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Holdings start trophy defence against Kodak

BESSBOROUGH begin their defence of the Mayor of Harrow's 20 over Knockout Cricket Trophy with a home match against Kodak.

The draw for the competition, sponsored by China Presentations Ltd, was made at the Harrow Cricket Association's annual general meeting on Monday by the Mayor of Harrow, Cllr John Cripps.

Officers elected for the 1991 season at the meeting were: Mike Smith (Old Lyonians) chairman; Steve Johns (Bessborough) treasurer; Ron Pallister (Belmont) secretary; committee members: Andy Ellis (Kodak), Steve Baker (Harrow); Colin Jones (North London Poly); Ivan Mendonca (Harrow Town).

The HCA will be playing three representative matches this season, at Pinner on July 22, at Kenton on July 29 and at Harrow Town on August 8.

Mayor of Harrow's Trophy draw

Preliminary round: Harrow Unity v Kenton; Acton Hill v North London Poly; Belmont v North Harrow; Bessborough v Kodak; West Harrow v Starlight; Old Gaytonians v Wealdon; Grimsdyke v Brentfield Park; Harrow v Pinner.

First round: Harrow St Marys v Harrow Unity/Kenton; Oakdale v Acton Hill/North London Poly; Belmont/North Harrow v Lahoma; Hatch End v Bessborough/Kodak; Parkfield v West Harrow/Starlight; Harrow Town v Old Gaytonians/Wealdon; Old Lyonians v Grimsdyke/Brentfield Park; Harrow/Pinner v Stanmore.

Sad Stones are sent tumbling

Crawley Town 1 Wealdstone 0

RELEGATION threatened Crawley secured a vital win on Tuesday evening against a sadly off form Wealdstone, writes Steve Marshall.

Neither side could master the windy conditions the first half and the only action of note came on 42 minutes when Wayne Roach, in for the injured David Hudson, brilliantly saved Wickens' low drive and fortunately for Stones, Whittington stumbled as he attempted to slot home the loose ball.

A brighter second half started with Hamshare and Whittington going close for Crawley before Wealdstone responded. Tapley's free kick was helped on by Goodison and Barry Blackman's close range effort was deflected wide by Winterton.

The solitary goal arrived in the 71st minute when Jim Watson allowed Whittington to run clear and the forward made no mistake, despite Roach's advance.

Roach kept Wealdstone in the match with an excellent stop to deny Venables but deep into injury Stones came close to snatching an equaliser when Tapley's header from Smart's corner was spectacularly tipped away by Winterton.

Wealdstone: Roach, Watson, Smart, Tapley, Harrison, Hayretin, Goodison, Bartlett, Kelly, Blackman, Gipp (Martin). Other sub: J. Ferguson.

Reserves back on top

Wealdstone Reserves went back to the top of the Suburban League with a 3-2 win over neighbours Harrow Borough on Tuesday. Miles Milton 2, and David Ross scored for the Stones.

SPORT

Graham comes to Wembley's rescue

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Monarchs put out the Fire

LONDON Monarchs scored their first shut out in the World League of American Football on Monday night when they defeated Birmingham Fire 27-0 in front of an 18,300 crowd in Alabama.

Quarterback Stan Gelbaugh had another impressive game, completing 22 of 32 pass attempts for a total of 302 yards and two touchdowns. Birmingham quarterback Brent Pease was not so successful. The Monarchs defence restricted him

to just 65 yards with 10 completions from 27 pass attempts.

Monarchs opened the scoring in the first quarter with a 6 yard touchdown run from Dave Smith. Phil Alexander added the extra point and later increased the lead with a 27 yard field goal.

In the second half Andre Riley twice went over for touchdowns on pass receptions of 33 yards and 13 yards. Alexander landed the extra points and completed the

scoring with another 27 yard field goal.

Monarchs are now 4 and 0 and are level on top of the League's Europe Division with Barcelona Dragons, the League's only unbeaten team.

This Saturday the Monarchs return to Wembley Stadium to play Montreal Machine, kick off 7pm. Tickets for the game, priced £20, £15, £12 and £8 are available from the Wembley box office, telephone 900-1234.

Lions decline chance to get clear of danger

Wembley 1 Walton & Hershaw 2 WEMBLEY continued their relegation on Tuesday night after letting three more precious points slip from their grasp, writes John Comfort.

They had the best of starts by scoring a goal after only a minute and 24 seconds but then slipshod defending allowed Walton to strike back and take the lead by half time. The Lions battled away bravely in the second half in their efforts to save the game - but the damage had already been done.

