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Chairman stays quiet on relocation

WEALDSTONE FC members are still waiting to hear where the club will be playing next season.

Club chairman Alan Clifton said at last month's extraordinary general meeting that he would reveal details of the club's relocation "in three weeks."

And there was no sign this week that he was any nearer to an announcement, which he will make at an emergency general meeting of club members and shareholders.

"I'm still bogged down in discussions," he said. "Things are still progressing in the right direction but at the moment I have nothing to report."

Waugh joins Manor

TONY Waugh, who two weeks ago quit as manager of Wembley, has signed for Ruislip Manor as a player.

Manor are managed by Waugh's former Vale Farm teammate Mick Schools and include several ex-Lions in their squad, notably veteran defender Spud Murphy who captained Wembley in their County Cup 'double' triumph four years ago.

On Saturday Waugh played for Manor Reserves in their 1-1 draw at Feltham in the Suburban League. He made his first team debut on Monday and had a hand in one of the goals as Manor beat Horsham 3-1 in the semi-finals of the Lottice Trophy.

Cup final at Edgware

EDGWARE Town FC stage the final of the Middlesex Senior Cup on Easter Monday when Enfield meet Yeading. Kick off is at 3pm.

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Monarchs are aiming to rule the 'World'

GRIDIRON fans will be out in force on Sunday when the London Monarchs make their home debut in the World League of American Football against the New York Knights at Wembley Stadium.

After their impressive victory over the Frankfurt Galaxy in their opening game, Monarchs will be looking for another success to boost their hopes of a place in the season's climax, the World Bowl.

The Monarchs are coached by Larry Keenan, who was quarterback coach to the Los Angeles Raiders when they won the 1983 Superbowl.

He has assembled a squad of NFL rejects and US college graduates, plus a handful of English players to represent the Wembley based team, and they include former Wokingham Town FC captain Phil Alexander who has firmly established himself as the Monarchs' number one kicker.

It was Alexander who had the distinction of kicking the first ball in a World League in Frankfurt in a match which

saw the Monarchs come from behind to win after a safety forced by Chris Williams and a 35 yard field goal by Stephen Maslo had put the home side into a 5-0 lead.

Dave Smith's 28 yard touchdown, with Alexander adding the extra point and a 25 yard field goal put Monarchs ahead and in the second half Alexander added extra points to a 97 yard touchdown from Jon Horton and a 9 yard touchdown from Dana Brinson before Todd Young scored a late touchdown for Galaxy.

A crowd of up to 40,000 is expected to watch the Monarchs match against the Knights at Wembley and they will be treated to all the usual razzamatazz that surrounds American Football, including the Monarchs cheerleaders, the Crown Jewels, marching bands, team mascots and other spectacular entertainment.

The game kicks off at 7pm and tickets, priced £20, £15, £12 and £8 are still available from the Wembley box office, telephone 900-1234.



● Raring to go against the New York Knights - some of the Monarchs players.

It looks grim but Boro' boss is confident

'We can still beat the drop'

AS relegation from the Vauxhall League's Premier Division stares his side starkly in the face, Harrow Borough manager Peter Lawrence confidently declares that they will still beat the drop.

"We've matured and have got more character in the side now and I think we'll still be playing Premier Division football next season," he said.

"I won't accept that we're down until it's mathematically impossible for us to stay up."

Borough squandered a two goal lead against Aylesbury on Saturday, but a point against the third in the table side was a good result. How-



BY JOHN COMFORT

ever, with both Barking and Basingstoke, the teams immediately above them, winning the Eastmead outfit's position makes grim reading.

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Barking. That hardly bodes well for Borough's chances, although the result did wipe out the Essex club's goal difference advantage over Borough.

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Stones take Hayrettin on loan

WEALDSTONE have signed Turkish midfielder Hakan Hayrettin on loan from Conference leaders Barnet.

Hayrettin made his Stones' debut against Bashley and is expected to be in the side to face struggling Crawley on Saturday. Apart from keeper Dave Coles and defender Paul Morris, manager Brian Hall has no injury problems.

