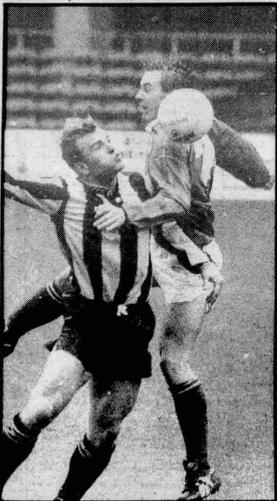


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Bye bye Blues as Stones make FA Cup exit

Super second half fightback is not enough



● All arms and legs as Jim Watson wins an aerial battle with a Chesham opponent.

By **John Comfort**

Wealdstone 2 Chesham Utd 4
A SUPERB second half fightback wasn't enough to save Stones on Saturday as they were dumped out of the FA Cup by Diadora League Chesham.

3-0 down at the break, a highly embarrassing reverse seemed the only likely outcome of this 2nd qualifying round tie. But aided by referee Davies' eccentric judgement of penalty awards, they salvaged their pride by battling back to 3-2 and showed every sign of levelling the scores until they were finished off by Chesham's killer fourth goal 10 minutes from time.

Stones were little short of a shambles in the first half after setting themselves an uphill task by conceding a goal within two minutes. Hapless defending allowed May's free kick to reach the net marked Alan Cosby at the far post and he beat the helpless Dave Hudson from close in.

Against a shell shocked Stones rearguard, the only surprise then was that it took lively Chesham a further 20 minutes to increase their lead. Marking was again non-existent when Cosby crossed from the left and Ryan had all the time in the world to head for goal, the ball going in off Mark Harrison on the line.

On the half hour it was 3-0 courtesy of Mr Davies. He ruled Harrison's innocent looking challenge on Cosby was illegal and Billy Goldstone drilled home the resultant penalty.

Only an upright prevented Banton from making it 4-0 and just before the break



● Warren Lay bends over backwards to keep possession for Stones in Saturday's Cup clash.

Mr Davies confirmed his inability at penalty detecting by waving play on after Attrell's superb run was halted by Shaun Gore bringing him down in the area.

Further evidence was provided three minutes after the break when Stones substitute Warren Lay ran the ball out of play following Steve Bateman's challenge and the benevolent Mr Davies obligingly pointed to the spot. Barry Blackman despatched the ball to the net and the Wealdstone revival had begun.

Cosby should have added to

Chesham's lead minutes later but shot against the covering Watson after being set up when Banton got the better of Harrison and then drew Hudson away from his goal.

However, with 56 minutes gone Stones reduced the deficit to a single goal when Andy Hedge headed home from a Steve Smart corner.

Blackman had a header pushed away for a corner and fired another good effort straight at Lomas as Stones slipped up a gear and Tony Kelly drove wide after a

clever back heel from Hedge.

But just when it looked as if Stones were going to pull the tie out of the fire, they tossed it carelessly away. Tiv Lowe's failure to claim a loose ball on halfway set Attrell free to find Walton.

He found Banton who turned the unhappy Harrison and shot past Hudson. Stones FA Cup run was over for another year in front of a 745 crowd - their biggest yet at Vicarage Road.

Wealdstone: Hudson, Watson, Lowe, Smart, Gore (Lay), Harrison, Hopson, Hedge, Kelly, Blackman (Bartlett), Cordice.

Four goal blast kills off Kingsbury

Royston 4 Kingsbury 2
FOUR goals in 30 minutes sunk Kingsbury at Royston on Wednesday after they had taken the lead.

Andy Murray cashed in on sloppy defensive work by Royston to put Kingsbury in front in the 15th minute but the home side hit back with two goals from John Moulding before the break and Kevin Lowe and Denny Tyler extended their advantage early in the second half.

Royston had defender Hardwick controversially sent off in the 60th minute when he dived and handled in an attempt, but failing, to keep a goal-bound header out of the net, but although Clive McLeod reduced the arrears from the resultant penalty, Kingsbury were unable to make any further impression on the 10-man home's defence.

Kingsbury: Coffey, Wellstead, Claypole (Donald), K. Williams, Kenny, Surridge, Murray, McLeod (Suthers), Mulhern, Culverhouse, Simpson.

No joy for Lyonians

LYONIANS, relegated to Division 3, opened their league programme with a 2-1 defeat against unimpressive opposition in Alveyn Old Boys on Saturday.

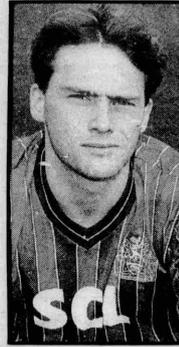
Parr had to save a penalty before being beaten from 30 yards to give Alveyn the lead but Lyonians recovered well and equalised before half time when Peters finished off an excellent passing move.

A scrambled goal early in the second half put Alveyn back in front and despite several near misses Lyonians never really threatened another equaliser.

Lyonians: Parr, Howard, Dent, Jepson, Peters, Mary Davies, Galloway, Yeomans, Pliditch, Riley.

Other results: Alleyns 3rd 2, Lyonians 3rd 4; Lyonians 4th 0, Alleyns 4th 1.

Barnard blockbuster is big booster Double up puts Borough eighth



● Mark Barnard turned the tide with blockbuster of a goal.

