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Borough end the League famine

Probyn is put on trial over send off



Jeff Probyn

THE international career of Wasp's front row forward Jeff Probyn will be on the line this week when a three-man tribunal appointed by the RFU studies a BBC film of incidents which led to the sending off of Argentina's prop Federico Mendez in Saturday's match against England at Twickenham.

Mendez was ordered off after flattening England lock Paul Ackford, but video evidence suggested it was in retaliation at being kicked by Probyn who was apparently unamused at having a tender part of his anatomy grabbed by the Argentinian.

An independent disciplinary committee banned Mendez for four weeks, and also ordered the RFU to investigate the whole episode.

Probyn, 34, was playing in his 18th international, will not be asked to appear before the tribunal.

Wasps are away in cup

IN the third round of the Pilkington Cup, Wasps have been drawn away to West Hartlepool.

The tie is scheduled to be played on Saturday November 24.

This Saturday Wasps return to Courage League action away at Nottingham.

BORO' SEE THE LIGHT

'But there's still a long way to go,' says manager Lawrence



BY JOHN COMFORT

AFTER successive wins over Dagenham and Redbridge, Harrow Borough are starting to see some long awaited light at the end of the tunnel in their bid for Premier Division survival. But manager Peter Lawrence warned this week about over confidence.

"It's still early days," he said. "I'm certainly not getting carried away because there's still a lot of work to do. My biggest job now is trying to keep everyone's feet on the ground after those two wins."

With the Premier Inter-League

Cup win over Chelmsford, Lawrence has now coaxed three victories out of Borough in the month he has been in charge - a feat that never appeared possible during the torrid early months of the season.

"I've got a side together and the balance is how I think it should be. It's got shape and pattern and now we need a settling down period" said Lawrence.

"Either we're going to be a team together or we're not. I hope the boys make it. If they don't and others become available, I'll go for them."

Lawrence's next target is for his rejuvenated side to keep a clean sheet. "If we do that then I'll know we've kept our concentration for 90 minutes," he said. But Borough will have their work out achieving that on Saturday - they face League leaders Woking, away.

Borough have so far had no offers for transfer listed defender Colin Payne. Lawrence hopes that the player, who seems to be enjoying a new lease of life in a full back's role, will stay at the club. But he is adamant that it will have to be on his terms.

In form Gbogidi to keep his Wealdstone place

WITH Paul Goyette sidelined with an ankle tendon injury, Paul Gbogidi is expected to retain his place in the Wealdstone line-up on Saturday when Stones look to maintain their championship challenge against Atherstone.

After being out of favour recently, Gbogidi took the chance to show his capabilities with a fine performance in the win over Poole.

Samson Olaleye and Steve Smart have both been suffering from a flu virus this week but it is hoped they will be fit for selection.

Ian Fergusson will soon begin light training after having the plaster removed from his broken leg but Leo Donnellan's broken arm is still in plaster and Steve Browne sees a specialist today about his troublesome knee injury.

Buoyant Harrow Borough go to Woking on Saturday looking to extend a promising run that has seen successive wins over Dagenham and Redbridge. League leaders Woking will provide the ultimate test of their recent improvement as Borough look to climb away from the opposite end of the table.

Striker Jeremy Arnall took a knock against Redbridge but is expected to be fit for the match, and manager Peter Lawrence will probably field an unchanged line-up.

Keeper Steve Wallduck's loan period from Harlow is up this week, but Wembley boss Tony Waugh seems unlikely to negotiate an extension, or pay for a permanent move, after Jeff Fanner proved his fitness in Tuesday's cup match at Kingsbury.

Lions have Paul Fitzgerald back after suspension for Saturday's league match at Uxbridge and hope to have Harry Hutchinson and Paul Bryan recovered from injuries. But Steve Graham is away on holiday.

Edgware face their first league game for over a fortnight when Hornchurch are their visitors on Saturday. Keeper Sean Hourihan and defender Mark White are both out with injuries sustained against Yeading, but Edgware are hoping that John Coleman will be fit after missing three games with a heel injury.

Troy Birch missed Kingsbury's game against Wembley with a back injury but they hope to have him fit for Saturday's tough league encounter with Billericay.

Rayners Lane manager Don Durkin has injury problems to add to his goal scoring ones. Paul Abell, Neil Owen, Tony Verni and Darrell Clements are all unlikely to be fit to face newly promoted Milton United.

League tables

Table with columns for teams and statistics (W, D, L, F, A, Pts) for Beazer Homes League Premier Division and Vauxhall League Premier Division.

Soccer fixtures

Table listing soccer fixtures for Saturday November 10, including Beazer Homes League, Vauxhall League Premier Division, and Capital League.

National title for Harrow's Hazel

HARROW and Wealdstone Swimming Club's Hazel Alder made a welcome return to form in the English Schools National Championships by winning the Division 10 senior 100m breaststroke in 1.14.99.

