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New men can't save Stones

Dartford 4 Wealdstone 1
STONES included three new signings in their line-up at Dartford on Tuesday but they were unable to prevent the home side from securing an emphatic win, writes Steve Marshall.

Midfielders Sean Pearson and Martin McGuire were signed from Hitchin and forward Johnstone Hippolyte was snapped up from Chalfont, and both Hippolyte and McGuire, together with Steve Browne and Tiv Lowe were involved in an excellent move after just five minutes that led to Neil Cordice shooting against the bar from 25 yards.

But it was Dartford who drew first blood in the 14th minute when Simon Quail beat Roach from Bob Makin's cross and in the 25th minute they made it 2-0 with a chip shot from Jim Sheridan.

The unmarked Dave Besthead headed home Kevin Alexander's cross to make it 3-1 after 60 minutes but Hippolyte reduced the arrears for Stones two minutes later with a superb shot from Wilson's cross.

A stunning goal from Paul Sawyer in the 68th minute wrapped up the points for Dartford.

Wealdstone: Roach, Watson, Lowe, Tapley, Ferguson, McGuire, Browne, Hippolyte, Wilson, Pearson, Cordice. **Sus:** Donnellan, Harrison.

Inquest after unbeaten run is halted

No panic at Wasps

Rob is England's World Cup hero

WASPS' star fly-half Rob Andrew was England's World Cup semi-final hero on Saturday as they defeated Scotland 9-6 at Murrayfield. Andrew's superbly struck 73rd minute drop goal proved to be the match winning score which took England into this Saturday's final against the might of Australia at Twickenham. It also saw Andrew equal the world record of 15 drop goals in senior internationals, held jointly by Lesca-bourra of France and South Africa's Naas Botha.

Wasps' supporters will be cheering on England, and Andrew in particular, to glory on Saturday as they watch the game live on the big screen in the Sudbury clubhouse.

Andrew, England's most capped fly-half, is due to present the prize of a year's free



membership of Wasps to the winner of the Observer's recent competition. The name of the lucky recipient will be announced next week.

EVEN though Wasps suffered their heaviest defeat for some time at the hands of Cardiff, there has been no panic reaction at Sudbury.

Speaking after Tuesday night's rigorous training session Phil Moyle, one of the club's senior coaches, said: "We have already started to work on the areas of our play that were so badly exposed by Cardiff."

In fact the general attitude among both players and coaches seemed to be that the defeat came at just the right time. As Moyle said: "We locked the dressing room door on Friday night and had a good talk about things. We may have been getting too complacent for our own good because we won our opening nine games of the season and this defeat will serve to give us all a kick in the right direction."

While the rugby community will look no further than Saturday's World Cup Final at Twickenham, the start of the Courage League season is now just two weeks away and

By Alan Bodenham

Wasps' opening game against our arch London rivals Harlequins is uppermost in the minds of many supporters.

As Moyle added: "Our preparations are geared towards this game and this defeat will not disrupt us too much."

He added that tomorrow (Friday) night's match, another tough assignment against top Welsh team Llanelli will be ideal preparation.

On the injury front Phil Hoople's ankle injury, sustained in Cardiff, is not as serious as first thought and he will be back in action in about a month's time. Captain Mark Rigby will not lead Wasps against Llanelli. He has had a recurrence of an earlier hamstring injury but will probably return for the Nottingham game on November 9.

Wasps Vandals match against Bath United, scheduled for Saturday, has been moved to Friday night, kick off 7.30pm at Sudbury.

Andrew takes Dunlop crown



Andrew Bray receives his trophy from Mark Cox.

ANDREW Bray of Pinner upset the favourites Noor Velji of New Malden in the boys final of the Dunlop London Junior Tennis Grand Prix at the prestigious Queen's Club in London.

15 year old Andrew, a member of the Lowlands Club in Eastcote, came through a field of over 500 players to achieve his success. He beat James Schollhammer from Havering in the semi-finals and took the trophy with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Velji in the final.

The trophy and prizes, which included a contract with the Dunlop sports company to the value of £500, were presented by former Wimbledon and British Davis Cup player, Mark Cox.

Monarchs get the green light

LONDON Monarchs are to get the chance to defend their World League of American Football crown.

Months of speculation that the League's sponsors, the 28 NFL owners, were set to pull the plug on the competition, was ended this week when the owners announced following a meeting in Dallas that their support would continue for at least the next three years.

Despite the World League's success in Europe - with Monarchs triumphed in the final with a 21-0 victory over the Barcelona Dragons - in America it was an unmitigated financial flop with losses reported to be around \$15m. With dismal tv ratings also causing alarm that ABC might withdraw coverage, many owners were anxious to cut their losses and pull out.

But now they have given the World League the thumbs up and the Monarchs 1992 10 game regular season will start in March when they will again be competing in the European Division alongside Barcelona and the Frankfurt Galaxy.

