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Borough toss victory away

Hockey club pull out of Stanmore to join Kenton

A NEW era began for Harrow Hockey Club on Saturday when they ended a 40 years association with Stanmore Cricket Club and moved in with Kenton Sports Club at Kenton Park Road, Kenton.

The club - formed in 1907, although old Hockey Association records refer to Harrow Hockey Club's existence in 1896 - has led a nomadic life throughout its existence with their yearning for a home of their own going constantly unfulfilled.

They have played at numerous grounds in and around Harrow and have been based at Stanmore CC's Stanmore Common ground since 1951. In the early 1970s there was talk of a possible amalgamation between the two clubs but approval was never forthcoming.

In recent months problems over pitches and lack of security of tenure at Stanmore led to the hockey club looking for a more permanent home where they could enjoy a secure future with improved opportunities to enable them to move forward and build on their existing success.

Following positive discussions with Kenton Sports Club, the hockey club, which has been sponsored for the past three years by Birmingham Midshires Building Society, unanimously voted to join and on Saturday they officially moved in. Kenton already has thriving cricket, tennis, table tennis and lacrosse sections and the arrival of the hockey club will make them one of the largest sports clubs in the area.

Said hockey club press secretary, Michele Edmunds: "We think this is a good move and a great start to the new future of the club."

"Kenton is a very friendly club with a warm atmosphere and I feel that all of the sports sections will work well together to make Kenton a truly great sports club."

"On behalf of the hockey club I would like to thank all the members of Kenton Sports Club, and in particular Mike Ellis, for making us so welcome. I am sure we will all have an enjoyable and successful future."



Jolly hockey sticks at Kenton.



Harrow Hockey Club players make themselves at home at their new Kenton Sports Club headquarters on Saturday.

'Bigger clubs don't always win' says Hall

Stones look for an upset

WEALDSTONE go to Wycombe Wanderers on Saturday as clear underdogs for a first round FA Trophy tie against a very much in-form GM Vauxhall Conference club.

But while accepting that the chances of an upset are realistically slim, Hall is adamant that the outcome of the tie is far from being a foregone conclusion.

"They play in a more senior league than us and play a higher standard of football every week. But the FA Trophy is no different to the FA Cup, and you are going to get upsets" he said. "The bigger clubs have got to be favourites, but that doesn't mean to say they are going to win."

"If I knew the results I wouldn't be a manager I'd be doing the pools every week."

Wycombe, who this season moved from Loakes Park with its famous sloping pitch, to their splendid new Adams Park stadium, are having one of their best ever seasons.

Managed by former Nottingham Forest and Northern Ire-

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land midfielder Martin O'Neill, they are currently fifth in the Conference table and only recently had another good FA Cup run terminated by Peterborough's fortunate 2-0 success in a second round replay.

Wycombe's great strength is in having one of the most potent strike forces in non-league soccer. Mark West is the Conference's leading goalscorer with a haul of 25 to his credit while his striking partner Nicky Evans, a club record £32,000 signing from Barnet who was this week transfer listed, has notched 12.

But Hall says that his side is starting to show some form in time for the daunting task facing them. "After the Gravesend game I came home reasonably happy. We looked a bit more solid and a bit more adventurous. We've trained well and we're in high spirits. Provided we stay tight we are always likely to do something on the break."

Hall's injury problems for the tie, which is expected to attract a bumper 3,000 gate, are

Michael Johnson, who has a hamstring injury and Corey Browne, who is suffering from groin trouble. Peter Bartlett and Ian Fergusson are both nearing fitness and are in contention for places, but it is likely that Hall will stick with the side that faced Gravesend.

Wycombe's main injury concern is influential midfielder Martin Blackler. He is undergoing intensive treatment for a groin injury in a bid to play.

But his midfield partner Simon Stapleton, who had stitches in a gashed leg, is unlikely to be fit.

In the event of a replay being necessary, it will take place at Lower Mead on Tuesday night, kick off 7.30pm, and Wealdstone's Middlesex Senior Cup tie at Hendon will be postponed.

