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O'Connor's blockbuster fails to fire Borough

Harrow Borough 1 Harrow 2

ANOTHER blockbuster of a goal from Eamon O'Connor on Tuesday night was good enough to win any game...

O'Connor struck after 17 minutes. Jeff Rowe's cross from the left was cleared by defender Kelly to O'Connor 30 yards out...

But it didn't take long for Borough's rearguard to blow away that advantage...

Stokely Savoyers should have regained the lead six minutes later after Mark Pyle had robbed Kelly and put him clear...

Borough were made to rue that miss eight minutes into the second half when Hayes went in front...

With a floodlight pylon fading during the closing stages, so did Borough's efforts...

Harrow Borough: Compston, Bennett, Alexander, Payne, Rogers, O'Connor, Sawyer (Barrowcliff), Pyle, Rowe, Gurney, Stocker. Sub: Mills.

Waspas face French challenge

Battle of the champions

THE battle of the champions takes place at Sudbury on Sunday when Courage Clubs Champions Waspas play the French Club Champions, Racing Club de France...

The match follows last season's exciting match for the Challenge Cup when Toulon beat Bath.

A capacity crowd will be expected at Sudbury as rugby fans get a rare chance to see a top French club in action.

The unfancied Racing Club team beat Agen in an uncom-

promising French Final at Parc Des Princes, but they will need to be in top form to overcome a Waspas side bursting with confidence after snatching the Courage League title in such dramatic fashion in the final match of last season.

After returning from their short pre-season tour to St Jean de Luz, Waspas will warm up for the clash against Racing Club with an away match at Maesteg on Saturday.

Waspas begin their defence of the Courage League Championship on Saturday September 22 when they are away to London rivals Harlequins...

league match is on Saturday October 6 when they play Leicester.

New players at Sudbury this season include centre Graham Childs who was with England in Argentina this summer, hooker Harry Roberts from Richmond, scrum half Chris Wright from Orrell, locks Ronald Cullinan from Dublin Wanderers and Richard Kinsey and number 8 Mike Harris from Blackheath.

Waspas have lost centre Kevin Simms, whose medical posting to Liverpool makes it impossible for him to train and play in London, while fly half Guy Gregory has joined Nottingham during studies at Sheffield Poly.

Chris Oti, plagued by injury last season, played in more or less every game on England's tour of Argentina and seems back to full fitness to start the new campaign.

Sean O'Leary, who broke several ribs in a serious car accident at Easter, pulled out of the Argentine tour, but is also intending to start the new season on time.

David Pegler, who suffered a spiral fracture of a leg bone in that glorious final Courage League match against Saracens, is on the mend but Fran Clough, who broke his leg in the Amsterdam Sevens, is unlikely to be back in action before November.

New boys star for slick Stones

Wealdstone 3 Gravesend 0

WEALDSTONE enjoyed a most convincing victory over Gravesend on Tuesday evening in which two debutants played a major part, writes Steve Marshall.

David Gipp, signed from Barnet, excited the 531 crowd with his skills which culminated in a superb move to create the third goal, and Colin Robinson excelled at full back.

Chris Vagg, growing more confident in each game, tipped Kenny Brambles' back header wide in the 4th minute but four minutes later it was Stones who made the breakthrough. Browne's corner was nodded on by the excellent Tony Kelly and

when the ball was half cleared to Paul Goyette, he rifled it into the roof of the net from six yards.

Tony Kelly's almost made it 2-0 with a back header in the 19th minute which looped over keeper Hepple, but John Palmer was on hand to head clear.

Gipp went close on several occasions but Gravesend too had their moments, particularly when Vagg excelled to deny Bowey's sharp deflection from Blewden's drive.

Stones extended their lead four minutes into the second half when Browne beat two defenders and curled his shot inside the post, and although Bramble and Dou-

glas missed good chances for Gravesend, it was the home side who always looked the more likely to add to the score - and so it proved.

David Gipp capped a splendid display by beating Hennessy and chipping the advancing Hepple for Barry Blackman to firmly head home and open his league account.

A booking for skipper Goyette was the only blot on a thoroughly satisfactory night for Stones.

Wealdstone: Vagg, Robinson, Harrison, Tapley, Fergusson, Donnellan, Browne, Goyette (Lynch), Gipp, Blackman, Kelly. Sub: Bartlett.

Wembley cop win against jinx rivals

Met Police 2 Wembley 3 FOR the first time in nine visits to Imber Court, Wembley have at last beaten Met Police - but they made hard work of their victory, writes Richard Markiewicz.

The Lions took a two goal lead at half time, the first coming in the 28th minute when Steve Graham's quick throw caught the Police flat footed and Steve Salsman flicked the ball on for Lance Cadogan to turn his marker and slot home.

Paul Shields hit the underside of the crossbar with a powerful header before Wembley increased their lead in the 36th minute when Shields headed down Eric Waugh's throw in the goalmouth for Gursel Gulfer to volley home.

Wembley came out for the second half apparently dazed at the prospect of their first win at Imber Court since 1980 - and the Police caught them napping. John Nicholson fired against the woodwork before the home side reduced the arrears in the 48th minute when Bill Mochan's corner deflected into the net off Paul Shields.

That goal woke Wembley up for within 60 seconds Lance Cadogan curled over a superb cross for Steve Graham to head home to restore their two goal advantage.

Dick Strickland cut in from the left to fire a second goal for the Police past a startled Andy Smith in the 68th minute, and Wembley had to endure several anxious moments in the closing stages to hold onto the points.

