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SCUNTHORPE awarded all three points



Daniel Nkrumah in action against Scunthorpe before his injury. Image: Jon Taffel

Wealdstone match was abandoned 78 minutes in

THE National League have awarded Scunthorpe United all three points after Saturday's match with Wealdstone was abandoned late on due to a shoulder injury to Daniel Nkrumah.

In highly unusual circumstances, the decision was taken by referee Declan Bourne to end the match in the 78th minute after Nkrumah collided in mid-air with a Scunthorpe defender before a lengthy stoppage in play as the Stones forward received treatment.

With the delay going on for nearly 40 minutes and the scores reading 2-1 to the Scunthorpe home side, the National League fixture was abandoned, as visitors Wealdstone were informed earlier this week that a loss would go down on their record for the season.

A club statement on the Wealdstone

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website read: 'Following Saturday's abandoned match against Scunthorpe United, the National League has confirmed the outcome of its investigation.

'In line with League Rule 8.38, the fixture will not be replayed, and the match has been awarded to Scunthorpe United. As per regulations, while Scunthorpe receive three points, no goals for or against will be added to either side's record.

'The Wealdstone FC Board of Directors were in direct contact with the National League in the aftermath of Saturday's events. We made clear our view that the correct outcome was for

Scunthorpe United to be awarded the three points.

'This position was taken to demonstrate the values of sporting integrity and fair play that underpin our football club. While disappointed that the match was unable to be completed, we believe it is important to uphold the principles of the game and support an outcome that reflects the spirit of competition.

'The league table will be updated in due course to reflect this change. Wealdstone FC will now turn our focus to preparing for the next fixture v Gateshead at The Vale on Saturday with full commitment to our supporters and players as we continue the season.

'We thank our fans for their continued backing and understanding.'

Veteran Stones forward Enzo Bold-

ewijn opened the scoring for Sam Cox's side in the sixth minute as the visitors raced into an early advantage.

After a sustained period of both possession and chances for Wealdstone, Shrewsbury found themselves back on level terms at the 30-minute mark thanks to a sensational volleyed effort from Alfie Beestin, whose shot flew past Dante Baptiste from outside the box.

Six minutes later, Danny Whitehall then found space between the two Wealdstone centre halves and nodded in from close range unmarked to give the Iron the lead.

The hosts might have further extended their advantage as tired legs began to see spaces open up in the Stones' defence, but the match was abandoned due to the nature of Nkrumah's injury.

SPENCE HOPES TO BE FLAG BEARER

HISTORY MAKER



England's Djed Spence in the 2026 FIFA World Cup Qualifying

DJED Spence hopes he can be a flagbearer for young players around the world after he became the first Muslim player to play for England.

The Tottenham defender made history when he came on as a late substitute in Tuesday night's 5-0 World Cup qualifying win over Serbia in Belgrade.

Spence said: "It is a blessing, it is great, it is good to make history and hopefully it spurs young kids on around the world so they can make it and do what I am doing.

"I was surprised, I didn't know I was the first, it is a blessing and I hope it paves the way for many more.

"Whatever religion you believe in, just believe in God.

"God is the greatest, he never lets you down. You see days like today, it is all because of God."

Spence was presented with his legacy cap by captain Harry Kane after the game and he was proud to have achieved a lifelong ambition.

"It was amazing, it has been a long time coming," he added.

"I have dreamed about it all my life since I was a kid so it is amazing.

"It is an honour. H gave it to me when I was in the dressing room.

"I'm a little bit emotional, the journey I have been on. I'm officially an England player now so I am over the moon.

"He said I was at Tottenham with him a few years ago and he has seen my growth and he knows how hard it is to get to this level.

"He is just happy for me."

It was also a special night for Noni Madueke, Ezri Konsa and Marc Guehi as they all scored their first goals for their country.