

Harrow through to Shield final

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Neil steals victory for 10 man Stones

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Now Lee joins Egware crocks

Purfleet 3 Edgware 0 DEPLETED Edgware, who were without both Jim Davey and Eugene Flynn, lost Lee Rider with a cracked tibia which will keep him out for the rest of the season...

Their early dominance yielded only one clear effort from Martyn Kidd that was well saved but 10 minutes before the break it was Purfleet who went ahead when defenders missed a cross that was slotted home.

In the second half Laurence Murphy got through only to shoot weakly wide, and Purfleet replied with a killer second goal, allowed despite being blatantly offside.

Edgware's misery was completed when John Mangan and Andy Ferguson both failed to clear a cross which was promptly netted for Purfleet's third goal.

Edgware: Smart, Deritis, R. Mangan, Brennan, Finnerty, Ferguson, Gerardi, Rider (J. Mangan), Kidd, Powe, Murphy. Other sub: McGeish.

Belmont win appeal over Woking star

BELMONT Seniors have been reinstated in the Middlesex Sunday Premier Cup.

Two weeks ago the Harrow based club, who play in the Hendon Sunday League, lost in a quarter final tie to Bedford Sunday who fielded one of Woking's FA Cup heroes, Mark Biggins, in their line up.

Belmont appealed to the Middlesex County FA that Biggins was ineligible to play and the appeal has been upheld. Bedford have been expelled from the competition and Belmont will take their place in the semi finals, the furthest the club has got in the competition in their 33 years history.

The now play Deane United at Wimpey sports ground, Stanmore, on Sunday, kick off 10.30am. The winners meet Northfield Rangers in the final at Yeading FC on April 14.

Fans could face longer wait for Stones' relocation plans

Chairman keeps them guessing

ANXIOUS and impatient Wealdstone FC members could be faced with a longer wait than was originally anticipated before hearing details of the club's plans for relocation.

At last week's extraordinary general meeting, club chairman Alan Clifton defended his much criticised handling of the issue, which has seen the club's future seemingly in doubt following the sale of their Lower Mead ground to the Tesco supermarket chain.

He allayed fears that homeless Stones were heading for oblivion, assured members that the club would have a ground to go to after the June 30 deadline they have to meet for vacating Lower Mead, and pledged that his long awaited relocation proposals would be revealed "in three weeks."

But on Tuesday he was not so sure that he would be in a position to "tell all" quite so soon.



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Mr Clifton said that when plans were finalised he would call an emergency meeting of the club to inform members. The 14 days notice required for such meetings would take it beyond three weeks.

But while Mr Clifton continues to keep his cards close to his chest over the club's precise plans, speculation amongst supporters continues to mount, with rumours linking Stones with virtually every other local senior club for ground sharing purposes.

More likely however it is Wealdstone will take advantage of their signed agreement to play at Wilsden Stadium for a season while they develop a new ground, which Mr Clifton says will not be in the borough of Harrow but will be within a six mile radius.

That, as a matter of interest, covers a considerably wide area, reaching to Watford in the north, Chalfont in the west, Hayes to the south and Hendon to the east.

Hall meets up with former assistant



WEALDSTONE'S match with Dorchester on Saturday brought about a reunion for Stones' boss Brian Hall with the Dorset club's new manager, Paul Rodgers, who was Hall's assistant when he was in charge at Yeovil. The occasion proved a happier one for Hall - Wealdstone won 2-1.

Super sub Petrou peps Kingsbury

Kingsbury Town 3 Saffron Walden 1 SUBSTITUTE Pedro Petrou was the two goal hero for Kingsbury as they ended Saffron's 15 match unbeaten league run on Tuesday night.

With Kingsbury leading 1-0, Petrou came on as a 68th minute replacement for Phil Williams and just two minutes later he increased his side's lead when he headed home a Troy Birch corner at the near post.

He could have had a second in the 74th minute but shot wide with just the keeper to beat after intercepting a back pass, and Saffron took advantage of that let off by reducing the arrears with an 84th minute penalty from Mark Simpson after Bobby Cook had handled in the area.

'Old boy' Williams whacks Wembley

When he laid the ball off to Hippolyte, keeper Jeff Fanner plunged at his feet and in the ensuing goalmouth scramble Williams got the final touch to give the visitors their winning goal.

In an eventful game on a difficult glucopt of a pitch, Wembley twice held the lead only to squander it with slipshod defending. Their opener came after 34 minutes

when Paul Lelliott drove home a superb shot from Robert Larkin's cross, but four minutes after the break Chalfont levelled when the unmarked Glasgow headed in a Dell corner.

Bobby Hutchinson lashed home a great shot from almost on the byline to restore Wembley's lead three minutes later but Chalfont were again permitted an equaliser, another ex-Lion Tony Simpson netting after 72 minutes.

After Williams put Chalfont ahead, Lance Cadogan was unlucky not to earn Wembley a point when he crashed a blistering shot against an upright with three minutes to go.

Wembley: Fanner, Larkin, H. Hutchinson (Flaherty), Bennett, Shields, E. Waugh, Cadogan, Lelliott, Graham, B. Hutchinson, Thompson (Strachan).

League tables

Table with columns: Premier Division, p, w, d, l, f, a, pts. Lists teams like Camb City, Bromsgrove, Dover, Gloucester, Farnborough, Hartlepool, Worcester, Burton, etc.

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Table with columns: Division One, p, w, d, l, f, a, pts. Lists teams like Chesham, Hitchin, Bromley, etc.

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Gaytonians on brink of league title OLD Gaytonians AC go into the final round of the Chiltern League at Northwood on Saturday... The colts (under-13) team have a 38 point margin over the Berkshire outfit and hope to have a full turnout, including their eighty county athletes...

Flu bug hits Kelly TONY Kelly is the latest victim of the flu bug that has so far hit six of the Wealdstone players, and he is doubtful for Saturday's visit to Weymouth... Mark Harrison, Steve Smart and Steve Tapley have now recovered, but Smart is struggling with a leg injury and Tapley is set to have a wisdom tooth out and both could be doubtful...

Hatch head for double HARROW Challenge League First Division leaders Hatch End Reserves and their Second Division counterparts Larkspur turned in an excellent performance in their League Trophy clash... Welcome to whatsname WEALDSTONE manager Brian Hall got confused over the name of his new signing Mark Hopson in the match programme for Saturday's game with Dorchester...

FIXTURES

- Saturday March 9: Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Weymouth v Wealdstone. Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Hendon (Earlsmead, 3pm). Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Yeading (Vale Farm, 3pm). Vauxhall League Division Two: Weymouth v Yeading (Vale Farm, 3pm). Edgware Town v Kingsbury Town (White Lion ground, 3pm). Suburban League: Wealdstone Res. v Hampton Res. (Lower Mead, 3pm); Harefield Utd Res. v Harrow Borough Res. Monday March 11: Capital League: Wealdstone v Slough Town (Lower Mead, 7.30pm). Tuesday March 12: Vauxhall League Premier Division: Leyton-Wingate v Harrow Borough. Vauxhall League Division Two North: Wingham v Edgware Town. Suburban League: Harrow Borough Res. v Wembley Res. (Earlsmead, 7.30pm). Wednesday March 6: Capital League: Brentford v Wealdstone (7.45pm).