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Away day cheer for Wealdstone

Chelmsford 1 Wealdstone 3

WEALDSTONE gained only their second away win of the season with this emphatic victory at Chelmsford on Monday evening in front of a good crowd of 1,002, writes Steve Marshall.

Stones almost went ahead in the first minute when John Collins' cross struck Margerrison and flew towards the top corner of the net but Casey was alert to keep the ball out.

However, struggling Chelmsford shook Stones with a well taken goal in the 6th minute. Goldstone fired in from 20 yards and his misdirected shot was met by Wallace who cleverly hooked the ball home.

The home side were enjoying much of the play and Wealdstone had a lucky escape when Foster could only parry Goldstone's well struck free kick and was thankful to see the ball roll wide of the post.

From the resultant corner Foster's weak punch fell to former Stone Steve Hatter who blazed over from 10 yards.

It proved to be a costly miss for after Harrison had fired just wide from 25 yards, three successive corners led to Wealdstone's equaliser. Goyette's cross was pushed onto the bar by Casey and Collins was on hand to stab the loose ball home.

Wealdstone were in command from the restart and in the 60th minute they took the lead. Goyette's free kick on the edge of the area was touched to John Margerrison who curled the ball round the wall into the corner of the net for a real gem of a goal.

Stones wrapped up the points with a third goal in the 81st minute when Steve Browne headed down past Casey from Margerrison's corner.

Wealdstone: Foster, Smart, Harrison, Risk, Morris, Margerrison, Browne, Goyette, Flint, Kelly, Collins. Subs: Wilkins, Price.

Borough pay the price for their lack of finish

Harrow Borough 0 Hendon 2
BOROUGH paid a high price for their inadequate finishing on Monday as they slumped to a disappointing defeat against neighbours Hendon, writes John Comfort.

The match should have been all over by half time as Borough created chance after golden chance. But as fast as they were made, they were just as swiftly squandered.

Ironically Hendon showed them how it was done when they took the lead from one of their few opportunities three minutes before the break and two minutes into the second half a second goal as good as ended the contest.

The absence of the injured Martin Gurney and Sean Priddle was hardly noticed as Borough dominated the first half and they should have opened their account in the 4th minute when defender Furneaux misheaded and put Ray Pennock clear, but he shot across the face of goal and wide.

Pennock was put clear again after Eamon O'Connor dispossessed Duffy but keeper Root somehow managed to trap his low shot between his legs.

Root performed an action replay of that save when Andy Waddock broke clear but Borough's best chance followed a Hopson free

kick in the 33rd minute. The ball found Phil Dicker in space but after chasting it down he shot wildly off target with only Root to beat.

Hendon were hardly in it but a rare venture forward in the 42nd minute won them a free kick from which they opened the scoring. Keen found Zacharia whose shot was blocked and Tate was quickly onto the loose ball to score against his former club.

Duffield showed he could leather the ball when he forced Tom McAlister into a superb save from his 30 yard blockbuster but the Borough player-manager could do nothing about Duffield's 47th minute effort that put Hendon two up. Keen slipped a short free kick to Duffield and a rasping drive hit the back of the net before McAlister moved.

Borough never looked capable of recovering the deficit despite still having the chances to do so. Dicker broke clear only to have his shot blocked by Root and when O'Connor got free the keeper's long legs again saved his side. Duncan Hardy did get the ball in the net but it was ruled out for a foul on Root.

Harrow Borough: McAlister, Payne, Waddock, Rogers, Dicker, O'Connor, Hopson (Haynes), Hardy, Ripley (Fraser), Pennock, James.

Benevolent Lions just throw it away

Boreham Wood 3 Wembley 2

BOREHAM Wood were the latest team to benefit on Tuesday night from the generosity of the Vauxhall League's charitable organisation called Wembley Football Club, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Thanks to three horrendous errors, including two from the usually immune Jeff Fanner, Boreham Wood collected the points at Wembley somehow managed to square a two goal lead and suffer their sixth successive defeat.

