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It's back to league famine for Lions

Stevenage 2 Wembley 0
WEMBLEY were unable to repeat Saturday's FA Trophy performance at Stevenage on Monday night and suffered their fourth successive league defeat, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Shaun Marshall fired Stevenage's first goal in the 25th minute when he latched onto former Wembley defender Ian Whitehead's first time pass from the right.

A fine one-handed save by Jeff Fanner, tipping onto a post a Martin Gittings drive, prevented Stevenage increasing their lead at the start of the second half but the home side eventually added a second goal in the 67th minute, ironically immediately after Wembley almost equalised.

Bobby Hutchinson failed to connect with Kenny Page's flick and the ball was cleared with Micky Niern running virtually the length of the pitch to set up Gittings who hammered the ball past Fanner.

Stevenage keeper Richard Wilmont denied Wembley in the closing stages. He bravely smothered an Andy Smith strike and completed an unhappy evening for the Lions by brilliantly turning aside Charlie Flaherty's well struck penalty kick awarded after the keeper had brought down Gursel Gulfer two minutes from the end.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Turlich, Bhatia, O'Brien, Headlam, Lawrence (Gulfer), Graham, Page (Smith), Hutchinson, Shields.

Stanley is sacked

FORMER Harrow St Marys FC manager Dave Stanley has been sacked by Middlesex League club Northfield Rangers.

Stanley said he found the decision 'astounding' as he took Northfield to the runners up spot last season and they are currently third in the table.

He is still the manager of the League's representative side and is now looking for a new club.

Rigby returns to lead the Wasps

WASPS skipper Mark Rigby returns to lead the side for the game against Newcastle Gosforth at Sudbury on Saturday, kick off 3pm, writes Alan Bodenham.

The breakthrough forward sustained a slight injury playing for London against Munster recently and was rested for the victory over Dublin Wanderers.

He is joined in the side by centre Damian Hopley, also injured playing for London. Alan Simmons and Dean Ryan also return after missing the Dublin match.

The problem of goal kicking is also to receive special attention before the Gosforth match. So far this season

Wasps have not been able to pick up many points in this department because of the poor form of their kickers and in trying to alleviate this shortcoming, top coach Tony Jordan will take a special session to concentrate players' minds and brush up on their technique.

Team manager John Langley said "We don't see it as a crisis at the mo-

ment but it's best to do some work before the important league and cup games get underway."

Wasps' supporters will be glad to hear this news. Only one place kick with any degree of difficulty was kicked in the Dublin match and it was greeted by ironic cheers from the crowd.

Browne's booster

WYCOMBE 1 Wealdstone 1
STEVE Browne, Barry Blackman and Steve Smart all continued their comebacks after injury in this rearranged Capital League game and it was Browne who scored the goal which gave Stones a deserved point.

Wycombe took the lead in the 13th minute when Steve Gooden shot home from a Hutchinson corner and only a goal-line clearance from Jamie Ferguson prevented Scott from adding to the lead.

In the opening minute of the second half Neil Cordice had an effort saved well by Mouscadick but two minutes later Stones levelled when Browne intercepted Pratt's poor back pass and slotted home.

Browne later hit a post, while Wycombe's best chance of a winner saw Peter Bartlett clear off the line from Scott.

Wealdstone: Hudson, Watson (Harrison), Ferguson, Bartlett, Gove (Simp), Condon, Lay, Hedger, Blackman, Brown, Smart.

Woolworth winners

THE winner of the £50 Woolworths voucher first prize in our recent Woolworths National Junior League Final competition was Mr E. Woodford of Roxeth Green Avenue, South Harrow. Runners up prizes of £10 Woolworths vouchers were won by Ms A. Burt of Forty Lane, Wembley and Brywyn Crean of Almond Way, North Harrow.

The answers to the questions posed were: Barcelona is the venue of the 1992 Summer Olympics and Linford Christie if the captain of the British athletics team.

Cricket at Wembley

CRICKET comes to Wembley Stadium on Saturday when a European XI plays a Rest of World XI in Crickathon '91. Captained by David Gower, the European XI will include Graham Gough, along with Robin Smith, Allan Lamb, Derek Pringle, Jack Russell, David Lawrence, Phil Tufnell and Paul Ffrench. West Indian star Desmond Haynes will skipper the Rest of the World side.

