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Borough complete the great escape

Wealdstone's future 'in hands of legal machinery'

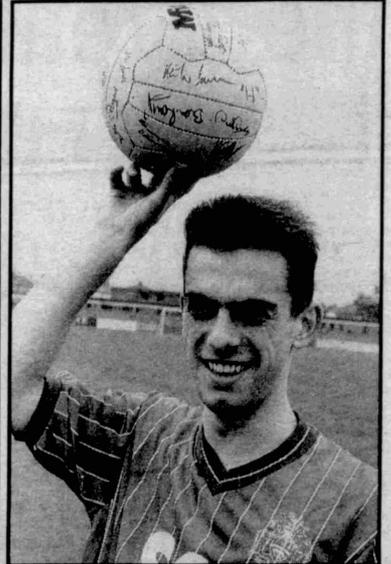
"WE are in the hands of the legal machinery of this country. Just let's hope that it all falls into place."
That was the message from Wealdstone FC chairman Alan Clifton, speaking at the club's annual dinner and dance on Sunday, on the problems the club is facing over completing the deal which will relocate Stones at Watford

FC's Vicarage Road ground. With completion of the deal already having been put back seven days, Mr Clifton embarks on another long round of court appearances this week in the fervent hope that the matter will soon be resolved.
"I would ask everybody here this evening to hope and pray that all the

things that we want to do for this great club all fall into place," he said. "You are all aware that there has been lots of conjecture and many people have had lots of things to say. But be rest assured that every effort is being made to ensure that ultimately in the next few days our future is secure."
One on the prime concerns for the

club is the Capital Gains Tax liability over relocation which has fallen on the trustees of the club. Wealdstone want the liability transferred to the operating company, Wealdstone FC Ltd. If the court rules in their favour it could mean the difference between paying one and a half million pounds and £330,000.

Borough's hat-trick hero Paul Ripley is on ball



HARROW Borough's hat-trick hero Paul Ripley was presented with the match ball, signed by his teammates, after leading them to an emphatic 5-0 win at Windsor on Saturday that ensured Vauxhall League Premier Division football will still be played at Earlsmead next season.
Having appeared to be down and out and certain to make the drop for most of the season, Borough saved themselves with a miraculous run which saw them pick up 15 points from their last eight games after managing only 12 in the first 21.
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Wembley played banned player

Now Lions fear the drop

Wealdstone trophy double for Bartlett



● Peter Bartlett with his trophies.

PETER Bartlett, a model of consistency all season in the Wealdstone defence, received due reward on Sunday when he won both the Players' Player of the Year Cup and the Vice-President's Player of the Year Trophy at the club's annual dinner and dance.

The one trophy to escape Bartlett was the Supporters Club Player of the Year award which went to striker Tony Kelly.

Player of the Year for the reserve team, which won the Suburban League Championship, was keeper Wayne Roach. Reserve team boss Dave Boughton received a cheque for £500 from club chairman Alan Clifton for their "magnificent achievement." He was also presented with an engraved trophy from his players.
Mr Clifton himself was presented with a decanter and glasses by fellow director Eric Fletcher in recognition of his efforts to relocate the club.

First team skipper Mark Harrison and fellow defender Steve Tapley both received a wards for completing over 200 appearances for the club and there were 100 appearance awards for Tony Kelly, Paul Goyette and Steve Brown. Neil Cordice received an award for scoring his 100th goal for Wealdstone.

AFTER spending the last two months of the season desperately battling against relegation, and finally succeeding, Wembley could yet find themselves facing the drop from Division One of the Vauxhall League if shock allegations that they have played a suspended player in several key matches are proved by the Middlesex County FA.

It is claimed that Tim Ventour, who was signed by Wembley in March, was under suspension by the County FA for non-payment of money owed to them relating to the folding up of a Sunday club that he formerly played for, Oasis Youth Club FC.
Since joining Wembley, Ventour has appeared in six Vauxhall League matches, two of which were won by the Lions and two drawn. Loss of the points from those games would put the Lions down into Division Two.

Ventour has also played numerous reserve team games including matches in the Middlesex Premier Cup. Wembley were beaten in the final of that competition and could be ordered to return their medals.

