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Hopson goes on list after 'sub' row



● Mark Hopson.

HARROW Borough midfielder Mark Hopson has been put on the transfer list after a row over being named as substitute in last week's match against Staines Town. Hopson was unhappy at not being named in the side by manager Peter Lawrence and declined to play in the game. He later asked to go on the list.

24 year old Hopson, who was once on Brentford's books, started his second spell at Earlsmead three years ago, following a period with Walton. He has appeared over 80 first team appearances for the club and scored 9 goals.

He is a contract player and Borough will be asking for a fee for him.

Borough to face Barnet

HARROW Borough have an attractive friendly at Earlsmead on Tuesday evening when they take on GM Vauxhall Conference champions Barnet, kick off 7.30pm.

Barnet boss Barry Fry says he will be fielding his full Conference first team squad which will include three England non-league international players.

Setback to chances of Stones moving in with Borough

League block ground share

WEALDSTONE Football Club suffered another blow to their relocation plans this week with the news that any proposed agreement to ground share with neighbours Harrow Borough could be blocked by the Vauxhall Football League.

Borough chairman Eric May said on Tuesday that he had discussed the issue with League chairman Alan Turvey and been told that the League would only agree to one season of ground sharing - and then only on the proviso that Wealdstone were able to produce a signed agreement that they had another ground to move into when the ground-share period was up.

Mr May said: "We have had discussions with Wealdstone in which we set out our terms and thoughts. But nothing is



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down on paper and nothing has been finalised. And unless they can come up with a signed agreement of tenure on other premises they won't get in with any Vauxhall League club."

The ball is now firmly back in Wealdstone's court, but in general, he added that Borough would be prepared to accommodate their neighbours, whose survival is very much in the balance following the £6million sale of their Lower Mead ground to Tesco who want them out by mid-May.

"I'm sure we would bend over backwards to help them out," said Mr May. "If Wealdstone are able to come up with the necessary agreement we'll look at it and take it from there."

"It's something that could be of financial benefit for Harrow Borough and would allow us money we've never had to enhance our football." But Borough are not the only club with whom Wealdstone are discussing the prospect of ground sharing. Said Wealdstone chairman

Alan Clifton "We're talking to Harrow Borough and two other clubs. I want to keep all avenues open."

Mr Clifton said he was unaware of any agreement being required over possible ground-sharing with Harrow, but on this latest setback he said: "I'm used to hurdles, and it doesn't create a problem."

That suggests that the other clubs he is talking with are not Vauxhall League clubs which Mr Clifton confirmed, but declined to name them as they have yet to clear the situation with their respective leagues.

However, one of them is likely to be GM Vauxhall Conference title chasers Barnet, with whom Wealdstone have had similar discussions in the past.

Temporary ground sharing now appears to be Stones' only logical move following

the apparent collapse of their proposed controversial move to Willesden Stadium under the weight of local opposition, voiced strongly at a public meeting two weeks ago.

But Mr Clifton does not rule out the possibility of a Willesden deal going through. "We have still got a dialogue with Brent and it's something that's certainly not dead," said Mr Clifton. "We're still talking."

It was rumoured this week that a private concern had offered Wealdstone a site in Harrow. Mr Clifton said he knew nothing of this but would welcome any suggestions or offers.

The extraordinary general meeting called by Wealdstone to discuss relocation with club members and shareholders has been brought forward to Sunday February 24.

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

Premier Division	p	w	d	f	a	pts	
Cambridge City	22	13	7	2	37	18	46
Dover	22	13	5	4	35	18	44
Barnet	23	13	6	5	47	31	44
Bromsgrove	26	12	8	6	46	35	44
Worcester	26	12	7	7	37	22	43
Farnborough	24	13	4	4	41	32	43
Halesowen	26	13	4	9	47	39	43
Gloucester	22	12	6	4	42	24	42
Walsley	22	11	4	4	32	37	37
Dorchester	25	10	6	10	42	37	36
Wealdstone	23	10	4	9	34	32	34
Daylesford	22	11	5	8	31	52	32
Moortown	25	10	2	14	44	51	32
Chelmsford	24	8	6	10	36	32	30
Clifton	28	6	5	15	37	47	29
Bushy	25	7	11	14	47	37	28
Pool	25	8	4	13	37	28	28
Adrenaline	22	6	2	12	29	33	28
Warrington	23	5	10	18	43	23	23
Crawley	23	4	9	10	25	41	22
Gravesend	28	5	6	17	28	60	21
Weymouth	27	2	8	17	31	62	14

