

SPORT

SOCCER

Stones happy to get a second chance

**Hendon 0 Wealdstone 0**  
WEALDSTONE were happy to force a replay from this difficult FA Trophy third round tie at Clarendon Road on Saturday.

Good football was always going to be unlikely on a pitch that would have been better served by bovine use and the generally poor fairy which resulted came as little surprise.

Being familiar with the farmyard conditions gave Hendon the edge to create the better chances but fortunately for Stones their finishing was less

**By John Comfort**

than adequate. In the opening minutes Paul Shirt blazed a half volley over from close in and other clear opportunities fell to Colin Tate, who glanced a close range header straight at Wayne Roach, and the ever dangerous Marc Das, who burst through the visitors' rearguard only for Roach to block his effort from six yards.

Das missed another gilt edged

chance in the 41st minute when he fired wide with only Roach to beat after Shirt's long throw was flicked on to him in the goalmouth.

For Stones, Leo Donnellan was just wide with a diving header from Goyette's free kick and the same player was only denied by keeper Root's outstretched leg in the 43rd minute after he had been set up by Derek Payne.

Stones were livelier in the second half but it was still Hendon who made the better openings Xavier's close range effort was blocked by Roach and

Stones had another lucky escape when the Hendon striker shot wide from a similar distance. Roach also had to save bravely when Das got clear with Wealdstone expecting an offside decision.

Russell Wilson had a good low shot well saved by Root and was narrowly off target with a header but at the final whistle Stones were more than content to be given another chance.

**Wealdstone:** Roach, Watson, Lowe, Drumry, Bartlett, Cordoc, Goyette (Hopson), Dograllan, Wilson, Payne, Broyte. Other sub: Richards.

BOWLS  
Stanmore ready to celebrate

STANMORE Bowls Club, which celebrates its Golden Jubilee next year, has set the scene by completing the refurbishment of its changing rooms to match the main pavilion.

The improvements, together with plans for Jubilee Year events, were reported to the club's annual general meeting.

Reporting on the 1991 season, captain Mr C. Bronze said it had been a particularly good one for the club with two trophies being won, the Jack Lines Cup against Mill Hill and the Fred West Cup against Bushey. Ladies captain, Mrs R. Victor, also reported a successful year.

**Officers elected for 1992:** R. H. Wilson, president; C. Bronze, captain; H. Newman, vice-captain; S. Rodin, secretary; H. Matzeis, treasurer; H. Perlov, match and competition secretary; H. Victor, social secretary; A. K. Vardy, supt of works; G. K. Bolton, committee rep and auditor.

**Ladies officers:** Mrs B. Whinby, captain; Mrs H. M. Wilson, vice-captain; Mrs C. Vardy, secretary; Mrs C. Bronze, treasurer; Mrs G. Woodman, committee rep.

Around the rinks

**Century 130, Bushbury 76**  
Century skipper first: D. Hicks 25, D. Rowley 11; R. Brown 24, R. Jan 18; T. Harton 22; L. Hutton 10; J. Harrison 22; J. Cartwright 12; J. Hicks 10; G. Dobson 14; W. Mackenzie 20; J. Simons 11.

**Century 137, Preston Park 112**  
Century skipper first: Mrs B. Chapman 22; Mrs B. Whinby 16; Mrs M. Bradley 21; Mrs D. Pearce 16; M. Palmer 21; W. Mackenzie 11; G. Fain 15; W. Moore 28; H. Shuteb 17; W. Moore 31; N. Leach 41; D. Park 10.

SAILING  
O'Neills all the way

GEOFF and Robert O'Neill took an early lead in Salako which they held throughout to win the first Merin event in Sunday's Wembley SC Autumn Series races on the Wiltshire Harp.

Colin Deane and Nick Jutner's Cobra was 2nd with David Bland and Mike Watts 3rd in Grand Cru. Salako made a poor start in the second race but gradually pulled through the fleet and after a splendid battle with Grand Cru secured their second win. Cobra came 3rd.

The Firefly fleet heaves, Doug Maxwell and Bob Dabell triumphed in both their races. Guy English and Jo Clay came 2nd in English Mistress from David Evans and Pat Gordon's Sapphite, with the places being reversed in the midday race.

Experienced newcomers Mike and Tony Abbott easily won the morning GP race from Richard Knowliden and Julia Earnshaw's Aye Aye with Adrian Fox and Alan Selwyn's Sly Sam 3rd. Marc Heritier and Richard Eastmond won the midday race from Stan Marks and Norman Brown's Mackintosh with Aye Aye 2nd. Julian Bradley and Roger Whitney had their usual battle in the Laser fleet, each winning a race and coming 2nd. Matthew Masters and Jeff Farwell took 3rd places.