Middlesex County FA secretary Peter Clayton has called a

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special commission of inquiry for Tuesday evening to investigate the case. "Because of the ramifications involved we want to meet quickly to decide what charges, if any, are to be brought," he said.

"The Vauxhall League and the Suburban League have both been made aware of the issue but cannot act until we have adjudicated. Similarly the County Cup committee cannot act yet over the Premier Cup."

He added: "We have got to adjudicate on where the blame lies. If he signed for Wembley in all innocence he could be judged to be blameless. Similarly, Wembley as a club may be blameless."

The suspension of Ventour goes back over three years and was first picked up when he joined Southall FC. The player apparently believed that the matter had been dealt with then, but in fact his debt of £20.44 was never paid and he remained on the County FA suspended players list, which is circulated to all Leagues.

Wembley FC chairman Brian Gumm feels the club has no case to answer as Ventour's registration was accepted without question.

"This is not a normal case and we don't believe either we or Tim Ventour has done anything wrong," he said. "He has played for us quite openly. We wouldn't have done that if we'd known he was suspended."

"When we found out about it we notified the Vauxhall League straight away and we paid his debt. If we'd known about it we would have sorted it out in the first place."

Vauxhall League chairman Alan Turvey gave Wembley cause for hope over the case on Wednesday when he said: "My management committee have discussed this and seen correspondence. The suspension was not for a field offence and at this stage we see no reason to take any action."

Draw poor reward for Stones

Wealdstone 1 Sutton Utd 1

WEALDSTONE'S very last game at Lower Mead saw them dominate this Capital League match but only end up with a draw, writes Graham Smith.

They hit the post with a Neil Cordice header from Barry Blackman's cross in the first half before finally going in front four minutes after the break when Cordice headed in a Steve Smart corner.

Spectacular saves from McCann denied Blackman and Mark Harrison further goals for Stones and against the run of play it was Harrison who brought down Dak to provide the spot kick from which Seagrave gave Sutton an undeserved equaliser in the 70th minute.
Wealdstone: Roach, Watson, Smart, McMillan, Cordice, Harrison, Hopson, Daley, R. Richards (Kelly), Blackman, Bartlett. Other subs: Hedge.
● Wealdstone FC thank boys James Smith and Carl Harris for their hard work during the season.

An easy ride for mighty Monarchs

LONDON Monarchs remain the only unbeaten side in the WLAFA after taking San Antonio Riders apart on Monday night in front of a crowd of 12,328 Texans.

After falling behind 9-0 in the first quarter Monarchs scored 38 unanswered points to put the game out of reach.

San Antonio took their 9-0 lead in the first quarter. Ricky Blake scored on a 13 yard touchdown run with Jim Gallery adding the extra point, and when Jim Flanagan tried to return the San Antonio kick off, he was smashed back into the end zone for a safety.

In their first possession of the second quarter Monarchs compiled a 13 play 80 yard drive culminating in a 9 yard touch-

down burst from running back Jeff Alexander. Phil Alexander converted.

San Antonio lost their next possession when running back Broderick Grades fumbled the ball and Monarchs linebacker Danny Lockett recovered and 43 yards and six plays later quarterback Stan Gelbaugh connected on a 7 yard touchdown strike with Jon Horton to put London ahead.

A further turnover and a 62 yard interception run gave the Monarchs the ball on the Riders 5 yard line and Jeff Alexander swept in for his second touchdown. Phil Alexander once again scored the extra point.

The Monarchs defence only allowed

San Antonio three plays on their next possession before they were forced to punt and a six play drive set up Horton for his second touchdown reception.

Things got worse for the Riders when Blake fumbled on the first play after the kick off and Monarchs took advantage with Gelbaugh finding Tony Sargent in the end zone with a 26 yard touchdown pass.

Phil Alexander put the Monarchs 38-9 up with a 38 yard field goal and in the final quarter Riders gained minor consolation with a touchdown for Dwight Pickens.

This Saturday Monarchs face the New York Knights in the Giant Stadium.

