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Daggers put out Stones

Dagenham 1 Wealdstone 0

WEALDSTONE made their exit from the Premier Inter-League Cup on Monday evening with their second one goal defeat in three days, writes Steve Marshall.

The Stones enjoyed the better of the first half and came closest to scoring when a quickly taken free kick led to Morgan denying both Samson Oslaley and Tony Kelly.

Dagenham's best effort came from Steve Warner who struck a 20 yard volley just wide in the 42nd minute.

Mark Harrison fired over a free kick in the 55th minute and seven minutes later a splendid run by Oslaley led to Steve Jenkins' near post flick being brilliantly palmed away by Morgan.

The decisive goal came in the 65th minute. A sudden break found John Bailey clear and John Warner was on the end of Bailey's shot to clinch the tie.

Leo Donnellan was cautioned, as was Dagenham's Bailey, but the match was hard fought and entertaining.

Wealdstone: Vagg, Bartlett, Harrison, Oriemo, Tapley, Donnellan, Oslaley, Jenkins, Gbogidi, Blackman (Gipp), Kelly. Other sub: Smart.

Wealdstone are toppled

WEALDSTONE Reserves suffered a surprise 4-0 home defeat against Hendon on Tuesday that knocked them off the top of the table Suburban League, writes James Smith.

Rogers opened the scoring for Hendon in the 8th minute with a 20 yard shot and also got the second in the 34th minute after a bad back pass from Ian Fergusson. Two minutes later an acrobatic shot from Gayle made it 3-0.

Xavier scored Hendon's fourth with a delightful chip from 20 yards but Browne was unlucky not to reduce the arrears from a free kick which hit the crossbar.

Wealdstone: Roach, Robinson, Hayward, Fergusson, Tapley, Byrne, Campbell, Murphy (J. Richards), Gipp, Browne, Malone. Other subs: King, Hedge, R. Richards.

Lawrence confident he's on the right track

'I'm winning the battle' says boss



BY JOHN COMFORT

AFTER just one week in the Earlsmead hot spot, Harrow Borough's likeable new manager Peter Lawrence feels he is already starting to win the battle that he hopes will culminate in the safeguarding of bottom of the table Borough's Vauxhall League Premier Division future.

Thrown in at the deep end following his appointment to succeed Tom McAlister last Tuesday, Lawrence had just a friendly against Maidenhead, and a single training session, in which to assess the quality of the players at his disposal before his first game in

charge, Saturday's important League clash with fellow strugglers Basingstoke. The 1-0 defeat, which leaves Borough five points adrift in the League basement, and a disappointment for the new boss, but he was far from discouraged by the performance.

And his confidence was fully justified as buoyant Borough went on to win their first competitive match in six months on Tuesday night when they defeated Chelmsford City 4-2 in the Premier Inter-League Cup. "I'm well pleased with the way things have gone," he

said. "We look to me to be a good side. At the moment we lack shape, pattern and discipline but after two games is it already showing that I'm winning the battle. I'm sure that we'll soon get it right."

With Borough, even at this early stage of the season, already earmarked as prime relegation candidates, the big question is can save the club from the drop? "Only time will tell," he said "but I'm making no rash predictions. "I'll be giving Harrow Borough 110 per cent, I can't do more than that. I already feel passionately about the club and I'll be doing my utmost to make sure it doesn't happen. "Team building takes time.

Tom McAlister started the job and I've got to accelerate the process - and I've got to get it right."

Lawrence has already made his first signing in defender Steve Shea from St Albans and he has looked a more than useful player in his first two senior matches since breaking a leg playing for St Albans against Aylesbury last season. "I thought he was head and shoulders above anyone else," enthused Lawrence.

He has other signings in the pipeline but will initially be sticking to his plan to give the current squad their chance to prove themselves. "I want them to prove to me that they can play," he said.



New Borough boss Peter Lawrence.

League tables

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Borough taste victory at long last

Harrow Borough 4 Chelmsford City 2 A CROWD of 239 witnessed a unique occasion at Earlsmead on Tuesday night - a Harrow Borough victory, writes John Comfort. Borough's last competitive win was way back in April when they defeated Hayes 2-0 in a League match, and it has taken them a full six months to follow up that success by putting Beazer Homes League club Chelmsford out of the Premier Inter-League Cup for the second year running.