SWIMMING  
Bulpitt is best

GUY Bulpitt was Harrow and Wealdstone's most successful swimmer in the Ecclesiastical Life Grand Prix Open Meet at Gloucester, winning the 50m breast (24.10) and coming second in both the 50m fly (26.31) and 100m free (52.40).

Helen Williamson produced some good times in the 50m back (32.64), 100m back (67.24), 200m back (2:25.52), 50m free (28.19) and 100m free (59.99) while Duncan Belcourt took 4th in the 1500m free with 16:39.23.

Darren Shearsby clocked personal bests of in the 200m IM (2:14.87) and 400m IM (4:44.22) as well as good times in the 50m breast (22.81), 100m breast (48.51) and 200m breast (2:28.13). Younger brother Matthew improved his times in the 100m breast (1:12.06) and 200m breast (2:34.18). Philip Searle recorded a personal best of 2:20.05 for the 200m back.

In the age group section of the meet, Leigh Sandals produced a personal best of 66.26 in the 100m fly and a 100m free time of 57.95.

Kidd keeps Edgware flying high

**Feltham 0 Edgware 1**  
MARTYN Kidd's 30th minute goal gave Edgware three more points to consolidate their top of the table position.

It was Edgware's 11th successive league win and with four of them coming in November, along with two FA Vase wins, boss Brian Rider looks set to snap up another Manager of the Month award.

With Feltham's artificial pitch liberally covered with sand, conditions were far from ideal but Colin Chance should have scored after 15 minutes when Kidd's cross left him with the goal at his mercy but he was shot wide. Soon after Feltham had their only chance of the game when a cross was flicked goalward but Kidd came to Edgware's rescue, hooking the ball away.

Newing got in behind the Feltham defence only to shoot into the side netting, but on the half hour Edgware finally won in front when Kidd's cross from the right deceived the home keeper and flew into the top corner of the net.

Edgware lost Laurence Murphy with a knee injury in the second half but still had the better of the game and only poor finishing prevented further goals.

Chance fired into the side netting when a corner was half cleared to him and substitute Les Thompson missed two golden opportunities, miskicking with only the keeper to beat after being set up by Newing, and then side footing straight at the keeper from a Brennan cross.

**Edgware:** Beckles, Brennan, D. Coleman, Evans, Sheridan, Kidd, Flynn, Dennis, Murphy (Thompson), Newing, Chance. Other sub: Sylvester.

Lane pay dearly for blunders

**Kintbury 4 Rayners Lane 1**

LANE started confidently at Kintbury on Saturday with Mathews, Owen and Cumberbatch all going close as they dominated the early exchanges.

It was completely against the run of play when the home side took the lead. A long ball down the middle saw Meaney head back to Tsitsis but the keeper allowed a forward to block his clearance which left him free to run through to score.

This rocked Lane's confidence and Kintbury went further ahead when a cross was headed in off a post. Further disaster struck when Clements lost possession and a through ball set up Kintbury to make it an unrealistic 3-0 scoreline at half time.

Lane came storming back in the second half, completely dominating play, but finding it difficult to create chances against a well organised home defence. And when they were caught out as they tried to play the offside trap, Kintbury were allowed in to head home a fourth goal.

It was only in the closing minutes that Lane finally found a way through when Le Croix steered the ball home off a post in a goalmouth scramble to give the visitors a consolation goal.

**Rayners Lane:** Tsitsis, Clements, Hynes, Misany, Matthews, Cusksley, Vemi (McDermott), Le Croix, Cumberbatch, Owen, Langston.

Two goal Hutch sees Lions through

**By Richard Markiewicz**

**Wembley 2 Chalfont St Peter 0**

WEMBLEY advanced into the first round proper of the FA Trophy for the very first time after comfortably brushing aside Chalfont St Peter on Saturday.

Bobby Hutchinson hit the goal trail again, scoring twice in an easy, one-sided contest.

The Lions dominated matters throughout and demonstrated their attacking intentions from the start. Bus also chances went begging with Steve Lawrence the main culprit, squandering at least four clear-cut efforts during the opening half hour.

However, the home side's sustained pressure was eventually rewarded with two goals, the first arriving four minutes before half time.

Hutchinson collected a loose ball on the edge of the penalty area and with a swift turn he wrong footed his mark-

er before cutting inside the box to fire a fierce drive goalward which took a slight deflection past keeper Secward.

Further opportunities followed after the interval before Hutchinson sealed victory with his and Wembley's second goal in the 69th minute.

