** had been a serious prospect at Crystal Palace, but injuries had interrupted his career by the time he turned up for pre-season training with us. Playing in just about every pre-season friendly, Luke built up his fitness and it became clear that, if we could persuade him to sign, we would have a gem of a player on our books.

Incredibly, just before half-time in the friendly against AFC Wimbledon, Luke challenged for a header, fell awkwardly, and suffered a double fracture of his arm. He recovered sufficiently for him to have a loan spell at Lewes and we all hoped he would return this season fresh, fully fit and raring to go. Sadly, the arm injury appeared to have been one too many and his performances lacked the spark he had demonstrated just a year before. He was released from his contract and has made himself available for Croydon FC, some considerable way down the football pyramid.

A couple of "sliding door" moments in relation to the club's progression stand out for me. For the first we need to go way back to 1980. The

team, under the management of the likeable but out of his depth **Ken Payne**, had made a poor start to the league campaign. In the 4th Qualifying Round of the FA Cup, we had been handed a tough tie away at Harlow Town, then performing very nicely in the Isthmian League. A scratchy performance at Harlow's horrible old ground had found us trailing by a goal to nil before on loan striker, Martin Sperrin, grabbed a dramatic equaliser and set up a replay at Lower

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Sliding Doors moments CONTINUED

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Mead. The draw for the 1st Round Proper was made on the Monday and a plum home tie against Charlton Athletic was on offer. A tense game was standing goalless until the last minute when Harlow's Owen Griffith snatched the winner. It was a hammer blow to the club and a few days later Ken Payne was sacked.

The upshot was the appointment of **Allen Batsford and his coach Brian Hall** as the new management team. While they couldn't save us from relegation, they did construct teams that went on to sweep all before them in the Southern League and then go on to win the non-league double. What might have happened had Harlow not scored that late goal and we had gone on to win in extra time? It is conceivable that Ken Payne would have survived for a time and the opportunity to appoint the Batsford/Hall double act might have disappeared. The magic of the early 1980s might never have happened.

Fast forward, then, 24 years to the heart stopping **"Promotion" Play-off** against Dulwich Hamlet (match report below) at Champion Hill for the one slot left available in what would be the newly-formed tier: the Ryman League Premier Division. Just five years earlier the momentum of club's rise up the leagues had been brutally cut short by a ground grading issue at the White Lion Ground... now, after a 2-2 draw, came a penalty shoot-out and it looked all up for the Stones after Hamlet scored their first four penalties while poor old Dave Ryan saw his saved. It just needed substitute Mesach Nugent to score his penalty and that would be that. He strolled up confidently, but his penalty struck the bar and came back out. It was a *Sliding Doors Moment* for sure.

Gary McKeown thumped the next ball home, and our keeper Andy Carter saved Dulwich's next effort to send our fans into delirium. Had Mesach Nugent placed his penalty just a couple of inches lower where would the club be now? Would Gordon Bartlett have stayed on? Would the slowly dwindling support have given up hope? Look where Dulwich Hamlet are now. It makes me shudder.

One final *Sliding Doors Moment* I offer up is one that effectively brought down the curtain on Gordon Bartlett's 22-year stint as the club's manager in August 2017. At last operating on a competitive budget, the first league game had resulted in a close 2-1 win over Concord Rangers and next up was away at neighbours St Albans City. The Stones dominated the game, went 1-0 up and it would have been 2-0 with a shot handled on the line and then smashed home. Unfortunately, the referee had already blown for the penalty - which Elliott Benyon missed! All fight and direction seemed to leak out of the team. Despite being down to 10 men, the hosts took the game to flat and dispirited opponents and ran out 2-1 winners.

From that point on, the team simply collapsed. A tame home defeat to Havant & Waterlooville was followed by a lame surrendering of a two-goal lead at Gloucester City... and then a truly abject performance at home to Chelmsford City, who won 2-0 but might have hit double figures but for hitting the woodwork three times and some "worldies" from Jonathan North. It proved to be Gordon's last game in charge of the team.

What would have been the outcome if the referee in the St Albans match had slightly delayed his whistle to award the penalty so that the goal would have stood? We were in total control, playing dominant, attractive football. The confidence of the players would have been maintained and GB may well have remained in charge for a while to come. To be fair, Gordon probably wouldn't have stayed around for too much longer, but his departure would most likely have been more dignified and deserving of his time at the club. The club moved on, through Wilkinson, Brennan, Maynard, Noble, Taylor and now Neil Gibson. It would still have moved on, but perhaps with different people in charge.