Harrow Borough's only injury problem for Saturday's home clash with Marlow is Colin Payne who is still recovering from an abdominal strain.

Wembley will have leading scorer Bobby Hutchinson back in action after suspension for Saturday's clash with Dork-

ing. But Harry Hutchinson has a pulled thigh muscle and will be missing.

Jim Davey has joined the lengthy list of Edgware players who will be sitting out the rest of the season. His knee injury has been diagnosed as ruptured ligaments and he will be in plaster for over a month.

Manager Brian Rider has signed former Southampton youth player Steve Smith from out of the Herts League to replace him and he is likely to be added to the squad for Saturday's visit to Hertford.

Robbie James is again the only injury doubt for Kingsbury Town when they visit Purfleet on Saturday.

Early goal fails to pep sloppy Stones

Waldstone 1 Bashley 1

EVEN the boost of a goal after just two minutes failed to spur Stones to victory over Bashley on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

They couldn't have got off to a much better start as Steve Tapley's free kick was flicked on by Barry Blackman for Leo Donnellan to race in and crash the ball past keeper Simpkins.

But from then on, despite having the better of play in the first half, it was a familiar leathargic Stones who were unable to add to their lead.

And only a superb diving dive from Dave Hudson which kept out Baird's powerful free kick prevented Bashley from levelling with their only chance of the half.

Stones badly needed a sec-

ond goal to make the game safe and they almost got it in the second half when Blackman flicked on another Tapley free kick and only a great save from Simpkins kept out Cordice's goalbound header.

But Bashley were always threatening and should have scored when Hudson dropped a Baird corner only for Pegler to blasted the ball over an open goal. However, with 78 minutes gone the visitors earned a point when the sloppy Stones' defence failed to clear a Baird free kick and substitute Bridle lashed home the equaliser.

Waldstone: Hudson, Bartlett, Smart, Watson, Harrison, Donnellan, Hopson (Kelly), Tapley, Hayrettin, Blackman, Cordice. Other sub: Goyette.

Kingsbury hang on to take points

Basilidon 3 Kingsbury 4

ANOTHER pleasing performance from Kingsbury saw them to three deserved points at Basilidon, although they had to suffer seven minutes of injury time before they claimed them.

Kingsbury went a goal down after only four minutes when Troy Birch handed in the area and Mark Bellamy fired in the resultant penalty but in the 8th minute they were level when Pedro Petrou half-volleyed the ball home after Chris Simpson had headed down a Mark Keane cross.

Kingsbury took the lead in the 63rd minute through Birch from a Simpson cross but Basilidon equalised four minutes later when Roger Gorbell headed in from a free kick.

A Peter Stapleton penalty, after Beck had handled in the area, regained the lead for Kingsbury two minutes later and they went further ahead when Petrou netted after a great run and cross by Keane.

A near post header by Bellamy reduced the deficit in the 82nd minute but Kingsbury held on grimly through the considerable amount of added time to deservedly claim maximum points.

Kingsbury: Coffey, Keane, Simpson, Stapleton, K. Williams, Young (Cook), Surridge, Dale, Birch, P. Williams (Mulhern), Petrou.

League tables

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Hatch are held up by Saints

OVER confidence almost led to Hatch End's undoing as they allowed bottom of the table St Josephs to come back from a two goal deficit in their Harrow Challenge League Premier Division clash on Sunday.

The leaders of the table had gone ahead through full back Wally McCarthy and skipper Karl Griggs.

But St Josephs hit back with two well taken goals from Dave Smith before Adrian Le-well fired Hatch End back in front just before the interval.

In the second half Hatch End squandered chances and their opponents had a couple of opportunities to equalise before Ray Nicholson finally put the result beyond doubt to make it 4-2.

Soccer fixtures

- Saturday March 30: Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Waldstone v Crawley Town (Lower Mead, 3pm). Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Marlow (Earlham, 3pm). Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Dorking (Vale Farm, 3pm). Vauxhall League Division Two North: Hertford v Edgware Town; Purfleet v Kingsbury Town. Hellenic League: Bishops Cleeve v Raynes Lane. Suburban League: Hayes Res. v Waldstone Res.