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Fluke goal is winner for lucky Wealdstone

Uxbridge 0 Wealdstone 1
THEY say that football is a funny game and Wealdstone have proved it.
After playing superbly last week against Dagenham in the FA Trophy and losing 5-0, they played poorly against Uxbridge in the Ryman League on Saturday and yet

By Graham Smith
went on to win 1-0.
Not surprisingly, manager Gordon Bartlett was more pleased with the result than the performance.
The home side, who fielded

two former Stones in Mick Perry and Mark Weedon, started brightly and Noel Imber had to save well from Gavin Bamford.
Then good defending by debutant Shaun Fleming, signed from Wembley, and Dominic Sterling, prevented Ryder from scoring.

After 37 minutes Wealdstone had not had one shot at goal but then took the lead in bizarre circumstances when Weedon's clearance attempt was blocked by Sterling's tackle and the ball diverted into the net.
Early in the second half Dawson had to save well from

Brian Jones, but Uxbridge should have equalised in the 54th minute.
Phil Dicker, who was struggling with a back problem, lost possession to Ryder but with only Imber to beat the Uxbridge striker put his effort wide.
However, Wealdstone hung

onto their narrow lead and were grateful for Imber's last minute save from Granville which secured them three precious points.
Wealdstone: Imber, Dell, Fleming, Sterling, Benning, Dicker (Dale), Walton, Jones (Kent), Swaysland, Bircham, McKay. Other sub: Homer.

Kingsbury crushed

East Thurrock 4 Kingsbury Town 0
CONCEDING three goals in the opening 25 minutes effectively ended Kingsbury's hopes of taking anything from this game on Saturday and they ended up being well beaten.
Poor marking allowed first Winney and then Nesling to head Thurrock's opening goals, but their third was a conversational penalty after keeper Alan Cumberbatch had been deemed to have brought down a forward. He saved Greaves' spot kick but the Thurrock player followed up to score.
Town's best chance saw Delroy Watson burst through and lob the keeper only for a defender to get back and clear on the line.
But Thurrock replied with two efforts against the woodwork, hit a post again in the second half before Lee got their fourth goal to complete the scoring.
Kingsbury: Cumberbatch, Watson, Ryan, Ellis, Hamilton, Simpson, Danny Kingshott, Hayward, Gary Kingshot, Dolling, Amblerley. Subs: McLeod, Byrne, Nelson.

The Shots stoppers

Super Borough see off Borg's title hopefuls

Harrow Borough 1 Aldershot Town 0
A MAGNIFICENT performance from Borough on Saturday ensured that ex-boss George Borg had a less than happy return to Earlsmead.
A Jon-Barrie Bates goal sent the Championship aspirants away empty handed and gave a thoroughly deserved success to Alan Paris's men - just reward for the fine football that they played throughout the 90 minutes, with Paris and his fellow defenders unquestionably being the star turn of the day.
Aldershot felt they should have had a penalty in the opening minutes when David Hook flipped out Ian Hathaway's cross and Jimmy Sugrue's follow up effort hit the arm of Sean James, but there was certainly no intent and referee Green correctly declined to give a spot kick.
After that it was Borough who took control and they created a string of goalscoring chances with their delightful approach work.
A glancing header from Bates was only just tipped over by keeper Gary Phillips, Frank McCormack had Phillips scrambling to save a low drive, and the keeper's diving save then kept out Nelson Kumah's near post drive.
With McCormack just over with a rising drive and Pat Gavin just off target with a bullet header, a Borough goal was always threatening - and it finally came in the 24th minute.
Aidan O'Brien threaded a great ball through to Kumah in the Aldershot area and his firm shot was fumbled by Phillips. Gavin's follow up effort was blocked by the keeper but the ball ran nicely into the path of Bates who joyfully drilled it into the net.

