

Ryman League Division One South – Saturday 8 December 2007

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Cray Wanderers stretched their unbeaten run to nine matches, coming from behind to secure a point from a thoroughly deserved 1-1 draw away to fourth placed Kingstonian.

For the third consecutive match the Wands were able to field the same team and matched their opponents punch for punch during the opening exchanges.

In torrid conditions the home side started brightly and Glen Knight had to be at his sharpest to smother early efforts from Dean Lodge and Bobby Traynor.

Playing with the wind to their advantage the Wands won the battle of midfield with Jamie Wood creating openings for his brother Lewis and Ross Lover.

Lover himself went closest to opening the scoring on the half hour mark, his jinxing run culminating in a shot that crept the wrong side of the post.

Luke Garrard was kept busy in goal for K's and twice before the break had to turn the ball away for corners.

It wasn't all one way traffic though as Kingstonian showed why they are in a play off position with their two front men proving problems for the Wands' defence with their darting runs.

Ten minutes into the second half Cray had two appeals for penalties (handball) waved aside before moments later the home side took the lead.

It looked as though the danger had been cleared from a Kingstonian attack but the Wands were punished for not clearing the ball as Traynor swept his shot past Knight from the edge of the box.

With time running out the Wands replaced Ryan Royston with Junior Baker and it was the substitute that led to the equaliser after 84 minutes being fouled just outside of the area.

Jamie Wood took the free kick and inexplicably Lodge, acting as a one man wall, jumped with arms aloft blocking the cross giving the referee no option other than to award a penalty.

Michael **Power** took the spot kick and although Garrard got his hand to it he was unable to prevent the striker from notching up his tenth goal of the season and by doing so ensuring the Wands' record of scoring in every game this season continued.

Cray Wanderers: Knight, Day, Aris, Chapman, Willy, Royston (Baker 82), Lover, L.Wood, J.Wood, Power, Hall (Fenwick 75)

Unused subs: Lockett, Sterling, Thorogood.