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Financial burden takes its toll on Borough boss

McALISTER RESIGNS

THE burden of managing cash starved Harrow Borough finally took its toll on Tom McAlister on Tuesday night when he dramatically quit after the Earlsmead club's defeat at the hands of fellow strugglers Staines.



Tom McAlister - quit after Borough's defeat at Staines.

McAlister told Borough chairman Eric May of his decision to resign in the Staines boardroom after the match. "It wasn't the results, it was the lack of resources," said McAlister.

"I wasn't running the team on a shoestring, it was't as long as that. It was costing me £100 to £150 a week out of my own pocket to do it. I was working to subsidise Harrow Borough and that's the bottom line."

Banned trio to miss Stones' big Cup clash

IAN Fergusson, Tony Lynch and Steve Tapley are all suspended and miss Wealdstone's FA Cup clash at Wivenhoe on Saturday when Stones bid for revenge against the side that knocked them out of the competition last season.

The bans will mean a place in the side for Solomon Ericsson, while Paul Gbogidi and Steve Jenkins are also added to Alan Gane's squad for what the Stones' boss describes as



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cause I couldn't afford to pay them." McAlister said he would like to stay in soccer management. "If the right opportunity arises I'll go for it," he said.

"The club want things from football that I couldn't give them," he said. "Every week I was seeing players away be-

cause I couldn't afford to pay them." McAlister said he would like to stay in soccer management. "If the right opportunity arises I'll go for it," he said.

Mr May said that the manager had been under no pressure to resign, despite the club's poor results this season which have seen them out of two cup competitions at the first hurdle and rooted to the bottom of the Vauxhall League's Premier Division without a win.

"It came right out of the blue, and I'm very sorry to see him go," said Mr May.

"In view of the financial constraints he was under, I think he did a good job. But I think it got to him.

"We set out our policy before the start of the season and Tom knew it was going to be difficult, but he agreed to it."

Former West Ham goalkeeper McAlister joined Harrow Borough as a player 18 months ago. He took over as

manager last September when Keith Chamberlin retired from management.

The Borough board of directors will be meeting tonight (Thursday) to discuss the management vacancy but as yet no possible successors to McAlister are in the pipeline.

But following their recent appointments of ex-Football League players, with McAlister having a similar lack of success to that of former Chelsea star Alan Mayes, who was in charge two years ago, a manager with broad non-league experience would seem to be the order of the day.

Borough's Football Director Peter Rogers is inviting applications for the post. He can be contacted on 422-8606.

Borough has this week transferred Paul Barrowcliff to St Albans while Sean Priddle has signed for Southall after being on a month's loan.

Marin Gurney is having talks with both St Albans and Redbridge over a possible transfer.

Jenner gets his award



OLD Manorians' CC batsman Peter Jenner (right) received his trophy on Saturday for winning the Observer's Britannic Assurance Cricketer of the Month for August. Making the presentation is Britannic's Area Manager Keith Curry.

Lions through in extra time

Wembley 3 Burnham 1 WEMBLEY made hard work of winning this FA Trophy replay with poor finishing forcing them to go to extra time before goals from Paul Bryan and Les Thompson secured their place in the next round away to Marlow, writes John Comfort.

Lance Cadogan on the edge of the area and he turned to drill a low shot into the corner of the net. The second half was a saga of Wembley misses, and it was ironic that when extra time commenced it took Lions just 18 seconds to go ahead, Paul Bryan diving in to head home a superb Harry Hutchinson cross. And they sealed victory when Bobby Hutchinson's magnificent jinking run set up substitute Les Thompson to net with his first touch of the ball.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday September 29 FA Cup second qualifying round: Billericay v Edgware Town; Wivenhoe v Wealdstone; Wembley v Heybridge Swifts (Vale Farm, 3pm). Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Banbury Town (Lucas Ave, 3pm). Suburban League: Harrow Boro' Res. v Harefield Utd (Earlsmead, 3pm); Wealdstone Res. v Hounslow (Lower Mead, 3pm). Wednesday October 3 Vauxhall League Division Two North: Edgware Town v Stevenage Borough (White Lion ground, 7.30pm); Tring Town v Kingsbury Town.

Run is over but Wares stay on top

Ware 3 Edgware 0 EDGWARE suffered their first defeat of the season on Tuesday but stay top of the table as title rivals Billericay suffered a shock reverse at Rainham. Although Ware deserved their win, it was Edgware who had the better chances and Tony Burgher broke through only to shoot weakly at the keeper before the home side took the lead after three defenders failed to clear a cross. Peter Davey, Ray Mangan, Jim Davey and John Coleman also missed gilt edged chances of levelling the scores, and Edgware paid for those misses 10 minutes into the second half when Ware scored again. Jim Davey and Andy Fergusson both went close and Seamus Finnerty was off target with a free header before Ware got their third goal in the final minute. Sean Hourihan raced suicidally from his area to clear and brought down an attacker and the referee amazingly awarded a penalty which was converted. Edgware: Hourihan, Deritis, R. Mangan, Finnerty, Fergusson, P. Davey, Coleman, Flynn, Kidd, J. Davey, Burgher. Subs: Rider, Augustine.

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