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Bottom dogs make Lane struggle

Supermarine 1 Rayners Lane 4

RAYNERS Lane duly beat bottom of the table Supermarine on Saturday - but not before the home side had caused them plenty of problems and had at one stage looked likely winners.

With Jan Woodward making his first team debut in defence and Lee Bicknell restored to the attack, Lane took time to settle and as early as the 5th minute slack marking saw a tremendous shot cannon off their crossbar.

With Lane struggling, Supermarine took the lead after 10 minutes when a Paul Abell pass was intercepted and the resulting cross found a player in acres of space and he scored with ease.

Another good effort was blocked as Supermarine dominated but Lane gradually got into the game and a good run by Stuart Howard ended with his shot being turned round the post for a corner.

Lane took control in the second half but failed to create many openings and it looked as if they were never going to score until Joe Pascoe cut in from the wing and was brought down. From the free kick Pascoe bent the ball round the wall and into the net off the underside of the crossbar.

The goal settled Lane and it was not long before they went in front when Lee Bicknell's cross was headed home by Neil Owen.

Two goals within 10 minutes sealed it for Lane. Good work by Bicknell and Clements ended with Bicknell's cross being fired home by Owen at the second attempt and then Bicknell latched onto a bad back pass to score.

Rayners Lane: Rendle, Clements, Mills, Woodward, Abell, Coakley, Meaney, Howard, Bicknell, Owen, Pascoe. Sub: Cockram.

Harrison fluffs win chance

Aldershot 1 Wealdstone 1

MARK Harrison's penalty miss from the last kick of the match denied Stones three points in this Capital League game at Aldershot on Wednesday, writes Graham Smith.

When Samson Oleley was brought down in the box in the final minutes, Harrison's spot kick in his 100th appearance for Stones looked a match-winning formality, but his fierce shot hit the crossbar and went clear.

Ironically Aldershot had earlier gone ahead from a disputed penalty when Dave Martin was adjudged to have brought down McDonald in the 4th minute and Coombs scored from the spot.

Wealdstone equalised in the 35th minute when a glorious through ball from Don Shanks found John Campbell who neatly round the keeper and slotted home.

Aldershot had the better of the second half but from two great chances Cleeve hit the post in front of an open goal and then Beggs' blistering shot was superbly saved by Darren Williams.

Wealdstone: Williams, Shanks, Harrison, Findley, Risk, Tapley, Campbell (McCabe), Martin (Blennertsett), Olaley, Hall, Cosby.

Boro' return empty handed from East End

Leyton-W 1 Harrow Boro' 0 BOROUGH slipped up at desolate Leyton-Wingate on Saturday when a 59th minute goal from Frank Coles was enough to give the home side maximum points.

A bumpy, uneven pitch made sure that it was not going to be an afternoon for the ball-playing connoisseur and there was little goalmouth action for the small crowd who braved the cold conditions.

Tom McAllister did well to

turn a Taylor shot round the post while at the other end Wingate keeper Craig Tucker had to be alert as Eamon O'Connor tried to chip him. Phil Dicker and Mark Hopson combined well down the right on a couple of occasions but the final ball failed to trouble the home defence.

The second half saw Jon Bolle head narrowly past the post from a Campbell corner and then McAllister got down well to thwart Bee. At the other

end Borough had appeals for a penalty turned down when Martin Gurnel went crashing in the area.

The goal that won the game came when John Goodman, making his debut for Wingate, made a good run down the left and provided a fine cross which Coles met perfectly at the far post to net.

Play moved from end to end in the last half hour and both keepers were kept busy, but with some no nonsense defend-

ing there were only a few half chances.

Borough brought on Carl Zachau for the final 20 minutes as they pushed players forward in search of the equaliser but referee Whiffen's whistle signalled a pointless visit to the East End for the Borough faithful.

Harrow Borough: McAllister, Dicker, La Ronde, Rogers, Pridie, O'Connor, Hopson, Hardy, Gurney, Pennock, James (Zachau). Sub: Edwards.

