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Stones win with late blast

Wealdstone 3 Staines Town 1
BY JOHN COMFORT

STONES have rarely been inclined to do things the easy way this season and they didn't change the game plan for this final match of the season on Saturday, coming from behind to win with three goals in the last 24 minutes.

It enabled them to finish the campaign with the remarkable record of 17 wins, 1 draw and just one defeat from their last 19 games. Had the first half of the season been as profitable, Wealdstone would have been celebrating the championship, never mind third place.

However, whether it will give them the Premier Division place they deserve is in the hands of the FA appeals committee which will rule on their ground grading dispute with the Ryman League on May 20.

Stones made a poor start against Staines with Carl Holmes putting a free header wide from Paul McKay's cross after only two minutes before they conceded a goal in the 4th minute, Mark Butler netting after Noel Imber had made a pig's ear of trying



Wealdstone FC's promotion place winning squad. Back row (left to right): Alan Wharton (physio), Sean Fleming, Ian Waugh, Dominic Sterling, Brian Jones, Phil Dicker, Noel Imber, Lee Walker, Chris James, Mick Swaysland, Paul Benning, Rocky Baptiste, Paul Sharp (coach), Paul Rumens (chairman), Frank O'Brien (coach), Carl Holmes, Eddie Boxford, Steve Bircham, Leo Morris (assistant manager), Gordon Bartlett (manager), Chris Walton, Paul McKay, Paul Lamb, Graham Smith (kit manager), Richard Dobson.

to punch away James Glynn's long throw. Wealdstone posed few threats before the break, their best chance coming in the 37th minute when Staines keeper Matthew Lovett somehow kept out a point blank range header from Dominic Sterling. Imber made amends for his

earlier error when he blocked Chris Kerr's shot when he got clear and just before the break the visitors thought they had scored again when Francis Vines headed in a Tommy Butterfield corner - but the goal was ruled out for a foul on Imber. Stones lived up to the second half but, despite much

possession, they rarely troubled Lovett in the Staines goal. However, the tide turned dramatically in the 63rd minute when they finally broke through. From a Paul Lamb free kick several shots were blocked before Chris Walton drove in the equaliser from close range. It was the boost that Stones

needed and they went on to dominate the rest of the game. Holmes fired straight at Lovett after being put clear by Rocky Baptiste, but his finishing was far more accurate in the 78th minute when he powerfully headed home Lamb's cross to put Wealdstone ahead after a good build up that involved Steve Bircham, Phil

Dicker and Walton. Victory was sealed with a spectacular goal four minutes from time. Making his first appearance of the season, Lee Walker had only been on the pitch for two minutes, but with his first touch he cleverly flicked up Paul Benning's cross just inside the Staines area and sent a superb angled

volley over the stranded Lovett into the far corner of the net before embarking on a wild shirt waving celebration. A great end to another great season for Stones that will be even greater if the FA get their act together on May 20. Wealdstone: Imber, Boxford (Lamb), Sterling, Brennan, Dicker, Benning, Walton, Holmes, Baptiste (Walker), Bircham, McKay (James).

