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Two more Stones players are sent off but...

Discipline: 'No crisis' says Gane

TWO sendings off in Saturday's 4-0 FA Cup victory at Saffron Walden brought Wealdstone's worrying tally of dismissals to four in the past three weeks...

Stones sign Hendry



● Ian Hendry signs for Stones watched by club secretary Peter Braxton. WEALDSTONE have signed midfielder Ian Hendry from Beazer Homes League rivals VS Rugby.

Steve Tapley and Tony Lynch both got their marching orders at Saffron to follow the dismissal of defender Ian Ferguson...

However, Gane does not see it that way. "I'm not too concerned," he said "I don't see it as a worrying trend."

"The three sent off will be fined heavily, but that's a standard thing."

"Fergie is Fergie, and Taps had to go, but Lynch was very unlucky and I will be most interested to see the referee's report on that one because he certainly didn't swear at the linesman as he was said to have done."

"Having said that, at the end of the day the officials are in charge, they make the decisions and whatever you say won't make them change their minds."

Gane sees the rise in cautions and sendings off as a backlash from the World Cup Finals where officials tended

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to be over-zealous in their duties. "As a result things seem to have got out of all proportion," said Gane. "What was once just a foul is now a foul and a booking. It's absolutely ridiculous."

Wealdstone chairman Alan Clifton totally agreed with his manager's viewpoint.

"Referees and linesman have been told to crack down and that can tend to ruin games," he said.

"These were just isolated and unfortunate incidents and are in no way indicative of anything being wrong at the club."

The 'big fight' that ref chose to ignore



EDGWARE Town's Andy Ferguson (left) and Harrow Borough's Stuart Mason were at each other's throats in Saturday's local derby clash in the FA Cup.

But although the two players slugged it out right under the nose of referee Greenwood, astonishingly they suffered no more than a mild rebuke and stayed on the park. Just one of the many controversial decisions by the official in a match which Edgware won 1-0. Match report and more pictures, pages 58, 59.

Big fight picture by Gareth Beard.

Hat-trick for Samson

SAMSON Otaleye hit a hat-trick as Wealdstone Reserves thrashed Uxbridge 8-1 in the Suburban League on Tuesday night. Other goals came from Jason Richards 2, Steve Jenkins, Solomon Eriemo and Jim Watson.

Friendly success

HARROW Borough beat Middlesex League neighbours Harrow St Marys 3-0 in a friendly on Tuesday with goals from Russell Payne, Danny Mills and Paul Ripley.

Manager goes

HARROW Borough reserve team manager John Bivens has been replaced by his assistant, Alan Rowe.

Fight back by Lions is in vain

Hitchin 2 Wembley 1 WEMBLEY'S spirited second half comeback at Hitchin on Tuesday evening could only yield a single goal - not quite enough to reduce a 2-0 deficit and secure the points, writes Richard Markiewicz.

After two easy cup wins, Wembley found Hitchin a very different proposition. The Canaries tore into the Lions and quickly established a two goal lead.

Jonathan Bone fired home the first goal in the 9th minute with a beautifully curled 25 yard strike following a short free kick, and Ray Seekings added a second 10 minutes later with a powerful header after Ian

Lindsay went dribbled round Paul Fitzgerald and delivered a pinpoint cross.

Fine keeping by Andy Smith and excellent sweeping by Ronnie Jones prevented the home side from increasing their advantage and enabled Wembley to stage a fight back.

Robert Larkin had a well struck drive tipped over by the fully stretched Hitchin keeper Tony Luff and both Bobby Hutchinson and Paul Bryan miscued when well placed to score, while Steve Sailsman fired a fierce drive into Luff's midriff as Lions pressed forward.

Wembley's persistence was eventually

rewarded when they pulled a goal back in the 68th minute. Paul Fitzgerald fed Bobby Hutchinson with Hitchin content to time waste, a second goal failed to materialise.

Wembley: Smith, Larkin, Fitzgerald, Johns, Shields, Graham, Bryan, Flaherty, Gulfer (H. Hutchinson), B. Hutchinson, Sailsman. Other sub: Foley.

Wembley face 'pansies' in Trophy

WEMBLEY go into FA Trophy action on Saturday facing a Burnham side who have been described by their manager as 'pansies.'

Burnham boss Colin Barnes' flowery comment was directed at his defence after a recent poor performance - one of many, as the Beazer Homes League Southern Division club are still seeking their first win of the season.

Wembley will be without striker Lance Cadogan at Burnham. He suffered a fractured jaw in the FA Cup win over Bourne and will be out for at least a fortnight.

Wealdstone look to maintain their Beazer Homes title challenge at Dartford - a fixture normally regarded as one of Stones' toughest but which they will be expected to win as the Darts are having a far

from successful season.

Stones will be facing their own striker David Flint at Watling Street. Out of favour at Lower Mead, Flint has gone to Dartford on a month's loan.

New signing from VS Rugby Ian Hendry is expected to make his Wealdstone debut in the match and with Barry Blackman doubtful with blistered feet, there could be a place in the squad for Steve Jenkins or Paul Ghogidi.

Stones will again be suspended defender Ian Ferguson.

Wealdstone Supporters Club will not be running a coach to Dartford, due to insufficient bookings, but they hope to run one for the FA Cup clash at Wivenhoe on Saturday week. The coach will leave at 12 noon and tickets are £8 for adults, £6 for OAPs and youths and £4 for Junior

Stones. Bookings can be made by ringing 427-4064.

Harrow Borough boss Tom McAlister will be counting the walking wounded again for Saturday's home clash with Windsor. But he could well have Martin Cur-

seamus Finnerty should return to the Edgware side for their match with Collier Row after recovering from a minor operation. But Lee Rider is very doubtful with a hamstring injury.

Definitely out is the unavailable Phil Whelan and his place in goal will go to reserve keeper Sean Hourihan.

John O'Rourke and Andy Murray have both finished suspensions and will be available to play for Kingsbury in their home game against Rainham.

Rayners Lane boss Don Durkin has a full squad to select from for his side's visit to Carterton who beat Lane 1-0 at Lucas Avenue in a disappointing game a fortnight ago.

League tables

Table with columns for BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier Division and VALDHAL LEAGUE Premier Division, listing teams and their statistics.

Table with columns for Division One and Division Two North, listing teams and their statistics.

Table with columns for Division Two North, listing teams and their statistics.

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Fixtures

Saturday September 22 FA Trophy 1st qualifying round: Burnham v Wembley, League Premier Division: Dartford v Wealdstone, Premier League Kingsbury Res. v Harrow Borough v Windsor & Eton (Earlsmead, 3pm), Vauxhall League Division Two North: Wembley v Collier Row (White Lion ground, 3pm); Kingsbury Town v Rainham (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm), Hellenic League: Carterton v Rayners Lane, Suburban League: Wealdstone Res. v Ruislip Manor (Lower Mead, 3pm), Tuesday September 25 Vauxhall League Premier Division: Staines Town v Harrow Borough, Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Chalfont St Peter (Vale Farm, 3pm), Vauxhall League Division Two North: Wans v Edgware Town, Suburban League: Kingsbury Res. v Wealdstone Res. (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm), Wednesday September 26 Vauxhall League Division Two North: Saffron Walden v Kingsbury Town, Capital League: Wycombe Wanderers v Wealdstone.

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