Vauxhall League

Premier Division	p	w	d	f	a	pts	
Kingstonian	26	17	7	2	65	33	58
Redbridge	25	17	4	4	45	28	50
Barking	24	14	8	4	37	21	50
Woking	23	15	4	4	54	18	49
Wivenhoe	27	14	5	8	49	36	47
Canvey	26	12	5	11	51	40	41
Aylesbury	24	13	6	5	54	30	40
Marlow	27	11	9	7	46	33	42
Southam	26	12	5	11	51	40	41
Dagenham	28	11	10	10	58	38	38
Windsor	25	10	6	9	32	33	36
Hayes	25	10	4	11	30	32	34
Chesham	26	12	5	11	51	40	41
Hendon	26	7	9	10	28	33	30
Bishops Cleeve	24	7	8	9	28	26	29
St Albans	26	7	14	14	34	29	28
Staines	28	7	14	28	54	24	28
Basingstoke	27	7	3	17	36	68	24
Warrington	26	4	19	29	60	22	22
Harrow B.	29	4	5	20	37	69	19
Bognor	21	4	5	12	19	37	17
Leys-Wing	26	4	4	18	33	61	16

Division One

Chesham	26	17	4	5	59	24	55
Hitchin	25	15	5	5	58	30	50
St Albans	24	14	7	4	38	22	50
Totterdean	27	12	9	6	42	35	45
Aveley	27	15	5	9	47	31	44
Holesey	22	14	1	7	36	27	43
Harlow	26	8	11	10	42	36	40
Walton	24	12	4	8	44	29	40
Dorking	21	13	1	7	46	35	40
Chalfont St Giles	26	11	11	37	40	39	39
Yeading	24	11	3	10	39	31	36
Southwick	27	10	6	11	34	36	36
Whitby	25	8	11	16	22	30	30
Dulwich	24	8	10	10	40	38	30
Lewes	26	8	12	15	44	30	30
Hubridge	26	9	14	34	44	30	30
Croydon	26	9	2	15	27	58	29
Wembley	25	7	6	12	37	43	27
St Albans	23	6	2	13	33	26	26
Woking	26	6	1	17	45	32	26
Haybridge	25	6	4	15	42	42	22
Worthing	22	1	1	20	18	83	4

Division Two North

Stevensage	28	23	3	2	79	20	72
Vaux Mot.	27	16	6	5	55	33	54
Ware	28	15	8	5	50	33	50
Barnet	25	15	3	7	42	21	46
Harford	29	11	8	10	41	41	41
Royston	23	10	3	4	38	31	40
Saffron W.	23	10	8	5	44	37	38
Edgware	22	2	11	4	32	36	38
Barnet	27	11	5	11	34	38	38
Kingsbury	25	11	5	11	32	38	38
St Albans	25	10	7	4	31	40	37
Rainham	27	10	4	13	34	35	34
Collier Row	26	9	7	10	40	44	34
William	24	9	6	9	37	38	33
St Albans	22	8	8	8	35	38	33
Hemel H.	28	7	11	10	33	43	32
Tisbury	26	9	3	14	46	47	30
Clapton	26	7	12	13	49	27	27
Basilston	25	6	8	11	37	47	26
Homechurch	27	7	5	15	34	47	26
Finchley	26	4	5	17	30	63	17
Ting	25	0	6	19	16	60	6

HELLENIC LEAGUE

Premier Division	p	w	d	f	a	pts	
Milton	21	10	8	3	35	19	38
Shornhead	18	12	1	5	45	30	37
Fairford	18	11	3	4	29	21	36
Highdown	19	11	2	6	42	23	35
Barnby	19	10	2	7	34	27	32
St Albans	18	6	13	8	36	25	32
Headington	20	9	4	7	29	21	31
Abingdon	18	8	4	6	27	19	28
St Albans	19	7	11	3	31	42	28
Bicester	17	7	6	8	26	20	26
Almondsbury	16	6	5	2	23	23	23
Peppers	16	6	3	7	26	28	21
Cambridge	16	5	8	12	35	20	20
Rayners Lane	19	5	4	10	19	37	19
Warrington	20	3	6	11	20	43	15
Swindon	19	2	4	13	14	31	14
Bishop's Cleeve	14	1	6	7	19	36	9

