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Dorking defeat halts Wembley's run

Dorking 2 Wembley 1 WEMBLEY'S rise up the league table was quickly curtailed by this defeat at Dorking on Tuesday night with all three goals being scored in a seven minute spell at the start of the second half, writes Richard Markiewicz.

reach Tony Welch's free header which hit the angle of post and bar and fell perfectly at the feet of Phil Grainger four yards from the target. It seemed a certain goal but Fanner appeared from nowhere to dive across his goal and push Grainger's shot clear. Unfortunately there was little he could do to prevent Dorking taking the lead in the 47th minute. Grainger back headed a long, straight free kick against a post and Lee Richardson thumped home the rebound.

The home side went further ahead in the 53rd minute. Grainger was allowed far too much room in the Wembley area, twisting and turning around a motionless defence he was able to pick his spot, firing past an exposed Fanner. Immediately however the visitors reduced the deficit, Henry Clark scoring his first goal for the club, dragging the ball away from a defender and finding the target with a crisp low drive after excellent play

on the right flank from Steve Lawrence. Wembley fought to the end but the nearest they came to levelling was in the 70th minute when a fierce drive from Andy O'Brien hit a post. Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Turfunch, Bhatia, O'Brien, Graham, Lawrence, Charles, Clark, B. Hutchinson (Bennett), Guller (Smith). Steve Brock and Paul Goodison have both been released by Wembley. Glen Charles and Henry Clark promoted from the reserves.

Smart goes to Sutton for £5,000



FORMER Wealdstone boss Alan Gane, now boss of Diadora League Sutton United, returned to his old club this week to snap up Steve Smart. Smart, who was formerly on Tottenham's books, was signed by Stones in December 1989 from Barnet. His move to rejoin Gane at Gander Green Lane cost Sutton a £5,000 transfer fee. But while Gane has managed to secure Smart's services, he has not been so successful in his attempts to sign Wealdstone's transfer listed midfielder Paul Goyette. He was unable to agree personal terms with the player and has now officially pulled out of the deal.

Wealdstone duo quit board of directors

Three new men are appointed by chairman

NEW Wealdstone FC chairman David Pollock has been ringing the changes on the club's board of directors. In a big shake-up, two directors have tendered their resignations and three new appointments have been made. Going are Eric Fletcher along with club trustee, Les Hobbs, who had only been on the board for six weeks. Mr Pollock refuted suggestions that there was any animosity involved over the departures. "Both are remaining at the club," he said. "Les Hobbs was always only on the board in the short term as a trustee while we moved into Vicarage Road,



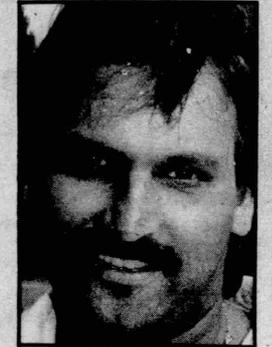
while there is a large job for Eric Fletcher to do in organising and improving the Vice-President's Club." Nick DuGard, the vice-chairman of the Wealdstone Supporters Club, is one of the three new board members appointed by Mr Pollock. It is his second spell on the board. He quit 18 months ago over 'a conflict of interests' during the club's relocation. He then became one of the



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Chhaniara is Britannic Player of the Season



KIRIT Chhaniara, North London Polytechnic CC's star all-rounder, has won the Observer's Britannic Assurance Player of the Season Award for 1991. The news will come as no surprise for Chhaniara has had a magnificent season, scoring runs and taking wickets with impunity. He became the first player to ever win two Britannic Assurance Player of the Month awards when he scooped the honours in both May and June. And when the awards for the following months were adjudicated, the name Chhaniara was always on the shortlist. His best score was a superb unbeaten 146 against Hanwell and there were other centuries against Lohana and Birkbeck College. Half centuries or more were rife with Harrow St Marys, Lohana, Kenpak, Kings Langley, Boyne Hill, Oakdale, Phoenicians, Hatfield Hyde, Hendon Buccaneers, Hendon/Edgware and Ruislip all feeling the brunt of his fine batting. He also secured a wealth of wickets with his bowling, claiming six wicket hauls against Clapham, Abbots Langley and Ruislip Manor. Britannic Assurance

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Hall takes Payne on loan

WEALDSTONE boss Brian Hall has signed midfielder Derek Payne on loan from Barnet and he makes his Beazer Homes League debut for Stones against Atherstone on Saturday. Payne, who was formerly at Hayes, is the brother of Harrow Borough defender Colin Payne. On the injury front, Steve Tapley and Russell Wilson are still struggling but Steve Browne is doing well in training and could make his long awaited return. Ray Mangan and Martyn Kidd are knocking on the door for a return to the Edgware first team for the match at Hornchurch. But manager Brian Rider seems unlikely to change a side that is in winning form.

Kingsbury Town look to get off the bottom of the Diadora League Division Three with a home game against Tring. Manager Frank O'Brien has no injury problems. Rayners Lane return to league action with their longest trip of the season to Hereford to play Pegasus Juniors. Lane have Neil Owen (holiday) and Mark Harewood (injury) back for this important game. Good news for Lane is that skipper Paul Abell is back in training after a pelvic injury sidelined him last season. Harrow Borough and Wembley are without games on Saturday as their scheduled league opponents are involved in FA Cup ties.

Kingsbury drop back

Horsham 2 Kingsbury 1 KINGSBURY dropped back to the bottom of the Diadora League with this defeat on Tuesday but they were unlucky not to take the first point of the season off unbeaten Horsham. They went behind in the 35th minute when Alan Wealdstone conceded a free kick, and was booked in the process, and the ensuing kick was headed home by Dave Clark. The second half saw Kingsbury camped in the Horsham half, although not able to create many chances. However, they drew level with 10 minutes remaining when a free kick by substitute Mark Culverhouse from just outside the area took a deflection off the defensive wall and found the net. But Kingsbury's celebrations lasted less than a minute. Straight from the kick off Horsham pumped the ball forward and Moray Forrest broke clear to beat Mark Gower and score Horsham's winner. Kingsbury: Gower, Wealdstone, Simpson, Hyde, K. Williams, Surrington, Murray, Kenny, Mulhern, Papp (McLeod), Mullaney (Culverhouse).

Where the locals stand in latest league tables

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