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Lions' revenge lifts them three places up table

Wembley 4 Worthing 0

DETERMINED Wembley were in no mood to suffer another embarrassing defeat by bottom placed Worthing and gained comprehensive revenge over their rivals on Tuesday night to lift themselves up three places in the league table, writes Richard Markiewicz.

They opened the scoring after 11 minutes when Steve Graham lobbed into the net from 25 yards after Worthing keeper Trevor Pulleyblank could only partially punch clear a Paul Bryan cross.

Despite splintering Worthing's flimsy defence on several occasions, Wembley had to wait until the 53rd minute for their second goal, Charlie Flaherty nipping in to beat the hesitant Pulleyblank after Bobby Hutchinson had flicked on Carl Simpson's cross.

Paul Bryan crashed home Wembley's third goal in the 69th minute. Fed by Flaherty's short free kick, he unleashed a superb 30 yard strike past the despairing Pulleyblank.

Bryan hit the bar with a 20 yard curler in the 78th minute but Flaherty followed up to nod in the rebound to make it 4-0.

The hard working Flaherty missed out on a deserved hat-trick four minutes from time. He followed up after Gursel Gulfer struck the crossbar but his header agonisingly also hit the woodwork.

Wembley: Rogers, Larkin, Simpson, Bennett, Shields, Ventour, White (Gulfer), Flaherty, Graham, B. Hutchinson, P. Bryan. Other sub: M. Bryan.

Stones outclassed by league leaders

Wealdstone 0 Farnborough 2

"WE were outclassed" was Wealdstone manager Brian Hall's succinct and highly accurate assessment as his side slumped to defeat against league leaders Farnborough on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

Certainly there was never any danger of Stones repeating their shock win at Cherrywood Road last month, for they never looked like scoring, and had it not been for the heroics of keeper Dave Hudson, the scoreline could have been highly embarrassing.

In the opening minutes Hudson thwarted both Doherty and Coombs and then acrobatically turned over a close range effort from Rogers. Later he superbly spread himself to block Coombs' shot after Doherty had set him up with

an open goal.

But Wealdstone's good fortune eventually ran out and Farnborough took the lead in the 41st minute when Hudson was left helpless as the unmarked Broome headed home from a cross by Rogers.

Bury Blackman was close with a couple of early half chances in the first half, but after the break Stones failed to create anything.

And Farnborough duly settled the issue with a second goal in the 75th minute when Horton's flick through had Peter Bartlett and Hudson dithering over a clearance and their confusion left Doherty with an open goal which he gratefully accepted.

Wealdstone: Hudson, Watson, Smart, Bartlett, Harrison, Goyette (Gipp), Hayretin, Topley, Kelly, Blackman, Cordice. Other sub: J. Ferguson.

Rampant Monarchs take the Thunder by storm

HIGH scoring Orlando Thunder - with 93 points from their first two games - were expected to provide the London Monarchs with their sternest World League test at Wembley Stadium on Saturday. But it didn't happen, writes John Comfort.

The Monarchs were in rampant mood and stormed to a comprehensive 35-12 win which halted Thunder's unbeaten run and now only the Wembley based outfit and the Barcelona Dragons have 100 per cent records.

Most Valuable Player on Saturday was Monarchs' quarterback Stan Gelbaugh who completed 24 of 41 pass attempts for 312 yards, including a 38 yard touchdown pass to Tony Sargent.

Jeff Alexander scored on a 5 yard run and there were two touchdowns from Dave Smith on runs of 3 yards and 1 yard, but the game's highlight was reserved for the closing stages as Victor Ebubedike ran for 33 yards on

five carries which culminated in him forcing his way over from 1 yard to become the first Briton to score a touchdown in the World League, much to the obvious delight of the 35,327 home crowd.

But while the Monarchs offence carved the Thunder open with ease, and totally eradicated the turnovers of last week, their defence also played a hefty part in a crucial win.

Thunder's much vaunted quarter-

back Kerwin Bell was sacked six times, three times by Mike Renna, and once each by Roy Hart, Danny Lockett and Carnel Smith. And he was intercepted four times, twice by Irvin Smith, and again by Corris Ervin and Dedrick Dodge.

The Monarchs play their first game in North America when they meet Birmingham Fire on Monday before returning to Wembley on April 20 to face the Montreal Machine.

No U-turn this time as Borough chief confirms 'I am going'

Chairman May is on his way

HARROW Borough FC chairman Eric May confirmed at a meeting of the club's board of directors this week that he will be standing down at the end of the season.

Mr May indicated last year that he wanted to quit but when no candidate to succeed him was forthcoming, he retained the post rather than leave the club in the lurch.

However, he was adamant that he would be stepping down this season - and this time there will clearly be no U-turn.

Mr May and his wife Shirley will be retiring to the Cotswolds in September. They have bought a house in Ship-ton-under-Wychwood and



BY JOHN COMFORT

have accepted an offer on their own house in Pinner.

Said Mr May, who is also the club's financial director: "I will be here until the end of the financial year in May to make sure the accounts are alright."

"But it is my intention that come September 1 I shall be leaving the area and retiring to the Cotswolds."