'We were diabolical' says Rider after Edgware shocker

Eltham 2 Edgware 2

LOWLY Eltham denied Edgware maximum points on Saturday to put the brake on their charge for the Spartan League title.

It was a performance that certainly didn't please manager Brian Rider who laid the bulk of the blame for this upset on his midfielders who he said were "diabolical."

Edgware had the better of the first half and they should have opened the scoring when Mark White met a corner in the six yard box but put effort over and Shamus Finnerty also volleyed over when well placed.

However, they eventually went in front when Martin Kidd got the ball 30 yards out and went round a defender before lofting a perfect shot over the keeper and into the net.

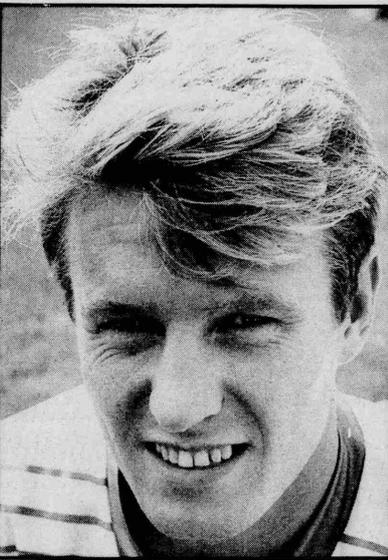
Phil Whelan blundered to gift Eltham an equaliser 15 minutes into the second half when he called for the ball from a free kick and then failed to come and get it and left an attacker a free header into the net from close in.

Edgware regained the lead when Vince Deritis put Kidd away to shoot past the advancing keeper but with nine minutes to go Eltham scored a comical equaliser. With Whelan again hesitating, Finnerty was forced to hack clear. The ball hit an Eltham player then ricocheted off Mark White's legs and spun into the net.

Edgware are now five points clear at the top of the Spartan League from Northwood who have a game in hand.

Edgware: Whelan, White, J. Mangan, Deritis, R. mangan, Kidd, Flynn, S. Finnerty, Charalambous (Burgerh), Davey, Pow. Sub: P. Finnerty.

Kelly eyes up a point for Stones



● Tony Kelly - scored the goal which gave Wealdstone a deserved point at Dartford.

Gane's battlers make sure there's no cup clash repeat

Dartford 1 Wealdstone 1

DARTFORD gave Stones a 4-0 drubbing in the Westgate Cup at Lower Mead just 11 days earlier, but in this Beazer Homes League Premier Division clash on Saturday they found Wealdstone a quite different proposition which earned the visitors a more than deserved point.

Dartford had the better of the first half and Mark Harrison did well to head a dangerous cross from Johnson away early on.

Soon after Leslie shot into the side netting from six yards and Peter Taylor, still so influential for Dartford, sent Hesselenthal clear but Foster pulled off a fine save.

Wealdstone enjoyed plenty of the ball, with Gbogidi looking particularly impressive, but they often fell into Dartford's disciplined off-side trap.

Steve Smart replaced the injured Steve Tapley after 32 minutes and proved an able deputy as Dartford pressed strongly towards the break. During this spell Hesselenthal broke down the right and his fierce low cross cannoned off Alan risk just two yards from the goal-line.

Stones started the second half brightly but fell behind in the 51st minute when Taylor intercepted a Harrison pass, raced inside and beat

By Steve Marshall

Foster with a curling shot from 20 yards.

Leslie's diving header from Hesselenthal's cross was close to a second goal and Sowerby also went close after good work by Taylor.

But Stones also had their moments and in a hectic goalmouth scramble Browne and Kelly almost applied the finishing touch.

The deserved equaliser finally arrived in the 71st minute. Samson Oleley pulled the ball wide for the advancing Goyette whose low drive was parried by McCutcheon and Tony Kelly was on hand to stab the ball home.

