

SPORT

Elliott off as Wares are sent crashing

Edgware Town 0 Northwood 4
WARES can have few complaints about suffering their heaviest league defeat of the

season on Monday after a particularly woeful performance in this derby clash, writes **John Comfort**.

To complete a miserable af-

ternoon they had midfielder **Craig Elliott** sent off in the dying minutes after a linesman indicated that he had traded blows in an off-the-ball alter-

cation with Northwood striker **Dave Keller**, who was also dismissed. It could have been worse, for player-manager, **Steve Newing**, was a little fortunate to get just a yellow card after an earlier clash with the same player.

Four goals seemed a most unlikely outcome after a miserable first half in which both sides showed a marked forte for ineptitude and little footballing acumen.

Best of the meagre chances of the half fell to the visitors, right on half time, when Keller was put clear. **Andy Carter** blocked his shot and **Andrew Sherry** fired the loose ball wide - justice appearing to be done as Keller had appeared to be offside by some considerable distance.

The deadlock remained in the early stages of the second half but was broken after 61 minutes, **Dave Sargent's** free kick being powerfully headed home by **Gary Williams**, who ironically just two minutes earlier, at the other end, had hooked **Joe House's** angled effort off the goaline.

Peter Sutton shot weakly at **Daryl Pelton** when well placed to equalise but with 70 minutes gone **Edgware** found themselves two down when **Newing** foolishly brought down **Chris Gell** in the area and **Keller** fired in the resultant penalty.

Keller got his second four minutes later after an unfortunate slip by **Steve Hurd** and **Sargent** completed **Edgware's** humiliation nine minutes from time as the home side vainly appealed for an offside decision.

Edgware: Carter, Norton (Sutton), Makamian, Hurd, Elliott, Newing, Glynn (Carr), Roche (Moran), Ivers, House, Lyons.

Bartlett apologises for Stones shambles

Berkhamsted Town 4 Wealdstone 1
WEALDSTONE recorded their most embarrassing result of the season so far by losing to lowly Berkhamsted on Monday, a performance for which manager **Gordon Bartlett** apologised to supporters after the game and then promptly ordered his players in for extra training on New Year's Day, writes **Graham Smith**.

The home side went ahead in the 7th minute with a dubious penalty when **Paul Benning** was adjudged to have brought down ex-Stone **Neil Yates**, whose smile at the poor decision told its own tale. **Nightingale** scored from the resultant spot kick. **Berkhamsted** increased their lead on 19 minutes with a fluke goal, **Nightingale's** effort being deflected over the stranded **Noel Imber**.

Paul McKay's timely tackle in the 35th minute prevented **Cook** from scoring but a minute later the home side did go 3-0 up when **Shaun Fleming's** pass to **Benning** was intercepted by **Yates** who ran on to beat **Imber**. **Stones** pulled a goal back in the 38th minute when **Dominic Sterling**, clearly the visitors' best player, headed home from a **Steve Bircham** corner and they should have

scored again before the break when **Mick Swaysland** was put clear with only **Webb** to beat but the keeper saved with his legs and the ball rebounded to **Stuart Kent** who fired into the side netting. **Manager Bartlett** was confident that his side could turn the game round in the second half but unfortunately it didn't happen and it was **Berkhamsted** who really should have added to the

scoreline in the opening 15 minutes. **Hamilton** hit a post with **Imber** saving **Yates's** shot from the rebound, while **Jan Waugh** had to clear another effort off the line. **Webb** needed two attempts to keep out a goalbound header from **Sterling** following a **Chris Walton** free kick as **Stones** looked to pull back the deficit. But any hopes they had of a comeback were finally dashed in the 81st minute

when **Nightingale** headed across goal for **Clifford** to head **Berkhamsted's** fourth. **Imber's** magnificent save prevented **Nightingale** from getting a hat-trick and when the striker fired the loose ball goalward, it came back off a post into the keeper's grateful arms. **Wealdstone:** Imber, Dicker, Fleming, Sterling, Waugh (Fred), Benning, Walton (Holmes), Kent (Yaku), Swaysland, Bircham, McKay.