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Sutton Utd	42	27	7	8	89	93	88	Canvey Island	42	26	6	8	78	41	94	Bedford Town	42	29	7	6	89	31	94	Ford Utd	42	27	5	6	110	42	96
Aylesbury Utd	42	23	8	11	67	38	77	Hitchin Town	42	25	10	7	75	38	85	Harlow Town	42	27	8	7	100	47	89	Wingate & F	42	25	5	8	79	38	80
Dagenham & Red	42	20	13	9	71	44	73	Wealdstone	42	26	8	10	75	48	84	Thame Utd	42	26	8	8	86	50	86	Cheshunt	42	23	10	5	70	41	79
Purfleet	42	22	7	13	71	52	73	Braintree Town	42	20	10	12	75	48	70	Hemel Hempstead	42	21	12	9	90	50	75	Lewes	42	23	3	10	86	45	78
Enfield	42	21	9	12	73	49	72	Bognor Regis Tn	42	20	8	14	63	44	68	Windsor & Eton	42	22	6	14	84	55	72	Epsom & Ewell	42	19	4	15	79	60	61
St Albans City	42	17	8	17	52	65	Grays Ath	42	19	11	12	56	41	66	Basildon Ath	42	21	6	13	83	62	71	Ware	42	18	5	14	61	51	62	
Aldershot Town	42	16	14	12	83	48	62	Oxford City	42	16	14	12	58	51	62	Northwood	42	20	7	15	67	68	67	Tilbury	42	19	9	14	63	62	68
Basingstoke Town	42	17	10	15	63	61	Croydon	42	16	13	13	53	61	Markon	42	19	9	14	63	62	68	Croydon Ath	42	18	10	12	82	59	58		
Harrow Borough	42	17	9	16	72	66	60	Chertsey Town	42	14	16	12	57	57	58	Met Police	42	17	8	17	61	56	59	E Thurrock Utd	42	18	13	10	74	56	58
Gravesend & N	42	16	8	18	54	53	60	Romford	42	14	15	13	56	63	57	Leighon Town	42	16	10	16	60	64	58	Egham Town	42	18	15	13	10	74	56
Slough Town	42	16	11	15	60	53	59	Maldenhead Utd	42	13	15	14	50	46	54	Korsham	42	17	6	19	74	67	57	Corinthian Casuals	42	16	7	15	70	71	55
Billerica	42	15	13	14	54	56	58	Worthing	42	13	13	16	48	62	52	Markon	42	16	9	17	72	68	57	Southall	42	14	9	15	58	66	51
Hendon	42	16	9	17	70	71	57	Leyton Pennant	42	12	12	17	62	70	51	Edgware Town	42	14	10	18	65	68	52	Cambridge Town	42	18	4	16	66	77	50
Boreham Wood	42	14	15	13	59	63	57	Uxbridge	42	13	11	18	54	51	50	Wokingham Town	42	13	12	17	59	61	Avoley	42	12	7	19	50	67	43	
Chesham Utd	42	15	9	18	58	79	54	Barton Rovers	42	11	15	16	43	49	48	Widham	42	12	15	15	64	64	Flackwell Heath	42	11	9	18	59	70	42	
Dulwich Hamlet	42	14	8	20	53	63	50	Yeading	42	12	10	20	51	55	46	Wivenhoe Town	42	14	8	20	71	83	50	Hornchurch	42	10	9	19	48	73	39
Hybridge Swifts	42	13	9	20	51	85	48	Leatherhead	42	12	9	21	48	59	45	Wokingham Town	42	14	4	24	44	79	46	Clapton	42	11	6	21	48	89	39
Walton & H	42	12	7	23	50	77	43	Whiteley	42	13	6	23	51	72	45	Barking	42	10	11	21	50	75	41	Dorking	42	11	2	29	44	36	35
Hampton	42	10	12	20	41	71	42	Staines Town	42	10	15	17	33	57	45	Hertford	42	11	2	29	44	36	35	Kingsbury Town	42	7	10	25	48	92	31
Carshalton Ath	42	10	10	22	47	82	40	Molesey	42	8	20	14	35	52	44	Bracknell Town	42	7	10	25	48	92	31	Tring Town	42	6	6	30	48	124	24
Bishops Cleeve	42	9	10	23	49	30	37	Wembley	42	10	10	22	38	71	40	Abingdon Town	42	6	6	30	48	124	24								
Bromley	42	8	11	23	50	72	35	Berkhamsted Town	42	7	25	53	61	37																	

Jones hauls in the honours

BRIAN Jones picked up a haul of trophies at the Wealdstone FC Supporters Club's annual presentation dinner on Sunday. Not only did he take the Players' Player of the Year award, and the Junior Stones Player

of the Year Trophy for the second successive season, but he was also the first recipient of club chairman, Paul Rumens' new Oscar award which was secured by his performance in the dramatic 2-1 win at Worthing.



The Jock Law Supporters Player of the Year was defender Dominic Sterling, while John Jefferson won the Supporter of the Year award. The Chairman's award went to the management team of Gordon Bartlett, Leo Morris, Frank O'Brien and physio Alan Wharton for the superb achievement of leading Stones to their third successive promotion - subject to the club's appeal to the FA being successful. Guest speaker at the dinner, which was held at the Jarvis Hotel, Watford, was former FA Chief Executive, Graham Kelly.

Brian Jones with the Junior Trophy
 Pictured by Ed and Teraklan

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Wares line up new boss

EDGWARE Town have secured a successor to Steve Newing as manager, but are not yet revealing his identity due to his current involvement with another club. Wares are now expected to name the new man in the White Lion ground hotseat early next week. Edgware completed their season on

Saturday with a 6-1 defeat against Division One bound Harlow Town. Their lone goal came from a Joe Sheridan penalty. Keeper Andy Carter picked up two of the top awards at Edgware's presentation evening, winning the Players' Player of the Year and the Supporters Player of the Year awards. Popular midfielder Dave Makamba won the Manager's Player of the Year award with Mark Ivers taking the top scorer award. Marcel Davidson won the Manager's Player of the Year award for the Reserves with James Goodman being the Players' Player of the Year. Top scorer was Paul Moran.

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