September will be a singularly appropriate time for Mr May to go for in that month he will have completed 50 years as a member of Harrow Borough as both player and official, including two spells as club chairman.

Mr May is currently grooming club member Jim Ripley - the father of Borough striker Paul Ripley - to take over his

duties as financial director, but it would seem that there is still no sign of any replacement as chairman on the horizon.

"Who takes over? I have absolutely no idea," said Mr May. "That will be down to the board."

Club vice-chairman and football director Peter Rogers will step into the chair when Mr May leaves office next month and will hold the post until the club's annual general meeting in September.

But will he retain the position on a permanent basis? "It's possible," said Mr Rogers. "But that will be the board's decision."

"At the moment we want to see the season out. Then we have got to take it step by step and see how things develop."



Eric May - quitting as Harrow Borough chairman next month.

Watford move 'great' says Hall

WEALDSTONE manager Brian Hall told supporters on Friday that he thought the club's forthcoming move to Watford FC was "great".

Speaking for the first time about the relocation as a guest at the Wealdstone Supporters' Club's annual dinner and dance, he said: "I know there will be some teething problems, some larger than others, some that may appear larger but are in fact not, and possibly some may be manufactured."

"I believe however that facts are facts

and I think the package looks great, and I'm only an onlooker.

The negotiations and decisions were handled very professionally and I believe with much thought and consideration - none of which is to do with a manager but I must say that a fantastic package it is.

"And while there may be tears when we leave Lower Mead, there are great big smiles around the corner at Vicarage Road. Secretly I can't wait to get there."

The Supporters Club presented their 'Supporter of the Year' Trophy to Neil

Harvey, one of the club's many 'long distance' fans. He journeys to Wealdstone matches every week from Bath.

Special awards were made to Ray Kemp for his 10 years service as Supporters Club chairman and vice-chairman Nick DuGuard for his 10 years of unbroken membership.

"Unsung Hero" awards were made to Dan Helen, club physio Terry Warren, Martin Lacey, Steve Marshall, Duncan Law, Margaret Mowle, Paul Fruin, Matthew Ansell and Gordon Howland.

Now Bor' look to shock Woking

HAVING taken six points from successive games against high flying opposition, Harrow Borough will be looking for another shock result on Saturday when they take on Woking.

With confidence now brimming, Borough will be fancying their chances of upsetting the formbook again, particularly as Barking, the side they need to overhaul to avoid the drop, caused a surprise themselves by managing a draw at

Woking last Saturday.

Apart from Colin Payne, Borough, who are now just points behind Barking with a game in hand, will have a full squad to select from. Keith Cooper, who was at a wedding and missed the win at Grays, is available.

Mark Hopson with a back injury, Leo Donnellan with a pulled hamstring and Neil Cordice with groin trouble are all injury doubts for Wealdstone's home match with Bur-

ton Albion on Saturday.

With the danger of relegation slowly receding after wins over Lewes and Worthing, Wembley will be anxious to ensure their safety by heading another struggling side, Uxbridge on Saturday.

An ankle injury is likely to keep Ronnie John out of the side but Harry Hutchinson could be fit having resumed training after recovering from a thigh injury.

Keeper Fred Smart missed

Edgeware's game with Purfleet with groin and ankle injuries but he is expected to be fit for the visit to Hornchurch this Saturday.

Rayners Lane boss Don Durkin expects to be without Roland Matthews, Karl Griggs and Gary Woolsey for Saturday's visit of mid-table Kintbury.

But he hopes to have Chris Cockram available after missing the last two games with a back injury.

Where the locals stand in the league tables

Table with 4 columns: BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE, VAUXHALL LEAGUE, VAUXHALL LEAGUE, VAUXHALL LEAGUE. Lists teams and their points.

Wealdstone are to play two games in a day

WEALDSTONE have come up with a novel way of cutting down on travelling expense - by playing two games on the same day.

On Wednesday May 1 they travel to Cambridge to play a Capital League match against Cambridge United at 5pm. When that finishes they will make the one mile journey from the Abbey Stadium to

Cambridge City's Milton Road ground for a Beazer Homes League fixture that kicks off at 7.45pm.

Stones will take two teams for the matches with a virtual reserve side playing the Capital League fixture and the full first team playing the Beazer Homes match.

Soccer fixtures

- Thursday April 11 Capital League: Leyton Orient v Wealdstone. Saturday April 13 Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Burton Albion (Lower Mead, 3pm). Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Woking (Earlsmead, 3pm). Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Uxbridge (Vale Farm, 3pm). Vauxhall League Division Two North: Hornchurch v Edgeware Town; Bidecary v Kingsbury Town. Heleneic League: Rayners Lane v Kintbury Rangers (Lucas Ave, 3pm). Tuesday April 16 Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Crawley Town v Wealdstone. Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Watford & Hershaw (Vale Farm, 7.30pm). Wednesday April 17 Vauxhall League Premier Division: Wivenhoe v Harrow Borough. Vauxhall League Division Two North: Edgeware Town v Witham (White Lion ground, 7.30pm). Capital League: Wealdstone v Wokingham (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).

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