It remains to be seen how this season plays out. All being well, we will avoid the drop. If we do, might the *Sliding Doors Moment* be the text message sent by Alex Reid to his Oldham team mates at Christmas that so upset the manager and made him available for loan?

We shall see!

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 4TH MARCH 2025	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
Adams, Jacob	2	2		1						3			6	2		6	2		6	2	
Adarkwa, Sean		2				1				1	1	1	1	4	1	21	19	11			
Addae, Joshua										1			1			1			1		
Agyepong, Jacob										1			1			1			1		
Andrews, Wayne										1			1			1			1		
Ashford, Sam	19	6	7	3				1		1			23	7	7	23	7	7			
Baptiste, Dante										1			1			2	1				
Barrett, Mason	9			1									10			49	16	2			
Beckles, Frankie										1			1			1			1		
Boldewijn, Enzo	29	4	2	3			1			2			35	4	2	35	4	2			
Cesay, Kallum	24	2	3	2	1		1	1		1	2		28	5	4	35	7	4			
Clark, Taylor	1	1								1			2	1		2	1				
Clarke, Jahmari*		2											2	2		2	2				
Cook, Jack	29	1		3			1						33	1		162	6	13			
Delyfer, Max										2			2			2			2		
Dreher, Luke*	2	1											2	1		2	1				
Dyer, Alex	11	10								3			14	10		231	54	35			
Eastmond, Craig	8	3		1						1			9	4		9	4				
Georgio, Anthony	23	7	1	2	1		1			2	2		28	10	1	28	10	1			
Grant, Josh	10	4	3	1			1			1	2		12	7	3	12	7	3			
Gunter, Luca	8												8			8					
Howes, Sam*	8			2									10			65					
Hutchinson, Dominic	8	11		1									9	11		29	19	1			
Jeffcott, Henry										1			1			1					
Kretzschmar, Max	23	3	3	2	1	1		1		1			25	6	4	76	26	20			
Mariappa, Adrian	27	3		2									29	3		29	3				
Mason, Brandon*	4	3	1							4			9	3		26	10				
Matthews, Archie	9												9			9					
McAvoy, Connor	5									1			6			35		2			
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Miller, Todd*		3								1			1	3		1	3				
Mundle-Smith, Jaydn	15	2		2			1			1			19	2		105	16	5			
Obiero, Micah	19	9	3	1	2			1		4			24	12	3	82	25	13			
Phillips, Declan										3			3			1	4				
Randall, Will	2												2			2					
Reid, Alex*	17	10	3	4	1								21	14		21	14				
Sandat Henry*	6	8	1	1			1			3	2		11	8	3	11	8	3			
Scott, Christian	5	5	1	1						2			8	6		8	6				
Sekyere, Jeffrey	3									1	1		1	4		1	4				
Sohna, Harrison	6	1	2										6	1	2	6	1	2			
Steward, Toby*	6						1			1	1		8	1		8	1				
Thorpe, Elliot*	4	6		1			1			2	1		7	7	1	7	7	1			
Traore, Yacou*	3	4											3	4		3	4				
Wells-Morrison, Jack*	15	2	1	2	1		1			3			21	3	1	21	3	1			
Woodman, Deon	2	3							1	2	1		4	4	1	4	6	1			
Yearwood, Asher										1			1			1					

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With nearly 600 present, it was a day of high drama as Dulwich fought back from a goal behind only to concede an 82nd minute equaliser to send the tie into extra time.

The travelling press were sent into raptures as 15 minutes in Paul Seale headed out Gary McKeown's free-kick straight to Andy Carter, whose speculative attempt from 30 yards took a wicked deflection on its way to goal.

With Walsingham using an early chance to equalise they led in the second half, the stage was set for the Blue of the Dulwich comeback. A few moments seemed to go wide until Chasley Sida roared in at the back post to side the ball home.

Then, with ten minutes to go, there was a chance for the home supporters as Dulwich's persistence paid off.

Carter again pulled a save out of the top drawer to deny Craig Davidson, but the ball fell at the feet of Oussou Coulibaly who made no mistake.

However, within five minutes, the Stones were level from a free-kick by Dave Ryan on the edge of the area.