Lawrence's excellent diagonal pass breached the Chalfont backline and fell perfectly into the path of Hutchinson whose shot hit the advancing keeper but had the necessary power to loop over him and into the unguarded net.

**Wembley:** Fanner, Fishery, Tur-lunch, Bhalis, O'Brien, Graham, Lawrence, Bennett, Clark, B. Hutchinson, White. Sub: Guller, Thomas.



● Bobby Hutchinson.

Ripley is put on the spot in dramatic Trophy finale

**Harrow Borough 2 Bishops Stortford 1**

AN exciting finale to an otherwise often drab match saw Borough victorious in the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy on Saturday.

There were only six minutes remaining and a replay in prospect when Paul Ripley released Neil Henry whose cross was deflected onto a post. When the defence failed to clear, Stuart's deft pass put Barnard clear in the box and he was promptly tripped by Hopkins.

The drama went on, for Ripley's penalty was pushed onto a post by Taylor but the striker was first to the rebound and fired Borough into the next round. Such a small element of good fortune was long overdue at Earlsmead where

**By Tony Booth**

the playing staff form an NHS queue of their own.

Showing six changes from their last match, and with two more youngsters making their debuts, Borough did well to show any cohesion, let alone win the game, given their injury problems.

Steve Ford showed promise in his first match with several incisive runs and a good cross that Pye headed just wide.

Yet the visitors, who spent most of the first quarter kicking balls to all parts of Harrow, then conspired to have a good spell and took the lead.

Milbourne saw his shot cleared off the line by Singleton and later forced Crompton to push his cross-shot over. By then Hopkins had sent in a free kick which was not cleared and Petrou shot in from close range to put Stortford ahead in the 31st minute.

Borough responded well either side of the break. Mark Kelly headed on for Ford whose deflected shot was saved, then he had a shot himself after good work by Henry and Ripley, but Taylor was again equal to it.

Persistence eventually told in the 58th minute. Ripley's tackle on Sailsman gained vital possession and he crossed from the byeline for Mark Pye to fire home a 20 yard shot, deflected off and over the keeper by the lunging Hopkins.

Borough brought on Gareth Stuart whose first touch put Henry clear but his shot hit the near post and rolled agonisingly across goal, and it looked as if a replay was sure to follow until the late penalty drama secured victory for the home side.

**Harrow Borough:** Crompton, Singleton, Barnard, Payne, Powell, Henry, O'Shea, Pye, Ripley, Ford (Stuart), Kelly. Other sub: Bainbridge.

● Borough's Steve Ford slips past two Stortford defenders in Saturday's Trophy tie at Earlsmead.

Dunstable give Stones a shock Double celebration as boss gets a daughter and a win

**Dunstable 2 Wealdstone 1**  
SOUTHERN Division Dunstable shock Wealdstone in the first leg of this second round Barclays Cup tie on Wednesday, writes Steve Marshall.

A quick break in the 19th minute saw Sandor Gyalgó shoot past Roach to give Dunstable the lead. Just minutes before Roach made a rare save from Richard King's header after a fine cross by Chris Campbell.

Wealdstone hit back with Johnson Hippolyte firing wildly over after he had dispossessed Cody and Hunt saved well from Cordice, but Dunstable increased their lead to 76 minutes when hesitation between Browne and Watson led to Peter Revell running clear to beat Roach.

Stones finally broke through with three minutes left when Watson's low cross was knocked into the roof of the net by Hippolyte.

**Kingsbury Town 2 Bracknell 1**  
KINGSBURY boss Frank O'Brien had a double celebration on Saturday as his wife gave birth to a baby daughter and Town secured their first win for six weeks.

Vic Hardwick was Kingsbury's top goal hero. He raced into the box to fire his side in front in the 40th minute only for Bracknell to level three minutes later when Rapley netted from Day's cross.

But with 72 minutes gone Hardwick notched Kingsbury's winner when he rifled home Andy Ferguson's cross.

Although John Cheesewright had to save a Day header in the opening minutes, Bracknell hardly created another chance other than that

from which they scored their goal.

But Kingsbury could easily have added to their tally. In the first half Hardwick turned a defender and had a firm shot well saved by Mark Hyde and minutes later Ferguson put Chris Simpson through but he hammered his shot wildly over.

In the second half a good move involving Neil Hide and Gerry Mulhern left Tony Gayle free but he headed over with the goal at his mercy. Then Alan Wealdstard burst through with only Hyde to beat but ballooned his shot over the bar.

**Kingsbury:** Cheesewright, Cook, Donald, Hide, K. Williams, Wealdstard, Ferguson, Hardwick, Mulhern, Gayle (Donoghue), Simpson. Other sub: Surridge.