Wivenhoe Town 1 Harrow Borough 4
ULTIMATELY comfortable winners, Borough climbed to eighth in the Premier Division by completing a league double over bottom of the table Wivenhoe on Saturday.

Playing in torrential rain throughout, both sides looked to serve up entertaining and open play.

Borough, under the control of coach John Morris for the day, went close through Barnard's dipping shot, Cooper's header and shot, then a shot from Pye.

Wivenhoe, who have yet to gain a league point, went close through Hannigan's diving header a shot from Young and an effort from Lamb that hit the crossbar.

The visitors went in with a half time lead thanks to a 44th minute catastrophe for the

By **Tony Booth**

net to put the visitors back in front and deflated the hosts.

Borough then piled forward in search of more goals and Pye, Ripley and Barnard all went close before the third goal arrived with 3 minutes left. A series of testing Henry corners ended with Pye laying the ball back to Henry whose cross was brilliantly volleyed in at the bar post by the athletic Ripley.

As the match ran into injury time, Steve Crompton made a good save to deny Duffett and from the corner the ball was cleared to Conroy. From inside his own half he ran on and found Neil Henry who strode into the box and slammed his shot inside the near post to complete the scoring.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, Johnstone, Barnard, Payne, Shea, Henry, O'Shea, Pye, Ripley, Conroy, Cooper. Subs: Pedlar, Ford.

Edgware battle through after Deritis is sent off

Petersfield Utd 0 Edgware Town 2
A FINE performance by Edgware saw them win at Petersfield on Saturday, despite being down to 10 men for three-quarters of the match after having Vince Deritis sent off.

Deritis got his marching orders in the 20th minute for his ill-chosen comments to the referee when he declined to get Petersfield's defensive wall back 10 yards for a free kick.

But his departure seemed to inspire Edgware who just five minutes earlier had regained a lead off when Petersfield fired a penalty against a post - although it was poetic justice for the attacker alleged to have been brought down by Deritis, merely slipped as he turned on the grassy surface.

Laurence Murphy set up two good chances

for Edgware which saw Steve Newing blast over and then Les Thompson poke the ball wide of an open goal, but with 30 minutes gone the visitors finally went in front.

A great run by Murphy ended with him curling a superb shot round the keeper from 15 yards and new signing from Finchley, Colin Chance, got the final touch as the ball found the net.

Battling Edgware won everything in the second half and Chance fired wide of an open goal before the visitors sealed victory with a second goal when a low, hard cross from Thompson was crashed into the roof of the net by Paul Sylvester.

Edgware: Beckles, Deritis, J. Mangan, Finnerty, Sheridan, Chance, Newing, Stein, Murphy, Thompson (Flynn). Other subs: Kidd.



Vince Deritis - sent off.

Williams is Town saviour with a last kick penalty

Kingsbury Town 1 Epsom & Ewell 1
A KEITH Williams penalty with the last kick of the game saved Kingsbury from defeat on Saturday.

In a poor game, the first half finished goalless and that always looked the likely result.

Indeed it was not until the 67th minute that either side went close with Gower pushing a Mark Pepper shot away for a corner.

However, a minute later the visitors went in front when Simon Aldridge curled a fine 20 yard free kick round the Kingsbury wall and into the top corner of the net.

The introduction of substitutes Mark Papa and John Claypole saw some improvement in Kingsbury's play and Papa forced the Epsom keeper into a good save and Mulhern was just off target after a good turn.

The game seemed to be lost as injury time ticked by but then Alan Wellstead got into the Epsom box and was needlessly brought and after Williams blasted home the spot kick, the referee blew for full time.

Kingsbury: Gower, Wellstead, Simpson, K. Williams, Kenny, Surridge, Murray, Hide (Papa), Mulhern, McLeod, Suthers (Claypole).

Lane fail to halt the Bishops jinx

Bishops Cleeve 0 Rayners Lane 0
ON a bumpy, greasy pitch, Lane battled to get a draw against a side they hadn't beaten for two years.

With the conditions being more suited to the home side's more direct approach, Lane were forced to defend for much of the first half but restricted Bishops to only a couple of clear cut chances.

Lane were finding it difficult to create anything but missed a good chance when Meaney put Coffey through and although his shot beat the keeper, a defender got back to hook the ball away off the

goaline. In the second half it became a dour struggle as both teams lacked the imagination to prise open the opposing defence and only two chances resulted, one to each side.

Lane's Verni had a shot saved by the home keeper and at the other end a Bishops' shot took a wicked deflection and looped over Bradley to hit the crossbar and when the ball bounced out to a lurking forward, Bradley turned his shot round the post for a corner.

Rayners Lane: Bradley, Haigh, Hyes, Woodward, Matthews, McDermot (Powell), Meaney, Coffey, Cumberbatch, Verri, Langston.

Edgware second best

Edgware 1 Tilbury 2
EDGWARE failed to dent Tilbury's unbeaten run on Wednesday as the visitors deservedly took maximum points.

A good 25 yard angled shot put Edgware behind early on in a half that Tilbury went on to dominate and they doubled their lead five minutes into the second half.

Laurence Murphy reduced the arrears for Edgware, shooting home after a great run, but the home side were unable to save the game, although Steve Newing hit the keeper's legs when clean through and two efforts were cleared off the line.

Edgware: Beckles, Brennan, Deritis, Finnerty, J. Mangan, Sheridan, Newing, Murphy, Stein, Thompson, Sylvester. Subs: Kidd, Dyson.