Vociferously urged on by their huge travelling contingent in the 841 crowd, Wealdstone almost clinched the match in the closing stages but when Browne's perfect cross found Kelly in front of goal he disappointingly headed over.

But nevertheless it was a splendid point for the ever improving Stones and if they can avoid injuries and suspensions they have every reason to believe they can still figure in the title race.

Wealdstone: Foster, Tapley (Smart), Harrison, Risk, Morris, Margerrison, Browne, Goyette, Oleley, Kelly, Gbogidi. Sub: Cosby.

Woeful Wembley fail to put the brake on their poor league run

Wembley 1 Croydon 1

WEMBLEY'S woeful, winless league run was stretched to seven matches on Saturday when they disappointed against fellow strugglers Croydon, writes Richard Markiewicz.

They took the lead with an excellent 29th minute goal from Steve Graham but despite having plenty of possession they didn't create enough chances to justify their claims and Croydon snatched a spectacular equaliser by Otis Roberts nine minutes from time.

But it was desperate stuff, typical of two sides fighting to avoid the drop, even at this early stage of the season.

Tony Waugh made two changes to the Wembley side. Veteran Tony Simpson was resurrected from semi-retirement to play at left back while Mark Wieblebnowski returned to midfield at the expense of Mark Anderson.

It was indicative of Wembley's heedful approach that winger Sylvester Williams spent most of the game defending in his

own half and it was not until the 20th minute that they had a worthwhile shot at goal - an acrobatic scissor kick from Waugh that narrowly missed the target.

Derek Brown had a more genuine effort nine minutes later with a low range shot forcing Croydon keeper Dennis O'Brien to dive across his goal and push clear. And from the resulting corner Wembley took the lead. Wieblebnowski's kick was knocked down by Williams and Steve Graham deftly hooked the ball over a crowded goalmouth and into the net from the edge of the penalty area.

Moments later Bobby Hutchinson had a great chance to put Wembley further ahead but steered the ball wide with only the keeper to beat.

But although firmly in control, Wembley never looked like extending their lead and were nearly made to pay for their defensive uncertainty on the stroke of half time when Evans's straggled unnoticed into their area to take Armstrong's cross but with only Jeff Fanner to beat

screwed his shot hopelessly wide.

Wembley's lone chance in the second half came shortly after the break when Bobby Hutchinson bounded clear only for O'Brien to anticipate the danger, racing from his goal to clear with his legs.

The game was interrupted in the 76th minute by a bizarre incident when Croydon's Dave Denton collided with referee Wilson who tumbled to the floor. The referee got up on a booked Denton.

With Wembley unable to wrap the game up with another goal there was always the danger that Croydon would snatch a draw and with 81 minutes gone it had; ended. Otis Roberts collected a free ball 35 yards out and unleashed a wicked shot that swerved past the Wembley defence and dipped at the last moment to enter the top of the net - one the place the despairing Fanner was unable to reach.

Wembley: Fanner, H. Hutchinson, Simpson, Walsh, McGrath, Waugh, Wieblebnowski, Brown, Graham, M. Hutchinson, Williams. Subs: Murphy, O'Hagan.

Saints pay for solitary cup error

Harrow St Marys 0 Hawkeye 1

WITH both these sides well placed in the League table, this League Cup tie had all the makings of a special match - and it lived up to expectations. Hawkeye looked a classy side in the early stages but

failed to deliver the goods in front of goal and after 25 minutes Saints got their act together and had the visitors reeling for the rest of the half with man of the match McKay being denied by a fine save from the Hawkeye keeper.

Both sides played football

of the highest quality in the second half but with the defenses holding their ground there was no breakthrough until 20 minutes from time when the ball broke loose in midfield, Hawkeye quickly latched onto it and pumped it into the Saints area where it

was slotted home.

Saints battled back but were left regretting a single error that cost them dearly.

Harrow St Marys: Dunn, Harjette, Dutch, Lilley, Nugent, Osborn, McKay, Iren, Richards, Geraghty, Mren. Subs: Etienne, Mather.

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