



is not last senior game of millennium... Several clubs... several matches... played on New Year's Eve...

Frustrated Edgware lack finish for third win in a row

A BRIGHT start suggested a comfortable third win in a row was on the cards, but abysmal finishing and determined defending turned this into a very frustrating afternoon for the Wares.

**Edgware Town 1
Cheshunt 1**
BY MICHAEL FLYNN

attempting to clear, contrived a complete 'air shot' leaving the ball rolling agonisingly back towards the goal. However Sealey recovered and got back to clear the ball before it crossed the line.

Just before half time Edgware did manage to get the ball in the net. Leon Constantine challenged for a loose ball just outside the Cheshunt area and was clearly fouled. The ball broke free and Sealey's attempt to clear saw it rebound off Constantine and loop back over the keeper into the net. But it was clearly Sealey's

lucky day for the referee disallowed the goal and gave a free kick against Constantine. Cheshunt started the second half in more positive mode and took the game to Edgware. A run down the right by Wilkie ended with a low cross and only a timely interception by Dave Makamian prevented a goal. However, shortly after the

visitors did take the lead. Steve Hurd half cleared a corner and the ball fell to Obeng 25 yards out who hit a speculative shot goalwards and it threaded its way through a forest of legs and clipped Peterson's heel to leave Andy Carter stranded as it found the net. This was the signal for Edgware to up their game

and they dominated once again with Hurd leading by example. It was his powerful run, surging past two defenders, that ended with an inch perfect pass into the path of Darren Raymond who made no mistake from 10 yards to score the equaliser. Hurd repeated the feat five minutes later but Attoh was unable to control the final

pass and the chance was lost. All in all a disappointing afternoon, but Wares can take heart. Their young team is competing well and learning as they go and they approach the new millennium with a great deal of optimism. Edgware: Carter, Doe, Parry, Leslie, Makamian, Attoh, Glynn, Carr, Constantine, Raymond, Vincent (Hurd). Other subs: Yee, Cox.

Jones off as last-gasp goal thwarts Stones



Gordon Bartlett - bitterly disappointed.

Worthing 1 Wealdstone 1

THERE was more than just a hint of deja vu Saturday at Worthing's Woodside Road ground. On Wealdstone's last visit there back in April two players were sent off and last-gasp goals saw Stones snatch victory in a sensational finale. Unbelievably, on Saturday, there was more of the same - although on this occasion it was Worthing who came back from seemingly certain defeat to dramatically deny the visitors.



The stage was set for another nail biting conclusion to a hard fought match between two sides who clearly have little love for each other with the 76th minute dismissal of Worthing defender Miles Rutherford. Booked earlier following a foul on Paul McKay and an ensuing con-

frontation with Brian Jones, whose pointless intervention in an incident that did not concern him also saw him yellow carded, Rutherford got his marching orders after being cautioned again for a foul on Dominic Sterling. Wealdstone immediately set about

Bartlett's boys caught up in another seaside sensation
taking full advantage of the situation and when Paul Lamb's superb through pass put substitute Stuart Maynard in to blast a great strike past keeper Lee Bray with five minutes to go, the visitors appeared to have the points in the bag. However, to no-one's surprise,

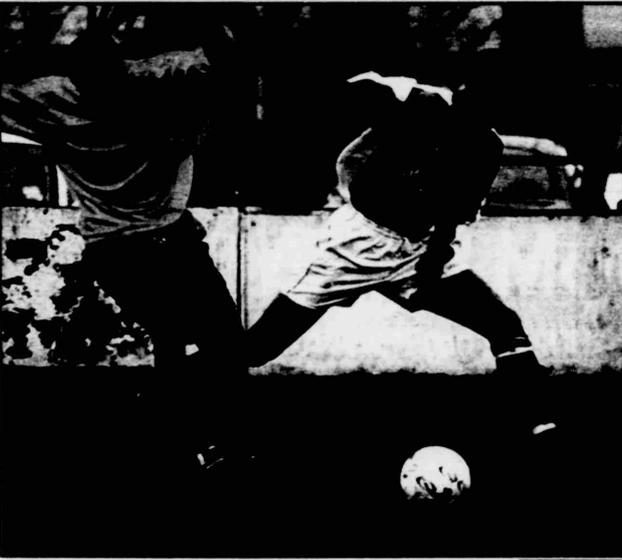
the drama was far from over! Three minutes later Jones needlessly brought down Guy Rutherford deep in the Worthing half and the reluctant caution for that foolish offence saw his involvement in the match brought to a premature end by referee Kelly's red card.

