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## WEALDSTONE suffer double disappointment Chelmsford loss follows Poole defeat for Stones

By Anthony Matthews

CHELMSFORD City kept their play-off bid on track after comfortably beating Wealdstone 3-0 at the Melbourne Stadium on Monday night.

Bagasan Graham opened the scoring on 14 minutes before a Chris Dickson brace secured the victory.

Stones boss Bobby Wilkinson made three changes to the side that lost 2-1 at Poole Town at the weekend. Ricky Wellard, Dan Fitchett and Bradleyubb came in for Matty Whichelow and Jeffrey Monakana, who dropped to the bench, and the injured Danny Green.

The hosts dominated the opening stages and took a 14th-minute lead after a series of Chelmsford backheels in the Stones area eventually found their way to Graham, he beat Eddie Oshodi and smashed an effort into the roof of the net from close range.

Graham should have doubled his tally four minutes later when Jonny Giles cut inside and delivered a perfect cross onto his head but he nodded it straight at Jonathan

North.

But the Clarets did net a second on 28 minutes after Ryan Sellers' headed clearance went straight to the in-form Scott Fenwick. He played in strike partner Dickson, who fired home.

Wealdstone then enjoyed their best spell of the match and Glenn Wilson was left wondering how he didn't score after powering a diving header goalbound, only for Sam Beasant to tip it onto the crossbar with a reaction save.

Wilson did beat Beasant minutes into the second half. Monakana's free-kick found the defender's head again but this time Josh Wallen was in the right place to clear off the line.

Despite having a much quieter second half, it was the hosts who scored the next goal. Dickson collected the ball on the left, cut inside and unleashed a fine 25-yard swerving effort into the far top to seal the three points.

The Stones did pose a threat from set pieces and went close again late on. Monakana's delivery from a corner found Oshodi, he headed into the ground and the ball bounced just over the crossbar.



Action in the area from Wealdstone's 2-1 defeat at Poole Town on Saturday.  
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## Basement Tooting hold Borough

**BAKER'S SIDE SECURE A POINT AFTER THEIR FOURTH GAME IN EIGHT DAYS**

HARROW Borough's exertions caught up with them as they struggled to a 1-1 draw against basement battlers Tooting & Mitcham United on Saturday.

It was no surprise that Steve Baker kept faith with the same starting XI that had thumped Lowestoft 6-0 on Thursday. But although Borough took an 11th minute lead through Kurtis Cumberbatch, they could have absolutely no complaints at the eventual outcome after their fourth game in eight days.

Cumberbatch's goal came with a shot from the edge of the area after being set up by Shaun Preddie, but by that stage Tooting had already created enough opportunities to have raced into a four-goal lead.

The visitors continued to press after going behind, but Harrow then enjoyed a good spell before the break with Cumberbatch curling narrowly wide and George Moore shooting over.

Tooting continued to play neat football at odds with their basement position and their efforts were finally rewarded in the 69th minute when Dominic Morgan-Griffiths twisted inside two defenders and lashed a shot past Melvin Minter.

Although the visitors continued to hold the upper hand after getting back on terms, Borough went close to a second when Cumberbatch's free-kick hit the bar.

But Tooting almost snatched the points when Minter was beaten by Juevan Spencer's shot, only for Anthony O'Connor to make a superb block.

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