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
Worcester	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Worcester	20	11	5	4	39	26	38			
Burton	20	11	5	4	31	18	38			
Dover	20	11	5	4	31	18	38			
Bromsgrove	21	10	7	4	30	27	37			
Farnborough	22	11	4	7	35	32	37			
Camb City	18	10	6	2	30	15	36			
Gloucester	19	9	6	4	35	29	33			
VS Rugby	19	9	4	6	33	20	31			
Halesowen	21	9	4	8	34	31	31			
Atherstone	18	9	4	7	27	26	28			
Morecambe	20	9	2	9	34	35	29			
Wealdstone	19	8	4	7	28	26	28			
Alfreton	18	7	6	7	27	26	26			
Dartford	25	7	5	14	30	46	25			
Basiley	18	7	4	7	28	27	25			
Poole	20	7	3	10	32	41	24			
Warrington	20	8	7	5	26	28	23			
Chelmsford	20	6	5	9	29	36	23			
Gravesend	25	4	6	15	24	50	18			
Rushden	19	4	8	10	23	30	17			
Crawley	19	2	8	9	18	33	14			
Weymouth	22	2	8	12	26	47	14			

VAUXHALL LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
Kingstonian	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Kingstonian	23	14	7	2	52	31	49			
Rebstock	23	15	4	4	42	29	49			
Wokingham	21	14	4	4	44	26	43			
Enfield	23	13	7	3	43	19	46			
Aylesley	21	13	4	4	49	24	43			
Grays	21	12	6	3	36	19	42			
Weymouth	24	11	8	4	43	33	38			
Carshalton	23	11	4	8	46	33	37			
Marlow	23	8	8	7	35	32	32			
Wandsworth	22	9	7	6	26	35	32			
Hayes	23	9	4	10	27	28	31			
Dagenham	21	9	3	9	39	33	30			
Wokingham	23	7	6	9	31	29	31			
Hendon	23	7	8	8	24	27	29			
St Albans	25	7	6	12	35	45	27			
Staines	24	7	6	11	24	45	27			
Essex	23	7	6	9	23	21	25			
Basingstoke	23	5	15	2	27	61	18			
Barking	24	4	16	24	51	18	15			
Leighton	23	4	16	29	35	15	15			
Bognor	17	4	2	11	16	34	14			
Harrow B.	25	3	4	18	31	63	13			

Division One										
Chesham	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Chesham	23	15	4	4	54	21	43			
Hitchin	21	13	4	4	44	26	43			
Tooting	24	11	7	6	38	32	40			
Dorking	18	12	1	5	40	27	37			
Mossley	19	12	1	6	33	24	37			
Aveley	23	11	3	9	39	27	36			
Bromley	20	10	6	4	31	22	36			
Chelton S.P.	23	11	9	34	35	35	35			
Southwick	24	10	5	9	30	29	35			
Walton	20	10	4	6	39	26	34			
Harrow	18	10	3	5	43	25	33			
Whyyville	22	9	9	6	35	31	33			
Yeading	20	9	3	8	34	24	30			
Dulwich	22	8	5	9	38	35	29			
Leaves	22	8	10	32	39	24	29			
Croydon	23	9	0	14	25	52	27			
Boreham W.	20	7	2	11	27	30	23			
Wembley	21	6	10	33	38	23	23			
Uxbridge	22	6	2	14	23	41	20			
Met Police	25	4	16	30	40	19	19			
Haywards	20	4	3	13	16	32	15			
Worthing	18	1	1	14	14	59	4			

Division Two North										
Slaverage	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Slaverage	24	20	7	10	16	63	59			
Vaux Mot.	23	16	3	4	49	26	51			
Ware	24	13	4	7	44	29	43			
Wokingham	19	12	3	4	15	39	39			
Barton	23	11	4	8	32	28	37			
Hertford	24	9	8	7	35	31	35			
Hornchurch	23	10	5	10	30	35	35			
Berhamsted	24	10	5	9	26	32	35			
Saffron W.	21	9	7	5	42	36	34			
Edgeware	21	10	7	3	38	32	32			
Hemel	23	7	9	7	26	38	28			
Rainham	24	9	4	11	30	30	31			
Collier Row	22	8	5	9	36	38	27			
Widley	22	7	9	8	31	36	29			
Basildon	21	6	7	8	33	36	25			
Purfleet	18	6	4	24	27	24	21			
Northchurch	23	6	3	14	28	41	21			
Clapton	21	5	6	10	26	40	21			
Tilbury	21	5	3	13	31	41	18			
Fryernose	24	4	6	22	26	10	10			
Ting	20	0	3	17	13	51	3			

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A Smart move by Rider

EDGWARE have signed veteran goalkeeper Fred Smart and he is expected to make his debut on Saturday in the home game against Rainham.