Borough fans lashed by president

'Cut out abuse of players'



BY JOHN COMFORT

HARROW Borough FC president Jim Rogers has heavily criticised sections of the club's fickle fans following complaints of abuse directed at players during Saturday's match against Dagenham at Earlsmead.

A less than impressive performance saw Borough scrape a fortunate 2-2 draw, and opinions voiced from the terraces to certain players were in far from glowing terms.

Writing in the club programme for Tuesday's home game with Carshalton, Mr Rogers said that he was disappointed to hear the abusive remarks addressed towards players against Dagenham which started as early as the third minute and continued

throughout the game. "Complaints about this behaviour have been received from fellow supporters who believe these remarks to be counter productive to the team as a whole," he said. "They ask how players can be expected to perform well under such circumstances."

Mr Rogers called for supporters to get behind the team as they bid to end their recent barren spell.

"How much better if we really cheered the lads on, how much better they would play if they knew you were with them," he said.

"Let us forget the persecution of individuals and get behind the lads so that we are able to achieve the result we desire. Criticism is cheap, support is valued."



Jim Rogers

Home in cup
IN the second round of the Diadora League Cup, Harrow Borough have been drawn at home to Premier Division rivals Basinstoke. The tie will take place at Earlsmead on Tuesday November 12.

Borough beaten by blunder double

Harrow Borough 1 Carshalton Athletic 2
TWO blunders cost Borough any hope of returning to winning ways at Earlsmead on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

The first came from keeper Steve Crompton in the 12th minute when he fumbled a Gary Wilgoss corner and allowed former-Borough favourite Jimmy Bolton - who else - to head Carshalton into the lead.

The second was by referee Wyvill of High Wycombe who capped his own very poor performance on the night by falling pronaise Bolton as he held back Colin Payne in his efforts to clear in the 85th minute. Bolton won possession and set up Robin Beste to beat Crompton for Carshalton's second goal.

In injury time substitute Paul Ripley took advantage of defence Fitzgerald's mistick to fire Borough back in contention. He should have levelled soon after when he headed Mark Pyc's cross over an inviting net but the damage had already been done.

Carshalton had called the tune in the first half and but for goal-line clearances from Craig Johnstone and Steve Shea, Bolton could have had further goals for the visitors.

The second half was all Borough but despite their pressure they created few chances and as the lights on one of the flood-light pylons faded and died, so did their hopes of salvaging a point.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, Johnson, Bernard, Payne, Shea, Henry, O'Shea, Pyc, Conway (Pedlar), Wilson, Cooper (Ripley).

Gaytonians open with a flourish

OLD Gaytonians AC started its winter season with a flourish, placing an excellent fifth in the St Albans cross country relay, its best result for many years, writes Tony Beach.

Veteran Mike Green finished 11th out of runners from more than 70 teams on the first stage, clocking the good time of 14.31 for the 2.7 miles circuit featuring the ever popular long hill just after the halfway point.

Nigel Flint moved through to 8th spot on the second leg with Gayts fastest time of 14.24 then Chris Finall gained two more places on the third stage. Gayts were now in 6th place behind Nene Valley, Highgate, London Irish, Reading and Shaftesbury.

Andy Hoiles held 6th spot and Gayts' stalwart Mike Lepps looked in good form on the 5th lap, sweeping past Reading and Shaftesbury but just losing out to Hoists Verica towards the end of his effort. Alan Wray held on to 5th position on the final leg. Gayts fielded four teams and there were good runs for Dennis Orme, Peter Jarry and Mark Hambleton. Alister Cryan made a good return to the team after a two year gap, clocking 16.59, while 400m record holder Jim Moseley also ran well in his first race for almost a year following a serious heel injury.