Borough in drop out zone as three more points slip away

HALFWAY through the season and in the thick of the relegation area, this was an important Ryman Premier League match for Harrow and one they badly needed to win to turn their season around. With three key players missing through suspension it was obviously going to be a difficult task and in the end it was one that proved beyond them. Borough began in determined fashion with Otis Roberts running through on the right and crossing only to see Vladimir Gusavac just fail to connect with the goal at his mercy.

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Slough Town 1**
BY TONY HOOPER

round the advancing David Hook and his attempt to lob the Borough custodian was held by the keeper. Hammatt also got clear for the visitors only to shoot straight at the well positioned Hook, and as the onslaught continued, Alan Paris and Mark Cooper both blocked shots while Johnny Kumah booted another effort off the line.



But Stones still looked comfortable, and only the acrobatics of Bray prevented Andy Prutton from sealing victory with a 30 yard blockbuster soon after. It proved to be a crucial save for Worthing striker Simon Funnell broke away unchallenged from halfway and unleashed a fine angled shot on the run from just outside the Wealdstone area that beat the diving Noel Imber and found the left hand corner of the net to give the home side a last-gasp equaliser.

Although a draw was a fair result, letting victory slip at such a late stage did not best please Stones boss Gordon Bartlett - and neither did the cordial dismissal of Jones. "You can't blame him for the goal," he said "but you have to ask yourself 'why did he do it?' " "On a bad pitch against a good side that are difficult to beat we did do a good, disciplined job for 88 minutes and then blew it! I'm bitterly disappointed."

He had every right to be. Wealdstone: Imber, Lamb, McKay (Lyons), Sterling (Maynard), Tibury, Dickson, Prutton, Jones, Bostford, Holmes (Baptiste), Bircham.

Then Damien Markman worked his way into a good scoring opportunity but was pressurised by Slough defenders in the area and hammered his shot directly at a grateful goalkeeper. Markman's pace continued to be a thorn in the side of the visitors and in a one-on-one with Slough's struggling keeper, was only thwarted by defenders racing back to help. But the keeper did well from a driven 30 yard free kick by Roberts which he didn't see until late, but got down to save. Slough countered with Richardson getting through on the left of the home area but he was harried as he tried to

Great saves from Hook denied both Hammatt and Richardson, but on the stroke of half time the visitors broke the deadlock from a corner when Richardson, despite stumbling, beat the transfixed keeper from 15 yards. In the second half only the outstanding Hook and his overworked defence prevented Slough getting a second goal in the early stages. But then the tide turned and John Hurlock put a great chance of equalis-

ing wide, while Clarke squandered two good opportunities. It was all Harrow, but

goals failed to materialise and another three points slipped sadly away. Harrow Borough: Hook,

Gieddy, Nwaokolo, Roberts, Cooper, Paris, Kumah, Hurlock, Gusavac (Towie), Markman, Clarke (Dodds). Other sub: Pollard.

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Lions v Wares is pick of holiday clashes

PICK of the Christmas holiday games on Monday is the derby clash between Wembley and Edgware at Vale Farm, kick off 3pm. The sides faced each other in last season's Middlesex Senior Cup when the Lions were struggling to avoid relegation

from Division One, but they scored a shock 2-0 win. Now going well in Division Two, Wembley will be fancied for a repeat performance, although Gary Hand's young team are also in good form and a share of the spoils is probably the most likely outcome.