By John Comfort
Only the woodwork prevented an Aldershot equaliser when a Gary Smart cross found Jimmy Dack unmarked at the far post and his shot cannoned back off an up-right.
But Borough deserved that slice of luck and just before the break could have added to their lead when McCormack found Paul Adolphe in the area and he shimmed past two defenders to get a clear sight of goal, only to fire wide.
The second half was a tale of almost relentless Aldershot pressure, but Borough defended soundly to keep them at bay, although they had a couple of let-offs early on when Gary Abbott put a free header wide and then Simon Stapleton was off target with the goal at his mercy.
Hook came to Borough's rescue when Paris missed a clearance to let Roy Young go clear. As Young tried to round him, the diving keeper got a touch to the ball which deflected off the striker and went wide.
Borough weathered the storm well and repelled everything the visitors had to offer, but the introduction of the pacy Joe Narty in the last 10 minutes brought new impetus to the Aldershot attack.
Twice he broke clear of the home defence but Sean James proved equal to the danger, racing back to clear on the first occasion, and putting in a superb tackle to deny Narty on the second, which ensured that all three points rightly remained at Earlsmead.
Harrow Borough: Hook, O'Brien, James, Roberts, Coleman, Paris, Adolphe, Bates, Gavin, N. Kumah (Dodds), McCormack. Other subs: Lord, Nwaokolo.



Borough's Ishmael Dodds shoots for goal against Aldershot. Picture by Sophie Powell.

Williams hits form with Lane hat-trick

Rayners Lane 6 Taplow 0
FIELDING a more experienced team, with the return of Peter Randall, Tony Verni and Simon Hordern, Lane proved far too good for bottom of the Chiltonian League Taplow on Saturday.
It was particularly good to see striker Ben Williams return to form with a hat-trick and it was he who opened the scoring in the 7th minute, taking the

ball round the keeper to net after a good through ball pass by Wesley Morrey.
Despite having most of the play, Lane didn't get their second until the 38th minute when a Danny Mills free kick was saved by the keeper but Morrey fired in the loose ball.
The second half continued as the first, with Lane the dominant attacking force, and two goals from Williams in the 59th minute completed his hat-trick.

Tommy Metcalfe scored the fifth after a solo run in the 61st minute and sub Tommy Evans, in his debut, struck home the sixth after 76 minutes to complete the rout.
This result should put Lane in good heart for their visit of league leaders Eton Wick this week.
Rayners Lane: Randall, Bainborough, Verni, Mills, Hedge, Metcalfe, Foster, Hordern, Moyle, Morrey, Williams. Subs: Evans, Carpenter, Woodward.

Wares get it right in second half

Edgware Town 3 Wokingham Town 0
PLAYER manager Steve Newing returned from suspension for this game against bottom of the table Wokingham, but after recent poor form, Michael Roche, Graham Ash and Peter Sutton were all relegated to the subs bench.
The Wares made very heavy weather of it in the first half and could easily have gone in trailing after perhaps being surprised by the spirited play which was not expected from such lowly opposition.
Holzman, with a 20 yard drive which Andy Carter saved and Lawrie, with a header, came close before Craig Elliott produced Edgware's first effort to test Wokingham keeper Baker, a low drive through a crowded area.
With Campbell curling an angled chip just over and Carter doing well to save from Heron, Wares suddenly realised they would have to raise their performance to secure the points and Norton, Valenti and Lyons all went

By Tom Hooks
close before the half ended.
Newing took a more forward role in the second half and was able to exert more influence and in the 53rd minute Edgware took the lead.
Christian Glynn's strong run past a string of defenders ended when he was brought down by Wood 20 yards out and Newing's well struck free kick took a deflection as it sped into the net.
After that Wares never looked back and another Newing special was palmed over by Baker before the home side notched their second in the 85th minute.
From an Elliott free kick wide on the left Steve Hurd timed his run to perfection and met the ball at speed to give Baker no chance with a powerful close range header.
Baker performed miracles to keep out a delightful chip shot from Michael Roche before Wares completed the scoring two minutes from time when Graham Ash con-



Steve Newing - back after suspension with a goal. The ball superbly before crossing for Elliott to lob a header over Baker and into the net.
Edgware: Carter, Norton, Valenti, Evans, Elliott, Hurd, Makamian, Glynn (Roche), Ivrs (Ash), Newing, Lyons. Other sub: Sutton.

Wembley are bogged down

A BOGGY Vale Farm pitch caused the cancellation on Saturday of Wembley's Ryman League match against Chertsey Town.

Hill run is over

INJURY hit Harrow Hill Rovers suffered their first Chiltonian League defeat under their new management team of Paul White and Steve Frimley when they lost 5-1 at Drayton Wanderers with dubious refereeing contributing to their demise.

Dyerson cleans up

BROADFIELDS United's 16 year old keeper Sam Dyerson has played the last five games in goal for Ryman League outfit, Southall, following the transfer of Kenny Lavender to Kingsbury and he has kept three clean sheets.

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Otis Roberts takes on a defender in Borough's game against Aldershot at Earlsmead on Saturday.