Charlie Flaherty played a big part in Wembley's quickfire opener. His deceptive cross-shot forced Walton keeper Trevor Roffey to turn the ball over the crossbar and from the resultant corner by Flaherty, Rob Larkin powered in a header that Roffey got a hand to but could not keep out of the net.

The lead lasted just 8 minutes before Wembley's jittery defence, which was without the suspended Paul Shields, allowed Walton an equaliser. They failed to clear a long throw by Hollands and in the ensuing confusion Thornton fired past the helpless Jeff Fanner.

Wembley were second best for the rest of the half and it came as no surprise when Walton took the lead in the 32nd, Lee Holman beating Fanner with a firm header from Thornton's cross.

The second half however was a different story as the Lions battled to save their pride - and a point. But despite constant pressure and going close with efforts from Graham, Mark Bryan and Bobby Hutchinson, the equaliser they deserved never came and they were left to reflect on their first half failings.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Simpson, Bennett, Larkin, Ventour, White, M. Bryan (Gulfer), Graham, B. Hutchinson, P. Bryan (Cadogan).

Wealdstone facing a £1.3m tax bill

Blow as Capital Gains threatens relocation profit



BY JOHN COMFORT

WEALDSTONE FC could lose a hefty £1.3m slice of the profit they will make from the sale of their Lower Mead ground and relocation to Watford.

Wealdstone are to receive £6m from the sale of the ground to the Tesco supermarket chain and will splash out £2.5m to secure the 50 per cent share of Watford FC's Vicarage Road ground which will see their ground share with the Football League club for the remainder of the ground's 127 years lease.

After contracts are exchanged on both deals on June 30, Wealdstone will be left with a tidy £3.5m.

But now the club has learned that their profit from relocation is liable to Capital Gains Tax - and at 38 per cent, it will trim a massive £1.3m from the windfall they had hoped to bank.

After accumulated debts, estimated at over £1m, are paid off, together with the colossal legal costs involved over relocation, Wealdstone will be fortunate if they

are left with £1m.

From that sum the club expect to spend up to £170,000 on building their own dressing rooms, club offices and other facilities as Vicarage Road. The rest will be invested with the interest income being used for the general day to day running of the club.

On the Capital Gains issue, club chairman Alan Clifton said: "I have engaged a Queen's Counsellor to represent us to the Inland Revenue on this."

"It is likely that the matter will have to go to court to be ratified by a judge. We're now waiting for a date."

Until the tax problem is sorted out Mr Clifton said that he would not be in a position to divulge final financial information on relocation.

He did however say that cash would be made available to manager Brian Hall, who is contracted to the club for the next three years, to buy new players next season - but he warned that that there was not a bottomless pit.

"Because we're in a prestige stadium people will want to come and play for us and we will buy, but it has got to be within the realms of sensibility," he said.

"We got into considerable debt but now we're out of it and we've got to be sensible and invest money to earn it," he said.

"We have to be very careful and very prudent in the way we go about things and not throw money about willy nilly. We've got a lot going for us provided we handle it correctly."

"We must make the most of what we've achieved. It's an opportunity that will never come again in a lifetime."

At an extraordinary general meeting of the club last week, members agreed to increase the company's share capital to £2.5m. Club supporters will be able to buy shares for £10 in the next two weeks.

After moving to Watford, Wealdstone will retain a registered office at the club's auditors in Kenton to enable them to keep their affiliation to the Middlesex FA and continue to compete in the Middlesex Senior Cup.

They are likely to affiliate to Herts FA as well but are unlikely to compete in Herts cup competitions.

After playing in white for two seasons, Stones will revert to their traditional blue colours next season.

O'Brien looks to regain '10' title

PHILIP O'Brien of Old Gaytonians AC heads the list of entries for the Harrow 10k road race to be held in Hatch End on Saturday.

The marathon international is not fit enough to run in Sunday's ADT London Marathon, following a hernia operation, but he is rounding into good form at the shorter distances.

O'Brien will be pressed hard by Highgate's Ian Manners and by Aldershot's Vincent Garner as the Gayts athletes bid to regain the title he last won in 1989.

Marin Duff heads a good entry from Aldershot in the vets category where Gayts Mike Green is also expecting a high placing.

A large entry is expected for this popular event and more than 300 had been received a week before the race. Entries will be taken on the day for a fee of £3. The race start at 3pm and entries are required at Bannister Sports Centre no later than 2.30pm.

Seaside trip holds key to Boro's safety

BARRING any injuries received at Wivenhoe last night, Harrow Borough should be at full strength for their vital game at Bognor on Saturday.

Borough have come through a succession of tough games with considerable success and now their Premier Division survival rests firmly on their last three matches against considerably less daunting opposition.