Gayts Stars
Nigel Flint 14:24, Mike Lepps 14:27, Mike Green 14:31, Andy Hoiles 14:32, Chris Finall 14:47, Dennis Orme 14:50, Peter Jarry 15:15, Alan Wray 15:38, Stuart Parry 15:52, Mark Hambleton 15:44, Mike Green 15:51, Ross Brown 16:02, Matthew Smith 16:11, Colin Wray 16:15, Jim Moseley 16:18, Alister Cryan 16:30, Jason Kitch 17:28, Tom Woodcock 17:28, Peter Stroudon 17:30, Tony Bush 18:29, Trevor Malt 20:33.

Ambitious Chesham pose tough Cup task for Stones

BIG spending Chesham United bar the path between Wealdstone and a good FA Cup run on Saturday when they visit Vicarage Road for a 2nd qualifying round tie.

Former Stones favourites Byron Walton and Sam Norman are currently with the ambitious Buckinghamshire club which ran away with the Diadora League's First Division Championship last season.

They are now hot on the trail of the Premier Division title, and they will provide a stern test for Brian Hall's outfit.

For Stones, Steve Browne, Barry Blackman and Steve Smart all came through a full 90 minutes following lengthy injury lay offs in Monday's Capital League game at Wycombe and all three will be in the reckoning for places against Chesham.

Leo Donnellan is doubtful with a knee injury but Tony Kelly and Mark Hopson, who are carrying slight injuries should be okay.

If a replay is required it will take place at Chesham on Wednesday evening, kick off

7.30pm. A visit to witness Wivestock is hardly the fixture Harrow Borough want as they bid to end their recent barren run. Manager Peter Lawrence will be shuffling his pack again as he tries to find a goal-scoring combination in attack but the answer is more likely to be a new signing.

Robert Thorpe could be in line for a recall, while Steve

Shea, who suffered a cut over the eye against Carshalton, is expected to be fit.

The injured Ray Mangan is Edgeware's only doubt for the visit to Petersfield on Saturday. Keeper Sam Hourihan has recovered from injury, but young Kevin Beckler is likely to keep his place in goal.

Keeper Mark Gower continues to be troubled by an ankle injury and is doubtful for

Kingsbury's home match with Epson.

After their good win over Harfield, Rayners Lane's spirits are high for the difficult League visit to Bishops Cleeve. Definitely out is Neil Owen. Tony Verma is his likely replacement.

Wembley are without a game this Saturday as scheduled opponents Dorking are engaged in the FA Cup.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday September 28
FA Cup 2nd qualifying round: Wealdstone v Chesham Utd (Vicarage Road, Spet).
Diadora League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Harrow Borough; Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Epson & Small (Silver Jubilee Park, Spet); Puteashold Utd v Edgware Town; Diadora League: Bishops Cleeve v Rayners Lane; Diadora League: Harrow Borough Res. v Hayes (Earlsmead, Spet).
Tuesday October 1
Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Chertsey Town (Silver Jubilee Park 7.30pm).

Where the locals stand in latest league tables

Table with 4 columns: LEAGUE, Premier Division, Division One, Division Two, Division Three. Rows list various clubs like VS Rugby, Camo City, Dover, Gloucester, Barking, Coulsdon, Dartford, Dorchester, Corby, Wealdstone, Halstead, Gravesend, Altham, Moor Green, Bromsgrove, Waterlooville, Chesham, Trurothorn, Poch, Burton, Fisher, Worcester, Woking, Enfield, Tottenham, Luton, Brentford, Chesham, Reading, Wokingham, Dagenham, Wealdstone, Harlow, Harrow B., Hayes, Carshalton, Basinstoke, Woking, St Albans, Aylesbury, Gray, Burton, Bishops S., Wivestock, Heybridge, Stevenage, Wokingham, Yeading, Barking, Wokingham, Bosham Wood, Dulwich, Woking, Abingdon, Tooting, Dorking, Chertsey, Leyton W., Uxbridge, Wokingham, Aylesbury, Aylesbury, Gray, Burton, Bishops S., Wivestock, Hornham, Flackwell, Flackwell, Stratford, Thame, Thame, Edgware, Edgware, Collier R., Roydon, Thame, Eastbourne, Horsham, Horsham, Hartford, Hartford, Cambridge, Clapton, Kingsbury.

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