Where the locals finished in the league tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE					VAUXHALL LEAGUE					VAUXHALL LEAGUE					VAUXHALL LEAGUE																
Premier Division					Division One					Division One					Division Two North																
	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L															
Farnborough	42	26	9	7	9	43	95	Rushridge	42	29	6	7	7	43	90	Chesham	42	27	8	7	102	38	80	Saveridge	42	34	5	3	122	29	107
Gloucester	42	23	14	5	86	49	83	Erith	42	26	11	5	83	30	86	Bromley	42	24	14	6	62	37	80	Vaux	42	24	10	8	62	30	82
Canby City	42	21	14	7	63	43	77	Aylesbury	42	24	11	7	90	47	83	Yaxley	42	23	8	11	75	47	77	Silvercreek	42	22	8	12	70	40	74
Dorset	42	21	11	10	58	43	77	Woking	42	24	10	8	84	39	82	Hilco	42	21	9	12	78	50	72	Berkhamstead	42	19	11	12	60	51	68
Bromsgrove	42	20	11	11	68	49	71	Kingstonian	42	21	12	9	86	57	75	Avonley	42	21	9	12	75	40	72	Widham	42	19	10	13	70	59	67
Worcester	42	18	11	13	52	42	86	Grays	42	20	8	14	85	50	88	Tooting	42	20	12	10	71	48	72	Purley	42	17	14	11	68	57	85
Barnet	42	15	15	12	58	48	80	Waltham	42	21	13	7	72	49	67	Waltham	42	21	8	13	73	48	71	Hemel	42	17	14	11	62	56	82
Halesowen	42	17	9	16	73	67	80	Midsey	42	22	5	17	80	57	85	Midsey	42	22	5	15	65	46	71	Barton	42	17	10	15	61	58	61
VS Rugby	42	16	11	15	56	46	59	Carshalton	42	20	7	16	80	67	64	Whyteleafe	42	21	6	15	62	53	69	Roydon	42	14	16	12	78	62	56
Dorchester	42	15	12	15	52	48	60	Widnes	42	17	7	17	63	64	Dorling	42	21	8	13	73	48	71	Collier Row	42	16	11	15	62	56	62	
Dorking	42	15	12	15	47	54	57	Chalfont St P	42	15	11	14	58	54	Chalfont St P	42	19	5	16	57	63	62	Collier Row	42	16	11	15	62	56	62	
Wealdstone	42	16	8	19	57	58	56	Widow	42	15	10	17	68	63	55	Dulwich	42	16	11	15	67	54	59	Kingbury	42	17	8	17	64	72	58
Dartford	42	15	12	15	52	48	60	St Albans	42	14	12	16	54	49	54	Widow	42	15	7	17	63	54	Edgewood	42	17	7	18	73	68	58	
Rushden	42	14	11	17	64	66	53	Dagenham	42	13	11	16	62	68	50	Boreham W	42	15	8	19	46	53	Edgewood	42	17	7	18	73	68	58	
Atherstone	42	14	10	18	50	56	52	Hepton	42	12	10	20	48	62	46	Wembley	42	13	12	17	82	58	51	Herford	42	16	10	16	69	70	59
More Green	42	15	6	21	64	75	51	St Albans	42	11	12	19	60	74	45	Uxbridge	42	15	2	22	45	81	50	Ilkley	42	14	8	20	70	79	48
Peck	42	12	13	17	56	69	49	Bognor	42	12	8	22	44	71	44	Craydon	42	15	5	22	44	85	50	Ilkley	42	14	10	18	66	70	48
Chesham	42	11	15	16	54	65	48	Basingstoke	42	12	7	23	57	65	43	Haywards	42	13	10	19	48	59	49	Hornchurch	42	10	9	23	53	87	39
Crayley	42	12	12	18	48	67	48	Harrow B	42	10	10	22	46	79	40	Southwick	42	13	8	21	49	75	47	Clapton	42	11	10	21	54	94	32
Graysand	42	9	7	26	46	31	34	Barking	42	8	10	24	57	84	Lewes	42	10	8	24	49	83	38	Finchley	42	6	7	29	50	112	25	
Weymouth	42	4	12	26	50	88	24	Leyton Wing	42	8	10	24	41	85	34	Met Police	42	9	6	27	55	76	33	Ting	42	1	9	32	30	99	12

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