Three points at Bognor could lift them out of the relegation zone and signal the final sprint to safety.

A depleted Wealdstone side is likely to face Worcester on Saturday as manager Brian Hall has Neil Cordice (groin), Mark Hopson (back), Leo Donnellan (hamstring) and keeper Dave Hudson (broken nose) all doubtful with injuries.

Back in the side however will be Paul Goyette, who missed Tuesday's defeat at Crawley when his car broke down on the way to the ground.

Paul Shields returns for Wembley's match at Harlow after missing the midweek defeat against Walton through suspension.

Ronnie King and Harry Hutchinson continue to be injury doubts for the Lions.

Laurence Murphy is out of

the Edgware side for their tough home game against promotion chasing Billericay on Saturday.

Murphy is starting a three match suspension for his sending off against Purfleet.

Kingsbury Town, who are at home to Tilbury on Saturday, will be without both Gerald Mulhern and Peter Stapleton for the rest of the season.

Stapleton broke his leg playing for a Sunday side in mid-

week and Mulhern was carried off with a suspected broken ankle in Kingsbury's defeat at Billericay.

Rayners Lane have a difficult away game against Pegasus Juniors who won 4-0 at Lane earlier in the season.

Neil Owen and Ian Woodward are both unavailable and manager Don Durkin is expected to draft Fergus Meaney and Paul Coffey into the side, along with Roland Matthews, who returns after injury.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday April 20		Suburban League: Wealdstone Res. v Yeading (Lower Mead, 3pm).	
Beeper Homes League Premier Division: Worcester City v Wealdstone.		Monday April 22	
Vauxhall League Premier Division: Bognor Regis Town v Harrow Borough.		Tuesday April 23	
Vauxhall League Division One: Harrow Town v Wembley.		Wednesday April 24	
Vauxhall League Division Two North: Edgware Town v Billericay (White Lion ground, 3pm); Kingsbury Town v Tilbury (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).		Thursday April 25	
Hellenic League: Pegasus Juniors v Rayners Lane.		Friday April 26	
		Saturday April 27	
		Sunday April 28	
		Monday April 29	
		Tuesday April 30	
		Wednesday May 1	
		Thursday May 2	
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		Saturday May 4	
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		Friday May 31	

Where the locals stand in the league tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier Division				VAUXHALL LEAGUE Premier Division				VAUXHALL LEAGUE Division One				VAUXHALL LEAGUE Division Two North			
Club	P	A	Pts	Club	P	A	Pts	Club	P	A	Pts	Club	P	A	Pts
Farnborough	38	22	7	9	72	41	73	Enfield	38	23	11	4	74	27	90
Gloucester	37	19	13	5	73	43	70	Aylesbury	39	23	10	6	84	39	79
Dover	37	23	3	9	52	33	68	Redbridge	36	24	6	6	51	39	78
Canter City	36	18	13	5	52	32	67	Kingsdown	36	21	9	6	81	47	72
Bromsgrove	38	18	11	9	65	47	65	Woking	36	20	9	7	78	37	69
Worcester	36	15	11	4	49	36	59	Marlow	37	17	10	65	43	62	
Burton	38	14	15	9	56	44	57	Hayes	39	18	8	13	59	50	62
Uxbridge	37	15	9	13	50	41	54	Caughley	37	17	7	14	73	60	58
Walsoken	38	15	6	16	65	51	54	Wivelsfield	37	16	10	11	66	58	
Dorchester	38	14	10	14	44	50	52	Hatfield	37	17	4	16	52	50	
Wealdstone	38	15	6	15	51	50	51	Wokingham	39	13	13	13	55	52	
Dartford	40	14	9	17	59	50	51	Windsor	37	14	8	15	44	53	
Altrincham	36	12	10	14	48	46		Bishop Cleeve	37	12	10	15	45	41	
North Green	38	14	4	20	59	70	46	Bognor	37	12	10	19	49	52	
Batley	36	11	11	14	48	47	44	Dagenham	38	11	10	17	57	65	
Rushden	39	11	7	54	44			Hendon	37	11	9	17	41	53	
Poole	37	11	10	16	51	65	43	St Albans	39	10	11	18	57	71	
Chesham	36	10	12	14	47	54	42	Staines	39	10	10	15	45	71	
Crawley	37	10	12	15	42	61	42	Basingstoke	39	10	7	22	53	37	
Waterlooville	36	10	11	15	45	61	41	Barking	39	8	23	38	31		
Gravesend	39	8	7	24	40	31		Harrow B.	38	8	24	47	30		
Weymouth	37	4	12	21	42	37		Leyton-Wing	39	6	7	26	42		

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