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Blackman goal lifts Stones up to fourth

Wealdstone 2 Gloucester 1 AN 88th minute goal from Barry Blackman ended Gloucester's unbeaten record on Tuesday night and took Wealdstone up to fourth place in the Beazer Homes table, writes John Comfort.

It was a well deserved victory for Stones, but one they made hard work of achieving, winning countless scoring opportunities before Blackman's powerfully headed home their winner from Leo Donnellan's pinpoint cross.

Earlier Tony Kelly had notched a 66th minute equaliser for Stones from Paul Goyette's free kick. He steamed in to fire in a shot that was too hot for keeper Mogg to handle and he fumbled the ball over the line.

Those goals spared the blushes of Stones'

keeper Chris Vagg who was badly at fault when Gloucester took the lead right on half time. He catastrophically misjudged Noble's free kick from the right and the unmarked Williams was left to fire effortlessly home at the far post.

Not surprisingly Vagg drew ironic cheers from the home fans every time he caught a ball after that!

It was a lead the visitors hardly deserved for Mark Harrison had crashed a fierce shot against the bar in the 7th minute and Goyette had a close low drive well saved, while Gipp and Browne both went close.

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



Barry Blackman.

Kingsbury amazed as cup protest is rejected

'Ringers' are okay rule FA

THE Football Association has flatly rejected Kingsbury Town's 'ringer' protest in an amazing decision that sanctions players competing under assumed names.

Soccer's governing body gave their ruling on Friday when Kingsbury protested over the eligibility of Ford United's striker Paul Evans in their FA Cup clash last week.

Evans was known to Kingsbury officials, having played for Ruislip FC when Kingsbury chairman Chris Larkin was chairman of that particular club. He played a significant part in Kingsbury's 3-1 defeat, scoring one goal and making another.

After the match Kingsbury became suspicious because Evans' name did not appear on the team-sheet on which he was shown as being 'Noel Radford'. A verbal protest to the match referee was then followed with a written protest to the FA.

At Friday's hearing Ford conceded that the player played under the name Noel Radford but said they did not



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know his name was Evans. This, said Kingsbury, was false for players and the Ford management had called him by his real name during the course of the game.

When questioned, Evans said that he did not tell his

club his real name as he was in trouble with a suspended prison sentence for owing money to a loan shark company which had forced him to leave the country and live in Ireland for three months under the name Noel Radford.

He said he was unaware of being suspended by any club or league for disciplinary reasons.

The appeal committee accepted this explanation, and also gave the player permission to use the name Noel Radford in FA and other competitions, but due to the 'unusual circumstances' of the case they decided to refund Kingsbury's appeal fee.

"The decision is absolutely unbelievable," said Kingsbury chairman Larkin. "How can football's governing body possibly sanction players playing under anything other than their real names."

His fellow club director Alan Davies has written a strongly worded letter of protest to FA chief executive Graham Kelly over the decision.

"I believe the whole thing should be reviewed in detail," he said. "A historic competition is being devalued by a player being sanctioned to play under something other than his real name."

"I cannot comprehend how the FA can accept these facts at face value without checking their validity with the consequences."

Mr Davies also poses the interesting question, if a player gets banned under his assumed name, does the FA's ruling leave him free to play under his real name?

On Wednesday the FA were said to be looking into the case further.

Boro' crash out in cup shocker

Harrow Borough 3 Met Police 4

ANOTHER chapter of misfortune was added to Harrow Borough's forlorn season on Tuesday night when they were dumped out of the AC Delco Cup by a team a division below them, writes Tony Booth.

All began well for Harrow as they scored after only 90 seconds when Charles flicked the ball on for Stokly Sawyers to lob the Police keeper. After eight minutes it was 2-0 as Ripley rounded Blackhall and crossed for Ian Rogers to shoot in off the bar.

He soon went off injured and as a premonition of what was to come, Bateman headed onto a post then Russo headed in a 33rd minute corner to reduce the arrears.

Harrow had a chance to clinch the result in the 39th minute when Smith felled Pye but Stillwell blocked O'Connor's penalty, yet they did stretch their lead in the first minute of the second half. Crompton's clearance enabling Charles to chip home.

Then the rot set in, for although Charles went on to miss three goal chances, the Police then punished some criminal 'defending' by Borough to force extra time, Bays heading in when Crompton lost a 55th minute corner and Strickland shooting in from Bogdici's 75th minute cross.

And worse was to follow as 11 minutes into extra time it was the Police who netted the decider when Strickland scored from Pender's cross.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, Stocker, Alexander, Payne, Rogers (Bennett), O'Connor, Sawyers (Gurney), Pye, James, Charles, Ripley.

Hutch hat-trick as Wembley take five

Wembley 5 Tring Town 0 WEMBLEY progressed into the second round of the AC Delco Cup with an easy win over poor opposition, writes Richard Marlewicz.

