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Injury time goal robs the Borough

Lions out of luck and out of cup

Windsor 4 Wembley 1

OUT of luck Lions were sent tumbling out of the League Cup at Windsor on Tuesday, writes Richard Markiewicz.

However, the comprehensive looking scoreline did not reflect the true run of play. Smith, Page, and Lawrence all went close to scoring as a much changed Wembley side dominated the first half without translating their superiority into goals. But typically the home side had four shots on target after the break and scored from them all.

Shaun Gillman scored Windsor's first in the 47th minute from a Richard Evans cross and six minutes later Evans dived in to head a controversial second after the referee waved play on with Wembley's defence expecting an offside decision.

Gillman thumped home Windsor's third in the 66th minute but Kenny Page pulled one back after 79 minutes, firing in Steve Lawrence's cross which was helped on by Bob-y Hutchinson. Ian Richards restored Windsor's three goal lead four minutes from time.

Wembley: Martin, Faherty, Bignatia, O'Brien, Turlunch, Lawrence, Headlam, Graham, Guller (H. Hutchinson), Page (B. Hutchinson).

Gower blow for Town

Kingsbury Town 1 Hornchurch 2

TOWN lost keeper Mark Gower with an ankle injury as they slumped to defeat against Hornchurch.

Gower went off to be replaced by substitute Kevin Carroll soon after Andy Murray had equalised Darren Hudson's opener for Hornchurch, but Carroll could do nothing to prevent the visitors' winner, scored by Davis 10 minutes from time.

Stones put three on list

WEALDSTONE have transfer listed Paul Goyette, David Gipp and Tony Kelly.

Kelly has failed to agree a new contract while Goyette and Gipp want away after failing to command regular first team places.

Mark Harrison has come off the list and signed a new one year contract.

Borough's lack of firepower is exposed again

Harrow Borough 2 Walton & Hersham 1

THE considerable improvement in Harrow Borough's football this season has still not been matched by goalscoring ability, a point highlighted yet again on Tuesday as they disposed of a useful Walton side in the Isthmian League Cup, writes John Comfort.

Had they taken their chances it would have been a comfortable win. But they didn't and that kept the game open to the final whistle.

At various times Lance Pedlar, Neil Henry and Paul Ripley were all guilty of failing to find the target when well placed in a department which is fast becoming a king sized headache for manager Peter Lawrence.

Walton could easily have made Borough pay dearly. Holman was unlucky when he beat Crompton but saw his shot come back off a post but in the 20th minute he put his side ahead when he headed home from Wingfield's cross.

Borough hit back smartly and within four minutes they were level when Mark Pye collected Craig Johnstone's cross and powerfully drove home.

It was Pye who was the architect behind what proved to be Borough's winner two minutes into the second half. Orkney was only able to parry the ball when Pye's rasping low shot took a wicked deflection and the alert Ripley nipped in to blast it into the net.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, Johnstone, Bamard, Faye, Shea, Henry, O'Shea, Pye, Pedlar, Thorpe (Wilson), Ripley. Other sub: Kelly.

Britannic award for Mark

Britannic Assurance



KENTON Cricket Club's opening batsman Mark Giffin has won our Britannic Assurance Player of the Month award for August - and that will come as cheering news, for he broke a finger in a Bank Holiday weekend game and will be out for the rest of the season.

Mark was in superb form during the month, scoring an unbeaten 124 against Wycombe House and 120 net out against Edmonton. Other good knocks saw him make 88 against Old Meadonians, 59 against Highgate, 52 against Pinner and 59 in the Kenton Club's cricket week match against Edgware Town.

In a month littered with fine performances, several players staked their claims for the award, with other leading contenders being Bessborough's Rupert Thacker, Hitesh Sejal of North London Poly, and the July award winner, Tony Norris of Harrow.

Mark's award will include a trophy, an item of Britannic Assurance sponsorship leisurewear and tickets for a Britannic Assurance Championship match of his choice.

Stones shock: Clifton quits

Pollock takes over as ill health forces chairman to step down



Alan Clifton - quit through ill health.

ALAN Clifton has dropped a bombshell by resigning as chairman of Wealdstone FC, two weeks after beating off a vote of no confidence in his administration at the club's recent extraordinary general meeting.

