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**Lions miss chance to ease relegation fears**

Maidenhead Utd 1 Wembley 0  
WEMBLEY'S defeat at Maidenhead on Saturday leaves them still precariously perched on the relegation trapdoor.

The most frustrating aspect of this result, however, was that they should have won quite easily. Infinitely the better team, Wembley played some neat and fluid football at times but disappointingly they obtained no re-

**By Richard Markiewicz**

The fact that a very laborious Maidenhead outfit, which relied heavily on a tedious kick and rush tactic, managed to win this contest merely added to Wembley's depression. Unfortunately, there are no points for finesse.

It is goals alone that count and it was the home side that scored the one that mattered in the 39th minute.

Paul Dadson netted it, heading home at the far post from Gary Attrell's pinpoint right wing cross during a rare United attack. Otherwise, Wembley did most of the pressing against a side that was quite content to pack their defence with players whenever

they were under threat.

The visitors' best chances came at the start of the second half. United keeper Trevor Roffey needed two attempts to hold onto Robert Hollingdale's bullet-like header following an Ian Bates cross and a few minutes later Roffey did well to halt Bryan Ham-matt's low, fiercely struck hooked volley.

Wembley continued to push for-

ward and produced several other chances.

But their attacks gradually got blunted by United's uncompromising defence and unable to obtain the equaliser they richly deserved, they returned home empty handed.

Wembley: Beckles, Willock, Hollingdale (Inman), Walters, Shilde, Cumberbatch, J. B. Bates, I. Bates, Smith (Ponocol), Hammet, Fleming. Other subs: Walsh.

**Spot kick saves Lane**

**Easington 1 Rayners Lane 1**

A LATE penalty gave Lane their first point in five games on Saturday from a scrappy mid-table encounter at Easington that could have gone either way.

With both teams struggling to master the troublesome conditions, the early exchanges were based on effort rather than quality and defences were dominant.

As the half progressed Lane settled and looked the more composed side but the break came with neither side having created a clear scoring opportunity.

The second half began in similar manner to the first and Lane's endeavour eventually forced Easington onto the back foot.

But wasted possession in midfield allowed the home side to launch an attack and a long flighted cross culminated in a melee in the Lane area from which Easington scored to take the lead.

It could have been 2-0 soon after when a long ball eluded Woodward and left the home winger clear but Randall made an important save with his legs to keep Lane in the match.

This inspired his teammates and the game increased in pace noticeably as Lane chased an equaliser. With Hordern and Metcalfe becoming increasingly influential, the breakthrough was only a matter of time.

Hordern brought a terrific save from the keeper and Jordin's close range shot cannoned off a defender on the line but with time running out another Lane defeat looked likely.

Then Metcalfe broke down the left and when his driven cross was headed away a penalty was awarded.

With regular penalty taker Haigh absent, it was left to Woodward to take the kick and although his first effort was blocked, he fired in the rebound to give Lane their first league point since February.

**Rayners Lane:** Randall, Cockram, Rice, Woodward, Verri, Landon, Bird, Hordern, Metcalfe, Jordin, Stewart Subs: Matthews, Meaney

**Walker's hat-trick peps Wealdstone**

**East Thurrock 0 Wealdstone 3**

LEE Walker's first ever hat-trick for Stones gave them the points and a league double over a Thurrock side that had recently beaten top two clubs, Leighton and Horsham.

The first 35 minutes were pretty miserable but then Walker's opening goal lived things up. A Rob Tenkorang free kick was headed on by Steve Fraser to Paul Sheldrick who turned and found Walker who headed home.

Wealdstone increased their lead five minutes into the second half. A quickly taken free kick from Chris Walton put Sheldrick clear and his cross was slotted home by Walker.

13 minutes later East Thurrock's Tommy Lee was denied a goal when his blistering goal-bound shot was blocked by his teammate, Casey, and soon after Lee was thwarted by an excellent save from Rob Tenkorang.

However, Wealdstone sealed victory in the

**By Graham Smith**

72nd minute. A Lee Smart free kick was touched on by Sheldrick and Walker was on hand to complete his hat-trick.

