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Ashford Town 3 Wealdstone 2

Beazer Homes League Southern Division

The team had hit a rich vein of poor form that incorporated a 5-1 defeat at Weymouth, a 6-2 drubbing at home, courtesy of Baldock Town, and a 2-1 defeat at mighty Bedfont in the Middlesex Senior Cup. A trip to Ashford, who were going along very nicely, was not looked forward to with any relish.

There were a couple of positives to take in at the time. Gerry Elward and Tommy Mason had settled into a decent midfield partnership and Tim Buzaglo had started to look the part and was shortly to hit an astonishing run of goalscoring form. He was playing up front with the talented but inconsistent Simon Quail and Roddy Braithwaite, so goals never seemed too far away.

But at Ashford it seemed we were in for a relatively heavy defeat as by half time we trailed by 2 goals to 0. We had attacked quite well without finding the net, but the home side were playing with greater confidence and made more of the chances that came their way. The second half saw a terrific comeback by The Stones as first Gerry Elward notched and then Tim Buzaglo, who came on as a substitute, levelled the scores. It was an absolute gut wrencher when the home side notched the winner just a couple of minutes from the end and somewhat against the run of play.

Team v Ashford Town: Kevin Robbins, Andy Jukes, Terry Birch, Mark Hill, Darryl Page, John Shannahan, Tyrone Kent, Roddy Braithwaite, Gerry Elward, Simon Quail. Subs Rod Findlay, Tim Buzaglo, Billy Hudson