The heavy burden of negotiating the club's relocation and the considerable criticism his methods have attracted, have taken their toll on Mr Clifton's health over the past six months and he has now decided on medical advice to stand down. He is now enjoying a month's rest on holiday in Spain with his wife Elizabeth, who has also resigned her position on the board.

The new club chairman is long standing Stones supporter David Pollock who was elected to the board only two weeks ago. It was at his instigation that talks on the club's £2.5m ground share deal with Watford got underway.

Mr Pollock said this week that he was honoured to become chairman of the club although it was with some reluctance.

"The reluctance is in two parts, firstly that after all the work and effort Alan Clifton put into the club that he couldn't remain as chairman and secondly that it is not my intention or wish to have a high profile as far as the press and matchday programmes are concerned.



BY JOHN COOPER

"After all the turbulence of recent months it is now time for the club to pull together as one and the news we make should be about our football. Articles and comments in the press concerning Wealdstone FC should be from Brian Hall, talking about the team and their performances.

"I and my board of directors have a number of aims over the coming months and we are aware of the task ahead of us to put the club on a sound financial footing and bring success on the field of play."

An "utterly devastated" Mr Clifton, chairman for the past three years after the coup which ousted his predecessor David Morritt, said in his letter of resignation that following tests, medical advisors had strongly recommended that he stop work or the serious lung complaint that he has been suffering from for some time will deteriorate.

"My sense of loyalty and ambition for the club set against my personal feelings left me with a huge dilemma as to what decision to take but having very seriously discussed this with my wife Elizabeth I have decided that in view of the circumstances I really do not have any alternative other than to heed the compelling advice given by my doctors."

Mr Clifton will remain in close contact with the board to liaise and give advice on helping to settle any outstanding club affairs.

"Having spent 11 most satisfying years with the club I am really very disappointed in having to take this decision," he said. "But my heart and soul will eternally remain with the Stones."

"I think it can be concluded

and indeed it is on record, that my efforts on behalf of the club have been instrumental in securing what I truly believe will be a great future for Wealdstone at Vicarage Road. I will eagerly look forward with very keen interest to the Stones' progression to much greater heights in the game, hopefully by gaining entrance to the Football League in the not too distant future."

Layne Patterson, secretary of the Wealdstone FC Supporters Club committee which has been the leading critic of Mr Clifton's handling of the club's relocation, said of this resignation: "It is well known that the Supporters Club have had many differences with Alan Clifton recently but we are genuinely sorry to here of any illness that he might have."

"However, we are very happy to hear that his replacement is to be David Pollock, a man well known to the Supporters Club and somebody we feel we can definitely do business with. We wish him well in his new position."

The Supporters Club are hoping to meet Mr Pollock next week to discuss the long running feud that has soured relations between the two factions.



New chairman, David Pollock.

Wembley get quick chance for revenge

WEMBLEY get a swift opportunity to avenge Tuesday's League Cup defeat by Windsor when they meet their rivals in the FA Cup at Vale Farm on Saturday.

Skipper Paul Shields is doubtful with a knee injury. Keeper Paul Martin is likely to retain his place.

Harrow Borough are in FA Cup action at Berkhamsted. Steve Conroy missed Tuesday's win over Walton but is now available while Nigel Wilson, who impressed when he came on as substitute in that game, could well start. Keith Cooper is still suspended but will be okay should there be a replay.

Wealdstone go to Witham with Steve Smart still their only injury doubt. If Stones draw at Witham the replay will be at Vicarage Road on Tuesday night, kick off 7.45pm.

Brian Hall has released defender Jamie McMillan. Joe Sheridan missed Edgware's league game at Col-

ier Row but is available for selection for Saturday's FA Cup clash against Beazer Homes Midland Division Redditch. It a replay is required it will take place at the White Lion ground on Wednesday and the scheduled league match with Tring will be postponed.

Kingsbury have no game on Saturday but on Tuesday play host to Hillingdon Borough in the Middlesex Senior Cup.

Darrel Clements, Kevin Langston, Ian Woodward and Chris Cockram after holidays, and Wayne Coakley able for selection for Rayners Lane's tough home game with Abingdon United.