Harrow Borough have signed ex-Chesham and Aylesbury midfielder Neil Catlin and he will be expected to make his Ryman League debut for the Earlsmead outfit at Hendon, kick off 2pm. Pat Gavin and Jon Barrie Bates are still banned but

Borough have Andy Rose back after suspension for a game they have to take something from to begin their climb away from the relegation zone. Dominic Sterling has a hamstring injury and is doubtful for Wealdstone's clash with second in the table Staines.

Latest Ryman League tables

Premier Division				Division One				Division Two				Division Three											
P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts				
Deperham & Rad.	19	15	3	1	47	11	48	Croydon	20	11	4	5	35	21	37	Ford Ltd	20	14	2	4	54	25	44
St Albans City	19	12	4	2	35	15	40	Staines	20	10	5	5	35	35	36	Hamlet Hoop	16	11	3	2	47	15	36
Dulwich Hamlet	19	12	1	6	43	29	37	Barnet Rovers	19	10	5	4	33	30	35	Northwood	17	11	3	3	51	23	36
Cheshunt Utd	21	11	4	6	35	22	37	Thame Utd	21	9	5	7	26	17	34	Marlow	17	11	3	3	37	17	36
Carey Island	19	10	4	5	27	21	34	Bromley	18	10	3	5	33	33	36	Berkhamstead Tn.	18	11	3	5	40	22	36
Gravesend	21	9	6	3	28	23	33	Mardenley	19	8	8	3	33	22	32	Wembley	19	10	4	5	31	28	34
Farnborough	20	6	6	5	23	24	30	Grays Ath.	19	8	6	5	28	23	31	Wealdstone	20	9	6	5	33	28	33
Aldershot Town	16	10	0	6	32	24	30	Braintree Town	21	8	8	5	32	34	29	Windsor & Eton	18	9	5	4	30	17	32
Billeyry Town	20	8	5	7	30	35	29	Yeading	22	6	10	6	25	30	28	Wingate & Finch	21	9	3	9	37	36	30
Slough Town	17	8	4	5	27	20	28	Wealdstone	17	7	8	5	24	28	28	Hungerford	22	8	5	9	36	41	29
Enfield	18	8	3	7	30	29	27	Worthing	19	7	7	5	28	28	28	Barking	18	7	4	29	23	28	
Hendon	17	1	8	28	35	25	26	Bedford	19	7	6	6	26	23	28	Wokingham Tn.	19	8	4	7	24	42	32
Hitchin Town	18	6	7	28	33	24	24	Whitbyvale	18	7	4	7	21	22	25	Tooting & M.Utd.	20	8	3	9	32	37	27
Watson & H.	21	6	6	9	29	26	24	Leathhead	20	6	6	8	25	27	24	Edgware Town	21	8	8	7	34	31	26
Purfleet	18	5	8	5	27	23	23	Enfield	18	4	8	6	25	21	23	Met Police	18	7	4	7	31	25	25
Hampton	19	5	7	22	29	22	22	Bognor Regis	17	5	7	5	23	22	22	Cheshunt	17	5	7	5	23	19	22
Cantham Ath.	18	5	3	10	23	26	18	Wokingham Tn.	17	5	8	24	20	26	26	Hungerford	22	8	5	9	36	41	29
Basingsale	19	4	4	11	23	26	18	Colford City	17	6	2	9	20	23	20	Leigham Town	19	6	2	11	32	19	22
Aylesbury Utd	21	4	4	13	31	15	16	Leyton Parson	19	5	8	6	22	31	20	Molesey	22	4	6	12	28	38	18
Harrow Boro	19	4	3	12	17	16	15	Bishops Cleeve	18	5	4	9	20	21	20	Horsham	19	2	6	11	24	42	32
Bosham Wood	21	4	3	14	15	40	15	Harrow Town	19	2	8	8	28	39	14	Witham Town	19	1	2	16	11	72	5
Haydock Swifts	18	3	3	12	26	39	12	Cheshunt S.P.	19	3	14	21	44	9	9	Cheshunt S.P.	19	0	3	16	14	52	3

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