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**Stones  
make  
cup exit**



● Barry Blackman - scored Stones' goal.

**Hendon 2 Wealdstone 1**  
WEALDSTONE departed disappointingly from the Middlesex Senior Cup at a freezing Claremont Road on Tuesday night, writes Steve Marshall.

Paul Morris presented Hendon with the lead in the 13th minute when his back pass fell straight to Mark Xavier who slotted the ball past David Coles.

Wealdstone's first real threat came in the 37th minute from Jim Watson's free kick with Corey Browne's eight yard strike being pushed away by Dave Root.

Though Wealdstone had marginally more possession than the home side, few chances were created on a very hard, though flat, surface but only two minutes after Root had made a superb save from Paul Morris, Wealdstone equalised. Watson's long free kick was nodded on by Barry Blackman over the advancing Root into the empty net.

The goal however only succeeded in firing Hendon into action and after Coles had held Duffield's free kick, Hendon's winner arrived in the 76th minute.

Wealdstone failed to clear after a goalmouth scramble and Hunt crossed for Colin Tate to fire home from close range.

Wealdstone: Coles, Watson, Smart, Bartlett (Waugh), Harrison, Donnellan, Morris (Gipp), Goyette, C. Browne, Blackman, Cordice.

**Ten men show Borough the cup door**

**Harrow Borough 0  
Bishops Stortford 2**  
AFTER the euphoria of Saturday's fine win at Barking, hapless Harrow were back to their bungling best on Tuesday night as they tumbled out of the Locite Cup to a Bishops Stortford side that only had a full compliment of players for the first nine minutes of the match, writes John Comfort.

In one of the most bizarre incidents ever seen at Earlsmead, Stortford had their number reduced when midfielder Devon Gale reacted sharply to verbal criticism from teammate Darren Went

by sending him sprawling on the ground with a hefty smack across the face. Despite Went's pleas, Gale was sent off for violent conduct by referee Gill.

It should have made a home win a mere formality, and indeed there were more than enough chances for them to have sewn the match up by half time, but with Borough one can always expect the unexpected.

Gavin MacPherson was put clear in the 25th minute after Mark Pye had headed on a Steve Crompton clearance, but he shot against keeper Tay-

lor's outstretched leg, and 15 minutes later the same player latched onto Har-rigan's ill-advised back pass but the keeper again blocked his effort.

Paul Ripley should have scored when put clear by MacPherson. But he delayed his shot long enough for defender Jackman to get in a last ditch tackle to rob him.

In the second half the game took a dramatic turn as complacent Borough stopped playing and the confident visitors took over.

With 10 minutes gone Parker put Manderson free and he beat Crompton

with a low shot to give Stortford a lead that they never looked like conceding.

Mark Hopson fired tamely wide from only six yards soon after from Paul Ripley's cross, but it was Borough's only chance of the half.

Stortford always looked the more positive side and sealed an amazing win in the 64th minute when Manderson's back header from Risley's cross lopped into the net for their second goal.

**Harrow Borough:** Crompton, Payne, O'Connor, Barnard, Mudd, Henry, Hopson, Pye, MacPherson (Cooper), Ripley, Johnstone (Colwill).

**Public meeting  
called to okay  
Willesden move  
for Wealdstone**



**BY JOHN  
COMFORT**

WITH their efforts to find a new ground in Harrow virtually exhausted, debt-ridden Wealdstone FC are looking again at the possibility of a move to Willesden Stadium in neighbouring Brent.

A public meeting, set for Sunday February 3, will establish whether there is local opposition to such a move, but if all goes well, a firm agreement with Brent Council could quickly be reached.

Wealdstone, originally planned to move to Willesden some 18 months ago, but had a last minute change of heart because the stadium's artificial pitch would have hindered their pro-

gress back to the GM Vauxhall Conference.

The agreement then was for a two year tenancy, with the option of three more years while they continued their search for a suitable ground site in Harrow.

Now Stones will be seeking to make Willesden a permanent home and will be looking to negotiate a lease of at least 99 years to secure the club's future. Plans are for the plastic pitch to be removed and relocated elsewhere on site and for a grass playing surface to be laid in its place.

Wealdstone are almost resigned to the fact that Harrow has nothing further to offer in their quest to relocate

**Stones turn again to  
Brent as hopes of  
Harrow ground fade**

and claim the council has been unhelpful. One proposal was for a site near Harrow Leisure Centre, but the asking price was £5million - a sum described by Wealdstone chairman Alan Clifton as "ludicrous."