Lane have signed Alan Wright from last season's successful Wealdstone's Suburban League side. He is ineligible for the FA Vase tie at Winslow but is being considered for the Abingdon match.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday September 14 FA Cup 1st qualifying round: Wembley v Windsor & Eaton (Vale Farm, 3pm); Witham Town v Wealdstone; Berkhamsted Town v Harrow Borough; Redditch Utd v Ludcas Ave, 3pm. Hellenic League: Raynsys Lane v Abingdon Utd (Edgware Town, 7.30pm). Tuesday September 17 Middx Senior Cup: Kingsbury Town v Hillingdon Borough (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm). Wednesday September 18 Deadora League Division Three: Edgware Town v Tring (White Lion ground, 7.30pm). Capital League: Sutton Utd v Wealdstone.

Old Gayts get back up with the elite

OLD Gaytonians AC clinched promotion back to the elite Division One of the GRE British League despite finishing only fourth in the final fixture at Crystal Palace, writes Tony Bush.

The Harrow club had done enough in the three previous fixtures to ensure they will be in the top flight next year when their opponents will be Harrogate, Belgrave, Birchfield, Thames Valley, Shaftesbury, Wolverhampton and Division Two champions Caledon Park.

Gayts were below their best on Saturday and lost third place following a controversial disqualification for their 4 x 400m team, allowing Enfield to

move ahead by just three points. International decathlete Rafer Joseph was once again Gayts outstanding performer, scoring 48 points from seven events. His season's total of 130 points is the best for a Gayts athlete in 21 years of league competition.

Joseph's best performance came in the 110m hurdles where he set a personal best of 15.2 but this gave him only sixth place in the highest standard event of the day by top international Hugh Teape. Rafer also won the B javelin and finished second in both the discus and pole vault.

Gary McCullough won the triple jump with a good leap of 14.74m

while Mark Roach and Mark Smith were in great form in the high jump, clearing 2.05m and 2m respectively. Phillip Parry placed second in the javelin while Malcolm Croad won the B hammer and also set a personal best of 12.76 for second in the B shot.

Gayts scored less well on the track but John Keppel ran well for third in the B sprint hurdles in a personal best of 15.3. Rohan Samuel took second in the B 100m while Alan Wray was second in the B 800m.

The sprint relay squad of Samuel, Mark Phillips, Eddie Bitoga and Moses Melkiz set Gayts' fastest time for two years, 41.5, to win the event.

Gayts performances: 100m: A 4 Mark Phillips 10.8, B 2 Rohan Samuel 11.0, 200m: A 5 Mark Phillips 22.2, B 3 Mark Collins 22.1, 400m: A 5 Nigel Flint 1:56.7, B 2 Alan Wray 1:56.2, 800m: A 4 Nigel Flint 4:07.4, B 2 Alan Wray 4:07.4, 1500m: A 6 Terry Barry 6:02.4, B 4 Alan Wray 6:07.4, 5000m: A 4 Nigel Flint 15:35.5, 1100m hurdles: A 6 John Keppel 15.3, B 3 John Keppel 15.3, 400m hurdle: A 5 Mike Bartlett 56.7, B 3 John Keppel 57.4, 800m hurdle: A 5 Mark Cunnors 9:34.5, B 3 Chris Flint 9:42.5, High Jump: A 2 Mark Roach 2.05, B 1 Mark Smith 2.00, pole vault: A 2 Rafer Joseph 4.30, B 2 Matthew Weaver 4.05, long jump: A 3 David Nicholson 6.69, B 2 Rafer Joseph 6.35, triple jump: A 1 Gary McCullough 14.74, B 2 Rafer Joseph 13.26, shot: A 4 Rafer Joseph 13.26, B 2 Malcolm Croad 12.76, discus: A 2 Rafer Joseph 47.38, B 4 Steve Angel 32.54, javelin: A 6 Hugh Teape 60.42, B 1 Rafer Joseph 57.42, hammer: A 3 Steve Angel 50.92, B 1 Malcolm Croad 50.74, 4 x 400m: 1 Garys (Samuel, Flint, Bitoga, Melkiz) 41.5, 4 x 400m: Garys (Collins, Wray, Phillips, Melkiz). Team result: 1 Blackheath 258, 2 Caledon Park 245, 3 Enfield 217, 4 Old Gayts 214, 5 Cardiff 171, 6 Edgware 140. Final league positions: 1 Caledon Park, 2 Old Gayts, 3 Blackheath, 4 Enfield, 5 Cardiff, 6 Edgware.

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