Borough saved by super Mac

Last-gasp goal earns well deserved point

Harrow Borough 2 Hendon 2
HAVING dropped points to late goals at both Sutton and St Albans recently, it was particularly satisfying for Borough to claim a deserved draw on Monday thanks to a late equaliser from **Frank McCormack**. A bumper holiday crowd was treated to an entertaining, incident packed game. **David Hook** showed his bravery early on to deny **Hendon** striker **Junior Lewis** and after this early scare Borough settled and a jinking run from **McCormack** past three defenders ended with him shooting over the bar and then **McCann** saved well from **Nelson Kumah**. After 18 minutes **Hendon** had a golden chance to take the lead when **Kenny Webster** was con-

By Lawrie Harries

home defence failed to clear a cross from the right and **Lewis** side-stepped **Webster** and **Alan Paris** before hammering the ball past **Hook** for the equaliser. With five minutes remaining a quick throw by **McCann** was sent first time upfield for **Lewis** to confidently drill a shot past **Hook** and the visitors appeared to have snatched the points. However, with time running out Borough won a corner from which the ball came out to substitute **Lee Randall** whose mis-hit shot found **McCormack** and the winger cleverly beat **Howard** before slipping the ball under **McCann** for a last gasp equaliser. **Harrow Borough:** Hook, O'Brien, James, Roberts, Webster, Paris, Adolphie (Randall), Bates, Gavin (Johns), N. Kumah, McCormack. Other sub: Dodds.



Double derby delight in the County Cup

THERE'S a double dose of derby delight in the **Middlesex Senior Cup** at the **White Lion** ground next week. On **Tuesday** **Edgware Town** take on **Wembley**, with former **Wares** boss **Jock McGleish**, who recently departed from the **Vale Farm** hotseat, likely to be an interested spectator at the match. That encounter is followed on **Wednesday** evening by the eagerly awaited clash between **Wealdstone** and **Harrow Borough**. Both games kick off at 7.45pm.

Fixtures

Saturday January 2
Ryman League Premier Div: Hampton v Harrow Borough.
Ryman League Div One: Wealdstone v Maidenhead Utd (White Lion ground, 3pm); Yeading v Wembley.
Ryman League Div Two: Hungerford Town v Edgware Town.
Ryman League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Hornchurch (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Tuesday January 5
Middx Senior Cup: Edgware Town v Wembley (White Lion ground, 7.45pm).
Wednesday January 6
Middx Senior Cup: Wealdstone v Harrow Borough (White Lion ground, 7.45pm).

Wembley sign duo from 'Down Under'

WEMBLEY'S latest signings are two Australians, formerly with Stevenage Borough, **Steve Sacco** and **Laurence Klempa**. **Manager Michael Charlton** has also signed striker **Mikka Ikomi** from **Northfield CAV** and keeper **Keith Karakomo**, formerly with **Hitchin**. All are likely to figure in the squad for the visit to **Yeading** when both **Ian Bates** and **Wayne Walters** return from suspension. Injury doubts are **Danny Norris** (knee), **Dave Vincent** (ankle) and **Davis Haule** (broken rib). **Darren Morley**, who broke a cheekbone at **Bognor**, will be out until **February**. **Wealdstone** have signed former **Yeovil** midfielder, **Levis Reid**, from **Slough** Town.

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It's looking grim for Lions

Wembley 1 Leyton Pennant 4
THERE was little Christmas cheer at **Vale Farm** on Monday as bottom of the table **Wembley** slumped to yet another heavy defeat and, on the evidence of this abysmal performance, their faithful supporters will have little to celebrate in the New Year either, writes **Richard Markiewicz**. Ravaged by injuries and suspension, the **Lions** were forced to field a makeshift line up and that is exactly how they performed. Fellow strugglers **Leyton** were probably the poorest outfit to

visit **Vale Farm** this season but, thanks to **Wembley's** Christmas goodwill, they managed to glean a two goal lead inside the first 10 minutes. A simple pass down the right flank completely opened up the **Wembley** defence and after the ball was hoisted over the stranded **Adrian Creamer**, the onrushing **Billy Cove** was left with the easy task of heading into an empty net to give **Leyton** a second minute lead. The visitors' second goal, eight minutes later, was even more farcical. **Arron Kirwan** and **Gerry Brennan** failed to clear a harm-

less long through pass and **Billy Reid** nipped in to steal the ball before planting it beyond the exposed **Creamer** to double **Leyton's** total. It was an uphill struggle for the disjointed **Lions** after that and several excellent **Creamer** saves prevented **Leyton** from extending their lead during the remainder of the half. There was a bit more commitment from the home side after the break, but thanks to some more sloppy defending the unmarked **Stuart McLean** gleefully took the opportunity to head home a corner to make it 3-0 in the 72nd minute.

Davis Haule managed to pull a goal back a minute later after the skilful **Sean McCarthy** had breached the **Leyton** rearguard with a great purposeful run into the danger zone. But soon after **Wembley** were reduced to ten men when **Haule** was stretched off with a serious chest injury and **Cove**, with a stunning 30 yard curling strike, hammered the final nail in **Wembley's** coffin 11 minutes from time. **Wembley:** Creamer, Levene, Kirwan, Sacco, Norris (Henderson), Brennan, Klempa, McCarthy, Robson (Bennett), Haule, Callender (Ikoma).

The latest Ryman League tables

Premier Division											Division One											Division Two											Division Three										
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