The Lions took the lead in the 7th minute when Paul Bryan raced through the home defence and played a brilliant pass to Sylvester Williams who cut into the goal area and hit a fierce drive which the keeper got a hand to but was unable to prevent entering the bottom corner of the net.

Bryan made it 2-0 after 19 minutes, turning to force the ball home from close range after Steve McGrath had headed down Derek Brown's corner.

Wembley were never in an danger until disaster struck shortly before half time when Boreham Wood were provided with two goals in as many minutes.

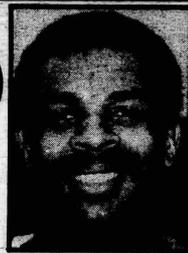
In the 42nd minute a square and motionless backline allowed Steve Smith's free kick to bounce over their heads and Mark Lincoln nipped in to easily beat Fanner. Two minutes later Fanner presented Wood with the equaliser when he attempted to push Niamark's cross over the bar but only succeeded in flapping the ball into his own net.

Fanner's benevolence extended to a winner for the home side in the 62nd minute when he completely misjudged Baxter's free kick, enabling Hatchett to stab home.

Wembley: Fanner, McGrath (Strachan), Simpson, Walsh, Janaway, Graham, Williams, Brown, P. Bryan, B. Hutchinson, Katsiaounis. Sub: Murphy.

Rock bottom Lions keep faith with boss

Waugh's job 'Not on line'



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THE prospect of relegation stares Wembley full in the face this week after they tumbled to the bottom of the Vauxhall League's First Division but despite their dire position, the club insist that they will be keeping faith with under-pressure manager Tony Waugh.

The Lions have hovered precariously above the danger area for the past six weeks but successive defeats against Wivenhoe and Boreham Wood have dropped them into the basement and rumours have been rife that the axe is about to fall on Waugh.

But club secretary Roy Calmels said that Waugh job was safe. "Tony Waugh's job is not on the line. He will certainly be with us until the end of this season."

He added: "We are still optimistic that we can get out of trouble. We appreciate that we are in the mire but there is no mood of resignation at the club. "Everything that could go wrong has gone wrong, but the spirit among the players is very good and they are giving 100 per cent."

Aian Dafforn, who resigned as Wembley boss two seasons ago to take over at neighbours Kingsbury, was the man being widely tipped to return to Vale Farm but Calmels said "You can discount any speculation that Alan Dafforn is coming back."

Waugh will be cheered by the fact that Wembley



managers usually enjoy long terms in office. Waugh took over two years ago from Dafforn who had a 10 year spell with the club and prior to that Markin Hackett was in charge for four years.

The club is also not noted for sacking managers, although a couple of well known names have fallen by the wayside.

The last was Allen Batsford who was sacked by Wembley in 1965. He then took Wimbledon out of the Southern League and into the Football League. The flamboyant Malcolm Allison was axed by Wembley in 1963 after just nine months in the manager's job.

In their bid to steer clear of the drop Wembley have given Waugh a free hand to buy new players and he added to his squad this week with the signing of ex-Brentford professional Rob Larkin, who can double as either centre back or striker, was with St Albans earlier this season.

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE						
Premier Division						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Dover	23	13	4	6	42	20
Bath	23	13	7	3	36	18
Dartford	20	13	4	3	36	17
Altrincham	23	11	4	8	30	28
Burton	23	11	5	7	37	38
Cambridge C.	21	12	1	8	45	27
Gravesend	23	10	7	6	38	32
Worcester	22	9	3	10	41	38
Sharnbrook	22	9	5	7	25	27
Crawley	24	7	9	7	35	29
Meor Green	21	8	4	9	30	24
VB Rugby	21	7	7	7	23	25
Dorchester	7	6	4	13	31	27
Weymouth	21	7	4	10	29	25
Ashford	19	7	4	8	24	25
Cluswell	7	6	6	6	30	25
Waterbury	21	6	4	11	26	31
Chelmsford	23	4	6	13	25	44
Alvechurch	22	4	6	13	28	51
Coity	22	4	3	15	25	39
Geoport	21	3	3	15	16	12