Said Mr Clifton: "At the end of the day we have got to do something positive because we can't afford to stay at Lower Mead."

"I'm of the opinion that a move to Willesden could work very successfully. It is an established football ground and is the sort of facility we've been looking for with plenty of room for development.

"If we go I will be looking for a long term deal - if we go, we stay.

"But a possible move depends on how the public meeting goes and if we can get local agreement."

Of the chances of Stones staying in Harrow, Mr Clifton said: "We hope to stay in Harrow but I don't think Harrow deserves a quality team. Even when we were in the Conference our gates were rarely over 1,000."

Wealdstone, who are over £1million in debt, are committed to selling Lower Mead to club sponsors Harrovian Estates. The sale is likely to net them £7million. Establishing themselves at Willesden would, after clearing their debts, leave them with about £1million from which they could derive sufficient interest to run the club.

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**Borough out to avoid hat-trick**

**HARROW** Borough have a tough task on their hands on Saturday against Enfield as they look to put some distance between themselves and the relegation places.

Enfield have already beaten Borough twice this season, 6-1 in the league and 3-1 in the Middlesex Cup, and will be firm favourites to make it a hat-trick if the Earlsmead outfit reproduce the poor showing that saw them beaten by 10-man Bishops Stortford on Tuesday.

Borough are hoping to have Steve Shea fit after an ankle injury. Striker Jeremy Arnault is available for selection following a lengthy absence.

Wealdstone striker Tony Kelly has the stitches removed today from the gashed eye injury he suffered at Wycombe and is expected to play in Saturday's home match with Dartford.

Steve Tapley is suffering from a bout of flu but is also expected to be fit as Stones look to complete a league double over their Kent rivals.

Wembley centre back Paul Shields is back in training following the torn muscle injury he sustained at Redbridge and it is hoped he will be fit for Sa-

turday's game at Aveley. Also fit after injury is Ray Bennett, but Ronnie Johns is due to have a cartilage operation and will be out of action for six weeks.

Lee Rider has a knee injury but Edgware hope to have him fit for Saturday's visit to Basildon. Not available however is Andy Ferguson who still has four weeks weeks of a suspension to serve.

John Mangan returned to action with a game for the reserves at the weekend but he is unlikely to be considered for the first team for at least two more weeks.

A waterlogged Silver Jubilee Park pitch caused the cancellation of Kingsbury's

game with Witham at the weekend but they hope to be back in action on Saturday at Ware. Manager Frank O'Brien should have a full squad to select from.

Rayners Lane have a vital game against bottom of the table Bishops Cleeve that they must win to get away from the relegation zone. Former Harrow Borough player Stuart Howard who played for Lane last season but has been unable to play this season due to work commitments, is now available and has resigned for the club.

Fergus Meaney is now nearing fitness and is likely to have a run out in the reserves this weekend.



● Paul Shields - hoping to be fit for Wembley's match at Aveley.

**SOCCER FIXTURES**

**Saturday January 19**  
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Darford (Lower Mead, 3pm).  
Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Enfield (Earlsmead, 3pm).  
Vauxhall League Division One: Aveley v Wembley.  
Vauxhall League Division Two North: Basildon v Edgware Town; Ware v Kingsbury Town.

**Hellenic League:** Rayners Lane v Bishops Cleeve (Lucas Ave, 2.30pm).  
**Suburban League:** Feltham Res. v Wealdstone Res.

**Tuesday January 22**  
Middx Senior Cup: Enfield v Wembley.  
Capital League President's Cup: Sutton Utd v Wealdstone.

**League  
tables**

**BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE**

Premier Division

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Worcester	22	12	4	6	34	18	40
King's Lynn	19	11	5	4	32	18	38
Burton	20	11	5	4	39	26	38
Dover	20	11	5	4	31	18	38
Bromsgrove	21	10	5	4	39	27	37
Farnborough	22	11	4	7	35	32	37
Halesowen	22	10	4	8	37	34	34
Glossop	19	9	4	15	20	53	33
VS Rugby	19	9	4	8	33	31	31
Doncaster	22	9	4	9	26	31	31
Morecambe	21	9	4	13	34	35	29
Wealdstone	19	8	4	7	28	28	28
Atherstone	18	8	2	8	27	26	26
Walsby	26	7	14	39	46	36	26
Basiley	18	7	4	7	28	27	25
Poole	21	7	4	10	32	41	25
Walsborough	21	6	8	8	26	29	23
Chesham	21	6	10	30	40	23	23
Rushden	20	5	10	26	31	20	20
Gravesend	25	4	6	15	24	18	18
Crawley	20	6	9	23	33	17	17
Weymouth	23	2	8	13	28	50	14