Wembley: Smith, Larkin, E. Waugh, Johns, Shields, Graham, Gulfer (Foley), Bryan (Strachan), Cadogan, B. Hutchinson, Salsman.

Kingsbury cup exit

Kingsbury 0 Yeading 4 KINGSBURY went out of the AC Delco Cup on Tuesday when FA Vase holders Yeading proved too strong for them.

Keith Hibbert, Steve Newing, Steve Croad and Paul Swales found the net for Yeading.

Kingsbury's best chance, a Darren Coleman header from Mark Keane's cross, was well saved by keeper Stuart McKenzie.

Kingsbury: Coffey, Keane, Birch, Evans, Coleman, Brown, Surridge, Collins, N. O'Rourke, Kenny, Simpson. Subs: J. O'Rourke, Gale.

Kingsbury had their first league win on Saturday. Goals from Troy Birch, Mark Keane and Cecil Collins saw them beat Basildon 3-2 in a match which saw John O'Rourke and Basildon's player-manager Tony Mahoney both sent off.

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier Division

Table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Bessborough, Camd, Poole, Waterlooville, Gosport, etc.

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Table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Dagenham, Gayts, Woking, etc.

DIVISION ONE

Table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Dorking, Welling, Chatham, etc.

DIVISION TWO

Table with columns P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Silchester, Welling, Vaux Mot, etc.

Fixtures

Table listing fixtures for Saturday September 1, Tuesday September 4, and Tuesday September 5 across various divisions.

Kiwi keeper set to make his debut for Wealdstone

NEW Zealand B international goalkeeper Wayne Roach is set to make his debut for Wealdstone on Saturday in their home game with Moor Green on Saturday.

Roach, who was recommended to the club, has been brought over by Stones on trial and will get his first team chance as Chris Vagg will be missing the next three games due to business commitments.

After his fine performance against Gravesend, former Gateshead and Burnley defender Colin Robinson, looks set to keep his place at the expense of Steve Smart. Paul Gbogidi and Steve Jenkins are also in contention for places.

Wembley will be performing for the cameras on Saturday when they start their FA Cup campaign against Beazer Homes League side Bury Town. The match is being filmed by BSB TV as part of a "Wembley to Wembley" cup feature.

Paul Bryan and Gursel Gulfer both limped off injured against Met Police on Tuesday but are expected to be fit for the game.

With a home tie against Harrow Borough beckoning in the next round, Edgeware need no greater incentive to do well in their FA Cup debut in Edinburgh in July, and he should win his third consec-

string injury and Mark White who has an ankle injury are manager Brian Rider's only injury doubts.

Troy Birch took a knock against Yeading but is expected to be fit for Kingsbury Town's Cup clash away to Essex League Ford United.

Harrow Borough have no injury problems as they look for their first league points of the season from a tough home game with Redbridge. Mark Hopson is back off holiday but is unfit and will not be considered for selection but he is likely to play in Tuesday night's friendly at Earlsmead when Hounslow will provide the opposition - subject to them not being involved in an FA Cup replay.

Borough boss Tom McAlister has agreed to transfer listed defender Sean Priddle going on a month's loan to Southall.

Rayners Lane boss Don Durkin delays selection of his side to play South Midland League club Hoddesdon Town, although definitely out are the injured Darril Clements and Robert King.

Good news for Lane is that Player of the Year and skipper Paul Abell has been given the all clear to resume training following his pelvic muscles injury.

Gayts youngsters go for National glory

MORE than 60 local youngsters travel to Birmingham on Saturday to represent Old Gaytonians AC in the National Finals of the Woolworths Young Athletes League, the national competition for athletes aged 11 to 16.

240 teams took part in the League in 1990 and the top 16 clubs have qualified to compete in the Finals at the prestigious Alexander Stadium, venue for the AAA Championships earlier this month. Gayts have reached these major finals for the last eight years, a tribute to the hard work of team manager Bob Hopson.

Gayts will be competing in the Auxiliary Final this year and have a great

chance of winning the title. Their opponents will be Croydun, GEC Avionics, Inverness, North Shields, Solihull, Wirral and Wolverhampton.

Gayts' star thrower Malcolm Croad has had a recurrence of the glandular fever that laid him low in February but is expected to be fit for his final Young Athletes competition. As English Schools Champion he is the overwhelming favourite for the youths (under-17) hammer and should do well in the shot and discus too.

High jumper Mark Smith has also had a great year, winning an international debut in Edinburgh in July, and he should win his third consec-

utive title at these finals. Terry Mackin has had a tremendous summer and is aiming for medals at both 800 and 1500. Richard Godden and Colin Brown should be among the medals in the 3000 metres while Graham Brown is one of the favourites in the steeplechase.

Craig McGill ran a fast 400 metres at Welwyn on Monday and he could be in line for a medal at 400 metres hurdles despite being a year younger than most of his rivals. Michael Francis could gain a medal in the sprint hurdles.

South Harrow runner Steve Jones is one of the favourites for the boys (un-

der-15) 3000 metres while Leigh Sandells and Paul Cohen should do well in the 800 metres. Talented all-rounder Richard Callender goes in the hurdles, long jump and javelin and could gain medals in all three events.

Ben Hodson could be among the medals at both long jump and triple jump. David McGill set a new best of 12.76 metres in the shot on Monday, a distance that should gain a medal in Birmingham.

Shane Wareham is unbeaten this year and should take the gold in the colts (under-16) 800 metres. Paul McGrath and Daniel Smith should also be among the medals in the sprints.