Woodwork makes it look bad for unlucky Borough

Windsor & Eton 4 Harrow Borough 0

WINDSOR hit the net four times, Harrow hit a post three times. It was that close at Stag Meadow on Tuesday, although the scoreline suggests a different story, writes Tony Booth.

Windsor got off to a flying start with Gilman heading home Williams' cross in the first minute but Borough recovered to create a series of good chances with Ripley and Conroy going closest.

In the second half Borough hit the post three times in a minute. Henry's corner was headed on by Conroy for Ripley to head onto a post and in the next attack Henry shot onto the same spot and then did the same from the rebound.

To add insult to injury the hosts broke upfield when Wilson fouled Williams, Wood doubled the lead from the penalty spot.

Gilman went on to complete a hat-trick, shooting into the roof of the net after Shea's 61st minute error, then shaking off Pye's challenge before netting again five minutes later.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, Singleton, Wilson (Cooper), Payne, Shea, Rake, O'Shea, Pye, Ripley, Conroy, Henry.

Rider all set to take award

Epsom & Ewell 0 Edgware Town 1

EDGWARE boss Brian Rider looks a certainty for the Manager of the Month award for October after his side's latest success on Tuesday, their sixth successive league win.

But the goal that gave them maximum points was a long time coming. There were only six minutes left when Martyn Kidd's corner was palmed out to Leslie Thompson, who had only come on two minutes earlier, and he lashed the ball home.

In a hard fought game Edgware had the better of the first half and when a Kidd cross eluded the keeper, a defender was forced to clear off the line.

When another Kidd cross hit Colin Chance and fell to Steve Newing, his shot hit a defender on the line.

The second half was evenly contested. Kevin Beckles had to save bravely when an Epsom forward broke clear but in the end it was Thompson who settled it in Edgware's favour with his late goal.

Edgware: Beckles, Brennan, D. Coleman, Finerty, J. Mangan, Kidd, Flynn, Deritis, Murphy, Chance (Thompson), Newing. **Other sub:** Sheridan.

Kingsbury shown cup door

Kingsbury Town 0 Cockfosters 2

ANOTHER woeful performance from Kingsbury saw them unceremoniously dumped out of the Middlesex Senior Cup by Spartan League Cockfosters on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

It was the fourth successive game in which Town have failed to score and it was easy to see why. They create little and when they did their finishing was poor.

In the first half Gerry Mulhern left three defenders for dead to get clear but keeper Thorn got a hand to his shot to turn it away for a corner. After the break Mulhern got round Thorn only for defender Fusco to deflect his shot wide and from the resultant corner by Murray, Dino Pashias blazed over from five yards.

Cockfosters took the lead after 33 minutes when Alan Westhead felled Justin Gentle in the area and Aggio fired home the penalty. They sealed victory with 10 minutes left when Aggio beat Mark Gower with a superb lobbed shot from the edge of the area.

Kingsbury: Gower, Westhead, Simpson, Hide, K. Williams, Murray, Pashias, Surridge, Mulhern, Ross (P. Williams), Donald (Kenry). **Other sub:** Claypole.

Bug bites at the Borough

A FLU bug threatens to disrupt manager Peter Lawrence's selection problems for Harrow's Borough's home match with Aylesbury on Saturday.

Paul Ripley, Mark Pye, Steve Shea and Steve Conroy all have the symptoms in a side that will definitely be missing Shea, who is suspended, and Mark Barnard and Craig Johnstone who are injured.

After two clashes in the Middlesex Senior Cup in a week against Spartan League Cockfosters, Kingsbury Town will be

hoping it's third time lucky when they meet their rivals again on Saturday in the FA Vase. But unless boss Frank O'Brien can find someone who can score goals - Town haven't scored in their last four games - it could be curtains again.

With a full squad to choose from, Edgware boss Brian Rider's only problem is who to leave out for his side's FA Vase visit to Hemel Hempstead. If a replay is required it will take place at the White Lion ground on Wednesday, kick off 7.30pm.

Wealdstone's home game with Bashley kicks off at 12 noon on Saturday to avoid the Rugby World Cup Final. Missing will be Jamie Ferguson who is suspended while Mark Hopson is again doubtful with throat and chest problems.

Bobby Hutchinson is available for selection for Wembley's home game with Hitchin after completing a three match ban. But Paul Bhatia is still struggling to overcome an ankle injury.

Soccer fixtures

- Saturday November 2**
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Basildon (Vicarage Road, 12 noon).
Diadora League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Aylesbury (Earlsmead, 3pm).
Diadora League Division One: Wembley v Hitchin Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).
FA Vase: Cockfosters v Kingsbury Town (2.15pm); Hemel Hempstead v Edgware Town.
Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Kintbury (Lucas Ave, 3pm).
Suburban League Cup: Feltham Res. v Harrow Borough Res.
Tuesday November 5
Middx Charity Cup: Harrow Borough v Cockfosters (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).
Barclays Cup 1st round 2nd leg: Baldock v Wealdstone.
Wednesday November 6
Capital League: Wealdstone v Slough Town (Cophall, 7.30pm).

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