The first game in the 12th minute when Keith Cooper's astute corner was played low to the edge of the penalty area and Keith James steamed in to rifle a firm shot past Lewington into the corner of the net. Two minutes later Eamon O'Connor was on hand to hook home a second and rampant Borough could have had more. In the 24th minute Mark Pye's superb pass put Paul Ripley free and his chip shot beat Lewington but came back off a post.

Mark Hopson, Ripley and Lee Stocker, with a great dipping shot, all came close to adding to the lead in a one-sided half, with the visitors simply not having a look in. With the loss of Pye through injury, Borough allowed complacency to creep into their game in the second half and the visitors began to look menacing for the first time. But it took a dubious 66th minute penalty to get them back in contention.

A James challenge on Wallace as they went for Engwell's cross looked innocuous enough but the Chelmsford striker's tumble was convincing enough for referee Taylor who awarded the spot kick from which Engwell reduced the arrears. Five minutes later it was all square when the unmarked Young was allowed a free header from Engwell's

cross and Borough seemed set to toss the tie away. But to their credit they bounced back immediately and within a minute O'Connor had put Ripley away on the left and he cut it to go round Lewington and a covering defender before slotting home to dramatically put Borough back in front. Six minutes later victory was sealed with a fourth goal. O'Connor again put Ripley free on the left and he beat Lewington with a good ball across the face of goal which saw Hopson race in to apply the finishing touch. Harrow Borough: Griffiths, Stocker, Alexander, C. Payne, Sheehy, O'Connor, James, Pye (R. Payne), Cooper, Ripley, Hopson. Other sub: Rowe.

County Open at Sudbury

LOCAL golfers will be out in force at Sudbury Golf Club on Monday, bidding for honours in the Canon (UK) Ltd Middlesex Open Championships.

The host clubs Neil Jordan and Carl Williams of Grims Dyke are among the field of 30 professionals taking part and the 35 of the County's top amateurs vying for the title include Peter Dougherty, David Dannhauser, David Power and Peter Thomas of Sudbury and Grims Dyke's Warren Patmore.

Defending his title in the Championships will be Enfield Golf Club professional Lee Fickling.

Lynch sold to Barnet

POPULAR Wealdstone striker Tony Lynch has been sold to Vauxhall Conference front runners Barnet. Lynch, the club's longest serving player, joined Stones from Maidstone United in December 1987 and had previously made 45 Football League appearances for Brentford.

He was put on the transfer list last month after failing to obtain a guarantee of a first team place from Wealdstone manager Alan Gane.

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Tricky cup clash for Stones

WEALDSTONE make the short journey to Grosvenor Vale on Saturday for their third qualifying round FA Cup clash with Ruislip Manor, anxious not to have their name added to the list of scalps that the Vauxhall League Division Two South minnows have recently collected. Manor provided a cup shock in the last round when they put out Vauxhall Premier Division Hendon, and last season they showed Hayes the door in two County Cup competitions. Stones manager Alan Gane said that after two successive defeats it is an important match for his side to win. He needs no reminding that this will be a tricky one and

dismisses all suggestions that the outcome is a mere formality. "We can't afford to take them lightly," he said. "I've had them watched three or four times and they have got one or two useful players. They're the sort of side that can surprise you." But Gane is planning that Stones won't be among the sides that have been caught out. "We're confident but we've got to guard against complacency. If we are complacent it could lose us the game." Steve Browne and Steve Smart are both struggling with a knee injuries but Gane is hopeful that both will be fit for selection.

Steve Tapley and Ian Fergusson are both available after completing suspensions, but Ian Hendry still has one more match so his ban to go and will miss the tie. Manor's Grosvenor Vale ground has only one turnstile entrance and club officials, who are expecting a bumper crowd, in excess of 700, are advising supporters to get to the ground early to avoid any possible congestion. If a replay is necessary, it will take place at Lower Mead on Tuesday.

Without a League game on Saturday, Harrow Borough will be travelling to Imber Court for a friendly against a Met Police side who knocked Borough out of the AC Delco Cup last month. It will be an opportunity for manager Peter Lawrence to try out some new players before Tuesday night's tough League game at home to Wivenhoe. Free spending Chesham, who last week sacked manager John Clements, provide tough opposition for Wembley as they look to get back into winning form and away from the lower reaches of the table. Francis Foley's suspected

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