The rout began in the first minute when Tring keeper Devlin could only parry Steve Sailsman's header and Bobby Hutchinson scrambled home the loose ball.

Hutchinson scored his second four minutes later when he fastened into Paul Fitzgerald's defence splitting pass and slotted past the advancing keeper.

Steve Sailsman scored his first goal for the club when he

made it 3-0 with a powerful 15 yard header following Robert Larkin's superb 'deep cross in the 21st minute.

Larkin provided Hutchinson with his hat-trick in the 40th minute, splitting the defence with a penetrating pass for Hutchinson to run onto and round the keeper.

Wembley could only add one more goal in the second half, Larkin scoring a 68th minute penalty after Barker handled a Gursel Gulfer shot.

Wembley: Smith, Larkin, Fitzgerald, Johns, Shickle, Ham (E. Waugh), Brya (Waffer), Flaherty, Cadogan, B. Hutchinson, Sailsman.

Barrowcliff can go

OUT of favour Harrow Borough stars Paul Barrowcliff and Mark Hopson have been told by manager Tom McAllister that they can leave the club.

Both are unhappy at not being guaranteed first team places and McAllister has given them permission to look for other clubs.

Barrowcliff has only been with Borough for six months, having signed from neighbours Hayes for £2,000 in March.

Another unsettled Borough player has already left. Midfielder Billy Beggs was last week transferred to Yeading.

Cup classic in prospect as Edgware look to add to McAlister's misery

THE White Lion ground is the place to be for FA Cup action on Saturday when Vauxhall League 'new boys' Edgware look for a giant killing when they take on neighbours Harrow Borough in a 1st qualifying round tie.

Tom McAlister, whose Borough side are languishing at the foot of the Premier Division table, has no illusions as to the nature of the task facing his team.

"People are talking about this being like last season's Wealdstone match. Cup matches are always difficult but this one is going to be particularly tough because they are really buzzing at the moment, so we've got to show them respect.

"But I'm confident. We've been playing well, but we haven't been get-

ting the results."

Edgware boss Brian Rider, who watched Borough lose against Met Police on Tuesday, said: "They seem to be coming on a bit now and I expect a hard game that could go either way.

"But if we play as well as we can do, then we must fancy our chances."

For Edgware, Shamus Finnerty is having a minor operation to remove a cyst from his stomach but is expected to be fit to play, but there is a doubt over Mark White who could have a cortisone injection to try and clear up his ankle injury.

Borough will be boosted by the inclusion of loan Lee Charles who is being allowed to get cup-tied by Yeading. McAlister regards him as a player of high potential and expects to make

his move permanent when the loan period is up.

Borough's only injury problem is defender Ian Rogers who came off with a knock in Tuesday's match against the Police.

If a reply is necessary it will take places at Earlsmead on Tuesday night.

Wealdstone journey into the unknown when they visit Vauxhall League Division Two North club Saffron Walden for a tie which sees Stones "on a hiding to nothing," said manager Alan Gane.

Stones will be without defender Ian Fergusson who starts a sixth match as a result of sendings off against Moor Green and Halesowen. Fit again Steve Smart is likely to come in with Leo Donnellan pushing into midfield.

Paul Bgogdici is also fit and is added to the squad.

A supporters coach is going to Saffron Walden, leaving Lower Mead at 12 noon. Tickets can be booked by ringing 427-4064.

Wembley have no injury problems for their match at home to Bourne Town a team they last met in the FA Cup in 1984 when the Lions won a preliminary round tie 2-1 at Vale Farm.

Rayners Lane boss Don Durkin is set to make changes for their tie against Vauxhall League Division One club Harlow. Darrell Clements, Malcolm Bennett and Gary Woolley are all available and are added to his squad.

Out of the FA Cup, Kingsbury face League action at Collier Row.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday September 15 FA Cup 1st qualifying round: Edgware Town v Harrow Borough (White Lion ground, 3pm); Rayners Lane v Harlow Town (Lucas Ave, 3pm); Saffron Walden v Wealdstone; Wembley v Bourne Town (Vale Farm, 3pm). Vauxhall League Division Two North: Collier Row v Kingsbury Town.

Suburban League: Harrow Boro' Res. v Hampton (Earlsmead, 3pm). Tuesday September 18 Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Boro' v Leyton-Wingate (Earlsmead, 7.30pm). Vauxhall League Division One: Hitchin v Wembley. Suburban League: Uxbridge Res. v Wealdstone Res.

Town beaten

DESPITE the return of Paul Bhatia, Kingsbury were beaten 3-0 at Barton on Tuesday. Goals from Tucker in the 23rd minute, Smith in the 58th minute and Tucker a minute later sealed Kingsbury's fate. Kingsbury: Clarke, Cousins, Bhatia, Stapleton, James, Donald, Birch, Surridge, N. O'Rourke, Furlong (Papa), Collins. Sub: Gayle.

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