Walker should have got a fourth minutes later. The impressive Steve Bircham, a new signing from Tring who scored against Stones last week, did well to turn a defender and crossed perfectly but Walker's header went straight into the grateful arms of keeper Hawkes.

Six minutes from time Hawkes got his marching orders when he upended Sheldrick with a bad tackle just outside the box.

But although Sheldrick went close, Stones were unable to take advantage in the closing minutes.

Wealdstone: Tenkorang, Smart, Moore, Hibbert, Waugh, Knight, Walton, Bircham, Walker, Sheldrick, Fraser Subs: Croad, Buzaglio, Tekeli



Lee Walker, scored hat-trick.

**Kingsbury make Senior Cup Final**

**Kingsbury Town 3 Willesden Hawkeye 1**

KINGSBURY battled through to the final of the London Senior Cup on Thursday after putting Spartan League Hawkeye out in this semi-final replay.

In the final, to be held at Dulwich Hamlet's Champion Hill ground on Saturday April 20, Town will face another Spartan club, Tottenham Omada.

The first half of Thursday's replay finished goalless, but Kingsbury quickly got into their stride after the break and within two minutes were in front. Mitchell Morris's corner found Kevin Stewart at the far post and he sent a looping header across goal and into the corner of the net.

The game seemed over after 72 minutes when a massive clearance kick from Darren Bonfield bounced into the

Hawkeye area where Niall O'Rourke headed it over the keeper to make it 2-0.

But within a minute Town let it fall to zero as Niall Williams tried to reduce the arrears and it took a fine overhead kick from Jeb Hughes, after Sean Loughlin had headed a corner across goal, to clinch their final place five minutes from time.

Hawkeye's frustration boiled over in injury time when they had a player sent off.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Loughlin, D. O'Rourke, Gower, Stewart, Morris, Ash, Moore, Hughes, Kumah, N. O'Rourke

**Town are kept at bay**

**Camberley 1 Kingsbury Town 1**

ONLY desperate defence from Camberley prevented Kingsbury from taking maximum points on Saturday.

Town made their usual slow start and went behind after 15 minutes. A cross found the unmarked Gavin Ward and he beat the helpless Darren Bonfield.

Kingsbury hit back and Niall O'Rourke missed a golden chance of equalising when he was left with time and space to score after 22 minutes. But from just six yards he missed his shot wide.

However, five minutes later Kingsbury drew level. Paul Gower won the ball and then dummied round a Camberley defender before finding Dennis O'Rourke and he laid the ball off for substitute Nelson Kumah who fired home.

The second half was a tale of constant Kingsbury pressure. They camped in the Camberley half but squandered their chances and with the home defence being content just to lash the ball away at every opportunity, Town eventually had to settle for just a point.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Loughlin, Zazera, Gower, Stewart, Morris, Ash, D. O'Rourke, Hughes, Roach, N. O'Rourke. Subs: Kumah, Moore, Perez

**Borough sunk by lone strike**

**Harrow Borough 0 Yeovil 1**

ALTHOUGH their own outside championship hopes have ended, Borough can still influence the outcome at both the top and bottom of the Premier Division but they were unable to dent Yeovil's title aspirations on Saturday, being edged out by a single goal.

Missing the suspended David Hook, Borough had Tom Evans, on loan from Crystal Palace in goal, and he made a promising debut. With David Clarke injured, they were also glad to see skipper Bob Dowie return.

The home defence was given a stiff test in the opening 20 minutes. Evans had to parry away Whale's close range shot then Sean James came to

**By Tony Booth**

Borough's rescue, hooking away a St Hilaire cross and clearing Patmore's shot off the line from the resultant corner.

Birkby had a header held by the diving Evans and as the visitors' dominance continued, so did the keeper's defiance as he deflected White's shot off target, then dived to hold Birkby's deflected shot.

Borough were able to break out of the stranglehold when Lee Endersby's 24th minute cross was headed goalward by Rob Marshall but Mark Xavier's shot was pushed wide by keeper Pennock.