Clubmate Duncan Belcourt excelled himself to finish 2nd in the senior individual medley in 3.04.27 while Leigh Sandals placed 4th in the final of the junior 100m free in the excellent time of 59.51.

Darren Shearsby finished 4th in the senior 100m breaststroke in 1.09.69 after a personal best 1.09.15 in the heats.

Max Belcourt also swam a big personal best in taking 5th in the intermediate 100m breaststroke in 1.12.08, a time which qualifies him for next year's National Age Group Championships.

Katy Bennett just missed a place in the junior 100m back final in 1.14.47, but continues to make remarkable progress after a terrible hand injury sustained three months ago.

Ace O'Connor is the hat-trick hero for Borough

Redbridge Forest 1 Harrow Borough 3

BOROUGH performed admirably at Victoria Road on Tuesday to gain their first away victory of the season in the second round of the Premier Inter-League Cup, with skipper Eamon O'Connor scoring all of their goals, writes Tony Booth.

They got off to a flying start when in the 3rd minute Di Cioccio intercepted Cawston's clearance and found Hopson who was floored by the keeper and O'Connor blasted home the penalty.

The highly rated hosts, currently 4th in the league, seemed to seriously underestimate a revitalised Borough side who almost doubled their lead when Hopson's shrewd free kick allowed Colin Payne a shot from 30 yards that Cawston did well to tip over.

In reply the best Redbridge could muster was a shot from ex-Borough striker Gurney which Barnard cleared from goal. An action packed six minutes at the start of the second half ended the match as a contest. First, after 48 minutes, O'Connor caught Cawston off his line with a well judged 40 yard free kick into the top of the net, then three minutes later the Borough captain completed his hat-trick when Jeremy Arnall was floored by Cawston and O'Connor scored again from the spot.

Only in the closing minutes did the home side seriously threaten, and their 82nd consolation goal came from a penalty by pamphlet awarded when a shot was blocked by a Borough defender's hand.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, C. Payne, Barnard, Mudd, Shea, O'Connor, Cooper, Pye, Arnall (Kelly), Di Cioccio, Hopson. Other sub: Hodgdon.

Fanner's back to thwart Kingsbury

Kingsbury 0 Wembley 0

A STAR performance from keeper Jeff Fanner, in his first game of the season, earned Wembley a replay from this dour derby clash in the Middlesex Senior Cup on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

Fanner only played because on-loan keeper Steve Wallduck was ordered not to get cup-tied by his club Harlow, but he showed that had lost none of his considerable expertise during his lengthy absence following a knee injury.

The final outcome was fairly predictable from the outset with both sides singularly lacking in attacking ideas. The few chances that there were fell to Kingsbury - but the classy Fanner was always equal to their efforts.

In the first half Fanner did well to knock the ball away from Chris Simpson after Bobby Cook had cleverly chipped forward to put him clear.

When Paul Williams broke free 15 minutes into the second half, Fanner's diving challenge knocked the Kingsbury striker off balance sufficiently to make him lose control.

Some thought it should have been a penalty - referee Nigel Ludlow wasn't among them.

A bad pass from Paul Shields forced Fanner to save bravely at the feet of Simpson and two minutes from time Simpson should have won it for Kingsbury when he broke free on the overlap, but Fanner again saved superbly.

Wembley's contributions to



Jeff Fanner

the match were few. Murphy curled a fine shot just over in the first half and their only other scoring opportunity came when Bobby Hutchinson had his shot blocked for a corner after latching onto a poor back pass by Kearns.

The replay will take place at Vale Farm on Tuesday.

Kingsbury: Duffy, Collins, Simpson, James (Keane), Stapleton, Kearns, Surridge, Cook, P. Williams, O'Rourke (Mulhern), Dale. Other subs: K. Williams, Gower, Henry.

Wembley: Fanner, Larkin, Collins, Bennett, Shields, Strachan, Gulfer, Sailsman, Cadogan, B. Hutchinson, Murphy. Subs: White, Witter.

Wealdstone share the points in thriller

Wealdstone 3 Barnet 3

THE points were shared in this Capital League fixture on Tuesday in a game which had one of the exciting finishes ever seen at Lower Mead, writes Graham Smith.

David Ross had an effort cleared off the line in the opening minutes but it was the visitors who took the lead in the 7th minute when Cosby headed home after a great run by Angol.

Stones eventually equalised in the 41st minute when David Gipp released Mark Harrison whose cross was netted by Barry Blackman at the far post and they took the lead after 60 minutes, a Robinson pass being flicked up an volleyed home by Gipp for a superb goal.

In the last six minutes everything happened as substitute Hendrix levelled for Barnet with an amazing 40 yard shot and their other sub Riley then put them ahead.

But in the 87th minute Peter Bartlett's through pass put Paul Gbogidi to slot past Frencham for Stones' equaliser to end a memorable match.

Wealdstone: Roach, Robinson, Harrison, Bartlett, Richards, Watson, Ross, Gbogidi, Jenkins, Gipp, Blackman. Subs: Waugh, King.

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