Former Wembley and Kingsbury Town favourite Smart was with Ruislip Manor at the start of the season but left recently after a disagreement with Manor boss Micky Schools. He played several games for Northwood recently during the absence of their keeper Kenny Lavender, but now he has been snapped up by Edgware boss Brian Rider.

Rider's other new signing Laurence Murphy has a groin injury but is expected to be fit to play. Peter Davey is back after completing a three week ban but Andy Ferguson starts a five week suspension and will be missing.

Harrow Borough defender Colin Payne missed the match against Wokingham with a knee injury but is fit to make his 300th appearance for the club in Saturday's 'six-pointer' against fellow strugglers Barking. Also fit is Jeremy Arnall after a long spell out

through injury and unavailability.

Hendon have given seven days notice of an approach for Harrow Borough skipper Eamon O'Connor.

But it is thought unlikely that O'Connor will want to move to the Clarendon Road club who are managed by former Borough assistant manager Alan Randall.

Ray Bennett's twisted knee injury keeps him sidelined as Wembley take on Bromley on Saturday, but Paul Lelliott is fit, as is keeper Jeff Fanner after suffering badly bruised ribs against Hayes.

Kingsbury hope to have Ja-

son Dale back after a gashed foot injury for the visit of Witham on Saturday.

Gerry Mulhern should have recovered from a torn thigh muscle but Bobby Cook is struggling with a knee injury.

Niall O'Rourke and Keith Williams are both available after returning from holidays.

Rayners Lane have a difficult away game against third placed Shortwood. Lane boss Don Durkin expects to have Gerry Hynes back from holiday and Steve Cott fit after a cheekbone injury. But definitely out are Fergus Meaney, who has an ankle injury and Gary Woolsey who has knee ligaments trouble.



Fred Smart.

No holding in form Mackin

TERRY Mackin started the New Year as he finished the old - in winning form.

The Harrow athlete took the Bexley Youths Road Race in commanding fashion, winning by almost a minute from his Old Gaytonians AC clubmate Richard Godden who, in turn, was well clear of Shaftesbury's David Bullock.

With Ian Cattle in 5th place, Gayts were easy winners of the team award, their sixth victory of the 1990-1991 campaign.

Steve Jones also made an excellent start to 1991, winning the boys (under-15) event by 100 metres. He took the lead up the long hill and was never headed.

Graham Bush continues to improve and he took 6th spot at Bexley. Patrick Brown finished 13th to set up an one point victory for Gayts.

Gayts placings
Youths (3 miles): 1 Terry Mackin 16.35; 2 Richard Godden 17.32; 5 Ian Cattle 19.17; 6 Nathan Barica 19.31; 9 Colin Brown 21.02. Teams: Gayts 1st.
Boys (3 miles): 1 Steve Jones 18.25; 6 Graham Bush 19.50; 13 Patrick Brown 21.46; 14 Nick Heller 22.12. Teams: Gayts 1st.

SOCCER FIXTURES

Saturday January 12	
FA Trophy first round: Wycombe Wanderers v Wealdstone	10.00am
Vauxhall League Premier Division: Barking v Harrow Borough	10.00am
Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Bromley (Vale Farm, 3pm)	3.00pm
Vauxhall League Division Two North: Edgware Town v Rainham Town (White Lion ground, 3pm); Kingsbury Town v Witham Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm)	3.00pm
Hellenic League: Shortwood Utd v Rayners Lane	7.30pm
Tuesday January 15	
Middx Senior Cup: Hendon v Wealdstone; Enfield v Wembley	7.30pm
Local Cup: Harrow Borough v Bishops Cleeve (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)	7.30pm
Wednesday January 16	
Capital League: Southend Utd v Wealdstone	7.30pm