VAUXHALL LEAGUE						
Premier Division						
	P	W	D	L	F	A
Slough	13	4	1	4	12	15
Aylesbury	20	13	4	3	46	14
Wokingham	20	13	4	3	31	16
Kingslinch	22	11	4	4	49	28
Hendon	21	11	3	7	34	25
Dagenham	23	10	6	7	28	25
Widnes	23	11	7	5	35	31
Basingstoke	19	11	1	7	28	27
Canterbury	22	10	3	9	35	31
Leyton-W	22	10	2	9	28	32
Redbridge F	21	9	9	5	28	30
Hayes	21	7	8	6	38	34
Grays Ath.	22	7	8	7	29	30
Sheppey S.	20	8	9	6	38	28
Harrow B.	20	8	7	7	28	29
Marlow	20	6	7	20	24	25
St Albans	22	6	11	15	35	23
Staines	20	6	3	11	32	41
Bognor	19	3	7	9	18	37
Dulwich V	23	3	8	14	16	15
Barking	21	3	5	13	29	44
Bromley	22	1	7	14	14	10

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Wealdstone look to end the Bath jinx

WEALDSTONE go west on Saturday looking to put an end to the Bath bogey.

Stones' record against City is grim to say the least. In 34 meetings, they have only managed four successes and with Bath currently the in-form side in the Beazer Homes League, Wealdstone's chances of improving on that tally will not be rated too highly, despite their fine run of three consecutive wins over the holiday period.

Stones will again be without Paul Bogdidi who is still suspended but apart from Tony Lynch, who is still recovering from his cartilage operation, manager Alan Gané has no injury problems.

Wealdstone supporters club will be running a coach to

Bath, departing at 11.30am from Lower Mead. Cost is £10 adults, £9 juniors and OAFs and £5 for junior Stones if accompanied by an adult. Bookings can be made at the club office, 427-4064.

Harrow Borough visit Redbridge Forest with their lineup depleted by injuries and suspensions.

Phil Dicker will be missing as he starts a two match suspension while Martin Gurney will definitely be out with a shoulder injury and Sean Priddle is also doubtful with a shin injury.

However, Colin Payne is expected to play, wearing a harness to protect the shoulder injury which he aggravated against Hendon on Monday and Everal La Ronde could

return following an ankle injury.

Wembley seek much needed points to take them off the bottom of the league when they journey to Harlow on Saturday with new signing Rob Larkin likely to make his debut.

Harry Hutchinson should also play having missed the last two games with a bout of flu.

Kingsbury hope to have Gary White back after injury for their tough home game with Woking on Saturday.

Alan Dafforn has lost defender Paul Fitzgerald to Chalfont St Peter, but he has boosted his squad with three recent signings, ex-Hendon striker Les Davis, Jason Dale from Finchley and former

Wembley defender Don Kearns.

Edgware face a tough task away to third placed Barking-side as they bid to regain their grip at the top of the Spartan League table.

Ray Mangan is back after a holiday to tighten up the Edgware defence which conceded four goals against Haringey, having only conceded 11 in their previous 20 league games.

Manager Don Durkin hopes to have flu victim Fergus Meaney and Lee Bicknell, who has been suffering from a stomach complaint, fit for Rayners Lane's difficult match at Kintbury who are unbeaten in their last eight games.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday January 6
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Bath City v Wealdstone.
Vauxhall League Premier Division: Redbridge Forest v Harlow Borough.
Vauxhall League Division One: Kingsbury Town v Woking (Silver Jubilee Park, Spn); Harlow Town v Wembley.
Greenwich Spartan League Premier Division: Barking v Edgware.
Federated Homes League: Kintbury Town v Rayners Lane.
Monday January 8
Middle Senior Cup replay: Hounslow Town v Harlow Borough.
Tuesday January 9
Clubshell Cup: Ashford Town v Wealdstone.
Friends' Cup: Kingsbury v London Commercial League (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).