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Surgeon fraudster faces jail



Mohammed Suhaib Sait, 61, has been found guilty of two counts of fraud and two of forgery



Darent Valley Hospital

A surgeon faces being jailed after pocketing thousands of pounds by fraudulently inflating claims to insurers for knee procedures.

Mohammed Suhaib Sait was found guilty of two counts of fraud and two of forgery after a three-week trial.

The 61-year-old worked at Fawkham Manor Hospital in Longfield, where the offences took place, and Darent Valley Hospital.

He was investigated by his employer BMI Healthcare after it became aware he was carrying out knee surgeries and charging insurers for more expensive procedures.

The father-of-four managed to halt the probe when he produced two letters which appeared to be from insurers that cleared him from any wrongdoing. In fact, they were forgeries.

It was only when a colleague demanded the authenticity of the correspondence be checked that Sait's lies started to unravel.

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I can handle the pressure

By Matthew Panting

Ebbsfleet striker Dominic Poleon is happy to carry the weight of expectation as they aim to avoid relegation.

The 30-year-old took his tally for the season to 12 after scoring twice in the Fleet's 3-2 National League defeat at home to Bromley on Boxing Day.

The loss saw Ebbsfleet drop a place to 22nd in the table, one point from safety, and all eyes will be on Poleon to help steer them away from danger.

"That's your job, isn't it?" responded Poleon, on the expectation of more goals. "Goalkeepers are there to save them, strikers are there to score or make them. If it's too much pressure, don't be a footballer."

"I should have a few more but I've got to keep chipping away and not getting too high with the highs or too low with the lows. That's how I try to keep focus."

"Hitting the post twice in back-to-back games had been a bit frustrating so I am happy that I've scored but the result matters more to me."

Poleon did cut a dejected figure despite his brace against Bromley, the second a smart finish after a precise pass from substitute Craig Tanner.

"I'm not happy. I want to win games," stressed Poleon. "Selfishly scoring goals is cool but the position we're in, we need to start getting wins on the board. We need to get out of this position and really show what we're about."

"I've been unlucky in that the game before York I hit the post, and the game before that I hit the post, so I feel like it's been coming. But I can't even go home and be happy that I've scored."

"It's really bitter-sweet for me, other strikers are happy to score but I want my team to win. I want to get wins on the board, I want to be in a better position in the table and that's really my main focus."

"The first one was a tap-in and then the second was a great ball

from Tanner and I back myself to score goals if I get into those positions and the team create chances for me."

Ebbsfleet get an immediate chance to bounce back when they visit Bromley this Saturday. Poleon has often been an isolated figure this season but he knows that he needs to take the chances when they come along.

"It's tough," he added. "When we're losing games it's tough to pick yourself up but the good thing in football is you've always got another game."

"The thing for me personally is I want to be involved in the game, and when chances fall to me like they did on Boxing Day then I need to pride myself on taking them."

"Honestly, it's a results-business in football and while personal accolades are part of it, we're a team and it's not an individual result."

"I don't think we played bad (on Boxing Day) but one or two mistakes are costing us at the moment and that's the luck we're getting at the moment. When you start slowly and things don't go your way then you need to come out like that in the second half and impose your game on the opposition."

"We need to refocus and go again in a couple of days. If we can start the return game like we started the second half on Boxing Day then hopefully things will be in our favour. But we need to start right, we can't keep killing ourselves by going behind and trying to climb a mountain."

■ Ebbsfleet goalkeeper Mark Cousins scored his first-ever professional goal to rescue a point in a 1-1 draw at York, heading in from a stoppage-time Craig Tanner corner last Saturday.

■ Dr Abdulla Al-Humaidi has resigned as Ebbsfleet United chairman after he was declared bankrupt by London's High Court last month.

He has been replaced by his cousin, Abdullah Al-Humaidi, one of two new directors who were added to the club board at the end of November.



Match-winner Richard Chin in the thick of the action for Dartford at Welling on Boxing Day

Picture: Keith Gillard

Derby success boosts Dartford morale

Dartford coach Martin Tyler admitted their Boxing Day win at Welling was crucial for the morale of the squad.

The Darts lost 3-0 at home to St Albans last Saturday on the back of a 4-0 defeat at Tonbridge. They eased the pressure on manager Alan Dowson thanks to Richard Chin's second-half winner at Park View Road.

"We're very pleased, it's a derby win that makes it more special for the supporters but for us it was about getting three points in the game having had a couple of bad results," said Tyler.

"After the way we played against Torquay and Yeovil, we

felt we were going in the right direction but then we had a couple of setbacks. It was a crucial fixture for the morale of the squad and we've come through it."

"We deserved to win, we had other chances to make it a wider margin but when it's 1-0 you get a bit nervous with five minutes of added time but we handled that well."

Tyler praised on-loan Charlton midfielder Chin, who scored his third goal since re-joining Dartford last month.

"George Alexander made a great run and like the proper striker that he is, he tried to score himself," said Tyler.

"Chinny was galloping to get

there and this is a sapping pitch, but he got there and we were delighted with that moment."

"The first goal was important with fragile confidence in both camps going into this game so who scored first was likely to get a big lift."

"He has an eye for goal. The first two were very spectacular and this was a tap-in by getting there. People will say it was an easy chance but you have to get there. A lot of players would have just watched the ball come off the goalkeeper and Welling would have cleared it."

The teams will go head-to-head again on Saturday at Princes Park in National League South.

Tyler is expecting a response from Welling, who remain well adrift of safety in the bottom four while the Darts, although currently in the bottom half, sit six points away from the play-off places.

"In the dressing room afterwards, (Welling manager) Danny Bloor was venting his spleen at his players and we could hear it so they'll be really motivated to come and play us again on Saturday," he said.

"The best way for them to bounce back would be to reverse the result so we've got to be ready for that. We have to do it again on the day and we need to emphasise the points that came good."

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