The deadlock remained unbroken in extra time and so the dreaded penalty shoot-out began. It was Richard Jolly, scored the

SMART MOVE: Walsingham captain Martin Carter shows his joy with Danny Butler.

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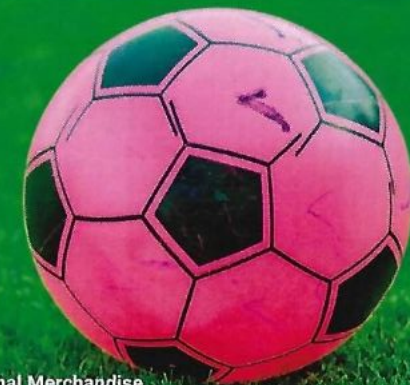
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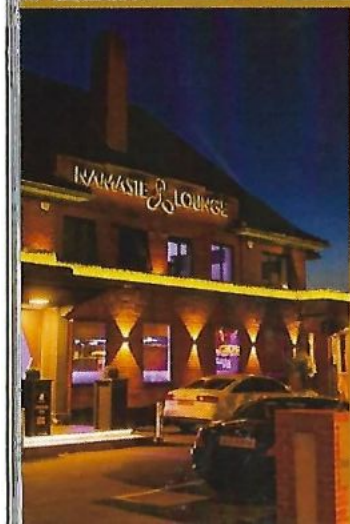
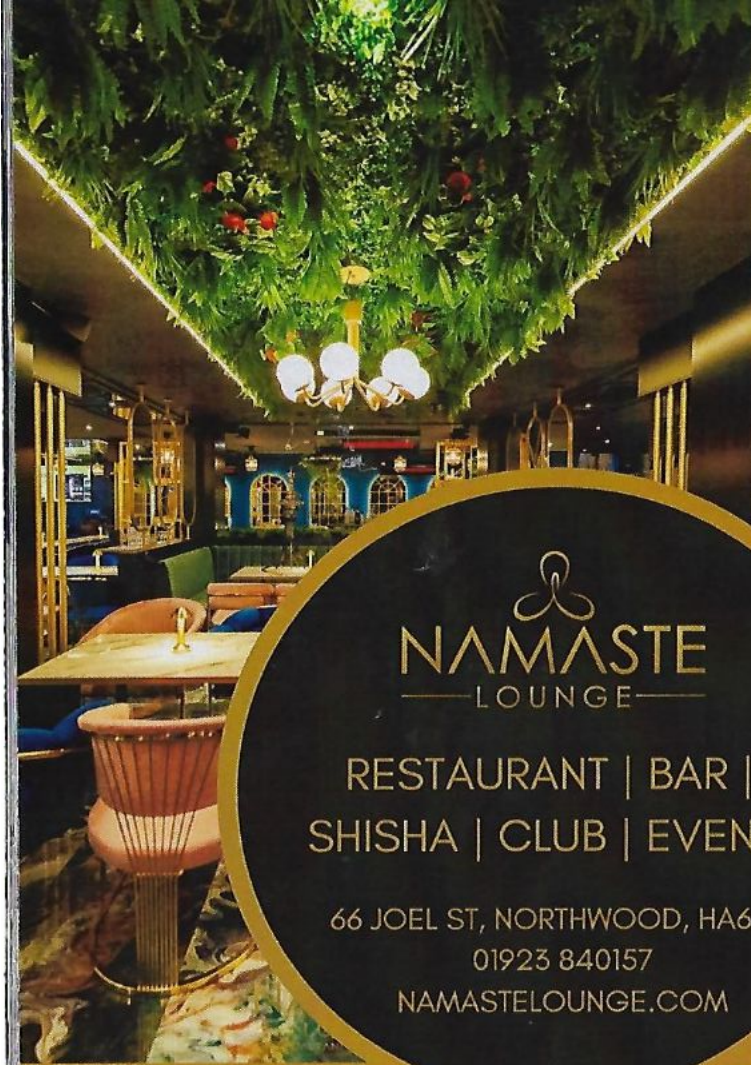
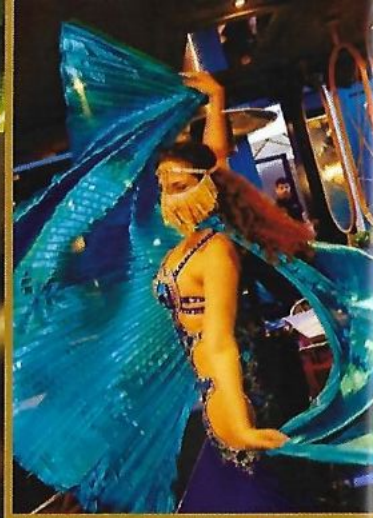
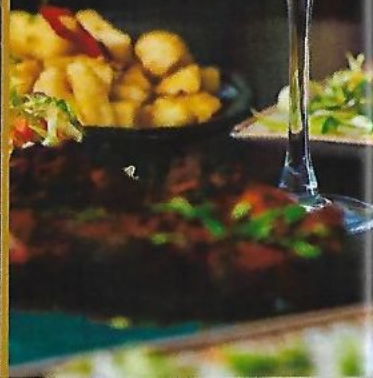