SUBURBAN LEAGUE

Northern Division	p	w	d	f	a	pts	
Wealdstone	22	15	4	3	68	32	53
Yeading	22	15	4	3	51	21	49
Edgware	22	13	4	6	53	28	40
Hayes	19	11	4	4	39	17	37
Woking	18	11	3	4	40	22	36
Hendon	19	10	4	5	38	23	34
Hampton	22	8	6	5	30	22	32
St Albans	20	9	4	3	36	14	31
Hourston	20	9	3	8	36	36	30
Harrow Boro.	21	7	2	12	32	48	23
St Albans	19	7	11	3	41	22	22
Kingsbury	22	5	6	11	28	45	21
Ruislip	20	6	3	11	26	44	21
Uxbridge	20	6	13	24	48	23	21
Hayes	20	6	3	11	47	18	18
Feltham	23	5	1	17	32	70	16
Northwood	23	3	6	14	19	34	15

Director quits over clash of loyalties

DISILLUSIONED over developments in the club's long drawn out saga to relocate, Wealdstone Football Club director Nick DuGard has dramatically resigned his seat on the board.

Mr DuGard, a founder member of the board which was formed in April 1988 when Alan Clifton won his battle to oust David Morrill as club chairman, said on Monday: "I tendered my resignation during a board meeting in what I can only describe as a highly emotional state.

"I have since had a face to face meeting with the chairman and I have explained to him in detail why I can no longer continue on the board, and the only basis on which I was prepared to remain.

"This has been a harrowing decision to take, but I have been unhappy and struggling with a serious conflict of loyalties for some considerable time.

"I aim to continue my association with

the supporters club and I would urge all genuine supporters to attend the forthcoming extraordinary general meeting which has to be the most significant meeting in Wealdstone FC's long history."

Mr DuGard was very much the 'supporters man' on the board. A Wealdstone follower for over 17 years, he was formerly the secretary of the Stones Supporters Club.

And it was that loyalty to those on the terraces, who have complained long and hard that their views on relocation are rarely sought and at the cloak and dagger secrecy that has often surrounded it, that has been severely put to the test as the board made difficult decisions in the quest to find the club a new home.

Particularly significant was the decision to sell the club's Lower Mead ground for £6million at Christmas to the Tesco supermarket chain before a deal to relocate had been finalised so after almost

a year of conflicting loyalties, Mr DuGard decided to step down.

Club chairman Alan Clifton said he thought Mr DuGard was "a bit silly" to resign.

"If you don't agree with something, you don't change things by walking away," he said.

"But I still think he is a first class chap who had a lot to offer Wealdstone Football Club and I'm very disappointed he has decided to resign."

The decision, he said, "came as a bit of a bombshell.

"At a board meeting we had only been going for about 10 minutes when he opened his briefcase, took out a letter and gave it to me and said 'I'm resigning' and walked out."

"Since then I have spoken to him on the phone and met him and asked him to reconsider, but he has decided not to change his mind."



● Nick DuGard.

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Wembley have two banned

FRANK Foley and Charlie Flaherty will both be missing from the Wembley line up if the Lions get back into action on Saturday at home to Walton and Hershham.

Both are due to start two match bans for the accumulation of five bookings. Otherwise manager Tony Waugh has an injury free squad to select from for the match as Wembley bid to steer clear of the relegation zone.

Harrow Borough completed the signing of striker Steve Conroy from Kingstonian on Tuesday night and he goes into the side for Saturday's difficult match at Wivenhoe.

Borough boss Peter Lawrence has no injury problems for the match and will select from a full squad.

On Tuesday Borough have an attractive friendly arranged at Earlsmead against Barnet. If Wealdstone's home match with Bromsgrove Rovers goes ahead on Saturday they will be without defender Mark Harrison who is scheduled to start a two match ban for totting up five bookings.

Paul Goyette is back in training after injury and he could well be in contention for a place in Brian Hall's team.

Andy Ferguson has finished his five weeks suspension but is unlikely to win back his place in the Edgware side for Saturday's home match against Finchley after such a lengthy absence.

The hamstring injuries suffered by both Jim Davey and Eugene Flynn have cleared up and they are fit to play, as is Lee Rider. John Morgan is also back to fitness and is also in contention for a place in Brian Rider's team.

Having played only one league game in the past five weeks, Kingsbury Town will be hoping their home game with promotion hopefuls Vauxhall Motors