**VAUXHALL LEAGUE**

Kingstonian	24	15	7	2	57	32	52
Redbridge	23	15	4	4	42	28	49
Woking	21	14	4	3	52	46	46
Enfield	23	13	7	3	43	19	46
Aylesbury	21	13	4	4	49	24	43
Gipsy	22	11	5	8	43	37	42
Weymouth	24	11	5	8	43	33	38
Canthelton	23	11	4	8	46	33	37
Melton	24	9	8	7	38	30	35
Windsor	22	12	6	5	34	32	32
Hayes	23	9	4	10	27	28	31
Dagenham	22	9	3	10	39	37	30
Wokingham	23	7	8	11	30	28	29
Hendon	23	7	8	8	24	27	29
St Albans	26	7	6	13	35	49	27
Claremont	25	4	11	24	45	37	27
Bishops Stort	21	6	7	8	23	21	25
Basingstoke	24	6	3	15	31	61	21
Barking	25	4	17	24	53	16	20
Harrow B.	26	4	4	18	33	61	16
Leyton-Wing	23	4	3	16	29	55	15
Bognor	17	4	2	11	16	34	14

**Division One**

Chesham	23	15	4	4	54	21	44
Wicham	22	13	5	4	45	27	44
Tooting	24	11	7	6	38	32	40
Bromley	21	11	6	4	32	22	39
Aveley	24	12	6	4	37	24	32
Woking	18	12	1	5	40	27	37
Molesey	19	12	1	8	33	24	37
Harrow	19	11	3	5	47	28	36
Chesham St	24	10	3	10	31	24	32
Southwick	24	10	5	9	30	29	35
Walton	21	10	4	7	39	28	34
Weymouth	23	7	8	10	31	38	31
Yeading	20	9	8	8	34	34	30
Dulwich	22	8	5	9	38	35	29
Lewes	23	7	8	11	33	40	28
Croydon	24	9	1	14	26	53	28
Sonham W	20	7	2	11	27	30	23
Wingfield	22	6	11	13	40	28	23
Met Police	26	6	4	16	32	47	22
Uxbridge	22	6	2	14	23	41	20
Neybridge	21	5	3	13	18	18	18
Worthing	18	1	1	16	14	59	4

**Division Two North**

Slough	24	16	4	4	51	28	52
Vaux	25	13	5	7	46	31	44
Billingsley	24	11	5	8	33	28	38
Barrow	24	11	4	9	33	31	37
Salway W	22	9	8	5	43	37	35
Harrow	25	9	8	8	36	35	35
King's Lynn	24	10	5	9	38	35	35
Barnhamstead	25	10	5	10	27	34	35
Rainham	25	10	4	11	31	30	34
Basildon	24	7	3	12	27	24	32
Edgware	22	10	2	10	38	34	32
Collier Row	23	8	6	9	38	40	30
Harrow	23	8	9	30	35	29	30
Purfleet	19	8	3	8	28	27	27
Witham	22	7	6	9	31	36	27
Basildon	22	6	7	9	34	41	25
Hornsea	24	7	14	31	44	24	24
Clapton	22	6	10	27	40	24	24
Tilbury	22	6	3	13	33	42	21
Froley	16	2	16	23	16	13	13
Ting	21	0	3	18	13	52	3

**Borough miss  
out on Platini**

**HARROW** Borough's Locite Cup tie on Tuesday meant they had to turn down the offer of hosting a friendly on Monday against the Kuwait National side who would have included Michel Platini and Liam Brady as guests.

**Lions' cup tie  
called off**

**WEMBLEY'S** Middlesex Senior Cup tie at Enfield on Tuesday was called off after the Southbury Road club claimed their pitch was unfit following Saturday's FA Trophy match with Chesham.

The match has been rearranged for this coming Tuesday.

**300 up for  
Boro's Payne**

**HARROW** Borough defender Colin Payne made his 300th appearance for the club on Tuesday night in their Locite Cup defeat against Bishops Stortford.

Payne's appearances for the club are in fact nearer 500 as he has also played 194 games for the reserve team.