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Tuesday
1st April
7:45pm

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	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F	P	W	D	L	F	A	A	H	A	H	A
1 Barnet	37	25	7	5	79	32	19	16	3	0	49	12	18	9	4	5	30	20	47	82	0-3
2 York City	36	21	8	7	68	35	19	13	3	3	44	17	17	8	5	4	24	18	33	71	0-2
3 Forest Green Rovers	37	19	14	4	57	30	18	12	6	0	29	12	19	7	8	4	28	18	27	71	2-2
4 Oldham Athletic	37	16	14	7	54	39	18	8	5	5	27	19	19	8	9	2	27	20	15	62	0-1 2-3
5 Gateshead	36	17	9	10	65	47	17	10	3	4	33	20	19	7	6	6	32	27	18	60	0-4 0-1
6 Halifax Town	35	16	11	8	43	33	18	8	5	5	21	17	17	8	6	3	22	16	10	59	2-2
7 Rochdale	33	16	7	10	48	29	17	10	3	4	28	13	16	6	4	6	20	16	19	55	2-0 1-4
8 Altrincham	35	15	10	10	56	44	16	8	6	2	28	12	19	7	4	8	28	32	12	55	3-3
9 Southend United	36	13	13	10	46	40	19	8	6	5	29	23	17	5	7	5	17	17	6	52	1-1
10 Eastleigh	37	13	13	11	49	44	19	8	8	3	32	22	18	5	5	8	17	22	5	52	1-1
11 Tamworth	37	12	12	13	47	57	19	7	8	4	29	21	18	5	4	9	18	36	-10	48	0-1 1-4
12 Sutton United	35	12	11	12	47	46	17	6	5	6	23	21	18	6	6	6	24	25	+1	47	0-1 2-2
13 Solihull Moors	36	13	7	16	52	54	19	7	4	8	30	33	17	6	3	8	22	21	-2	46	1-1 1-1
14 Yeovil Town	37	12	10	15	41	50	18	5	6	7	20	22	19	7	4	8	21	28	-9	46	0-3 2-1
15 Hartlepool United	37	10	15	12	43	47	18	5	9	4	17	16	19	5	6	8	26	31	-4	45	1-1 1-1
16 Braintree Town	36	11	9	16	39	48	18	7	4	7	15	15	18	4	5	9	24	33	-9	42	3-2 2-1
17 Woking	35	9	14	12	38	49	16	7	5	4	18	17	19	2	9	8	20	32	-11	41	0-1
18 Aldershot Town	34	9	13	12	52	56	18	7	7	4	33	28	16	2	6	8	19	28	-4	40	0-2
19 Dagenham & Redbridge	36	8	12	16	47	53	18	6	5	7	34	30	18	2	7	9	13	23	-6	36	3-0 1-2
20 Fylde	35	10	6	19	42	67	18	7	4	7	30	30	17	3	2	12	12	37	-25	36	2-2
21 Wealdstone	34	8	11	15	42	58	16	5	4	7	19	25	18	3	7	8	23	33	-16	35	-- --
22 Maidenhead United	36	9	7	20	41	68	18	5	5	8	23	31	18	4	2	12	18	37	-27	34	1-0 1-3
23 Boston United	34	7	10	17	35	51	18	2	7	9	18	29	16	5	3	8	17	22	-16	31	
24 Ebbsfleet United	37	1	11	25	26	80	18	1	6	11	11	32	19	0	5	14	15	48	-54	14	4-2 2-2


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