12 minutes later Endersby's free kick was palmed out by the keeper but Marshall could only spoon his close range shot over the bar.

At that point it was against the run of play when Yeovil took the lead after 43 minutes. Engwell's free kick was headed on by Nugent and Warren Patmore touched the ball in.

At the start of the second half, good tackles by Marshall denied St Hilaire and Francis when they were well placed and when St Hilaire did get near goal, Evans dived to hold his shot.

But Borough once again came back into the game and from Chris Metcalfe's 59th minute cross, Brian Jones saw his shot blocked by the keeper's

legs, then Metcalfe had a goalbound shot blocked, and Neil Fraser had a shot deflected away from an Endersby cross.

Both Engwell and Seymore were fortunate not to go into referee Goldstone's notebook after over zealous challenges, yet in the last minute Borough had Jones sent off - a mysterious decision as he had clearly won the ball with a fine tackle on a break-away Yeovil forward.

However, the referee ruled that Jones had pulled his opponent's shirt and that was sufficient to earn him a red card.

Harrow Borough: Evans, Marshall (Fraser), James, Court, Dowie, Appiah, Jones, Metcalfe, Fishenden (Ekoku), Xavier, Endersby

**All over now after nightmare show from Wares**

**Edgware Town 0 Egham 2**

THIS was a dreadful performance by Edgware, and any lingering thoughts of promotion are all out of the window now, together with manager Jock McGleish's chances of the Manager of the Month award.

There may be no trophies to play for, but there must always be pride. However, there was precious little of that commodity on view at the White Lion ground.

In all previous Edgware encounters with Egham the visitors have never had any pretensions about playing football.

They get as many big men behind the ball, hoof it anywhere and everywhere and hope and pray. But on Saturday the result owed far more to Edgware's lack of guile and skill than any strength of prayer.

**By Tom Hooks**

In the first half Hopkins totally misused the ball back to his keeper who in turn did likewise in his effort to clear, but there was no Edgware player on hand to capitalise.

Four minutes later Finnelly found Valenti who got in a good cross but Coleman shot straight at the keeper, then Whytock fed Ivers whose cross was met by Newing but the ensuing shot was again at the keeper.

The best chance of the half fell to Ivers but he misicked in front of goal.

In the second half Coleman came nearest to a goal when he left two defenders for dead but saw his shot turned away for a corner.

With 15 minutes to go came the first of two decisive blun-

ders which were to cost Edgware the game. Careless inter-passing near the corner flag by Hurd and Murphy ended with the ball being lost to Swift and he found Mills who side footed past the helpless Andy Carter.

Worse followed four minutes later. Newing turned a defender inside out on the halfway line but tried to do it again and lost possession to Mills. He found Dombaya whose cross was netted by Swift for Egham's second goal.

Only ray of hope on a gloomy day for Edgware was young Anthony Whytock who showed a commitment and composure that his senior colleagues would have done well to imitate.

Edgware: Carter, Brennan, Finnelly, Whytock, Anglin (Murphy), Instone, Hurd, Valenti, Ivers, Coleman, Newing. Other subs: Robinson, P. Dale

**Blank end to Stones hopes**

**Wealdstone 0 Camberley 0**

A GOALLESS draw against a physical Camberley side on Wednesday virtually ended Wealdstone's promotion hopes, writes Graham Smith.

Fergus Moore, Chris Walton and Terry Hibbert all went close in the first half but the best chance fell to Lee Walker who latched onto a poor back pass but fired into the side netting.

In the second half Stones were denied a penalty when Tony Knight was pushed to the ground and Hibbert broke clear but Westphal saved at the expense of a corner.

Wealdstone's frustration boiled over when Knight was sent off for his second bookable offence and in the closing minutes the visitors almost snatched victory with a Joplin header that hit the crossbar.

Wealdstone: Tankorang, Smart, Moore, Hibbert, Waugh, Knight, Walton, Smith, Walker, Sheldrick (Tekeli), Fraser. Other subs: Hart, Tarry

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