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Nightmare in Vase for Edgware

Gipp's double boosts Borough

Harrow Borough 2 Wokingham Town 0
DAVID Gipp was Borough's two goal hero on Tuesday night as they shocked high flying Wokingham in the Lottice Cup to earn a home tie with Carshalton in the 4th round, writes John Comfort.

It was a fine all-round performance from Borough, and a well deserved victory which bodes well for their battle for Premier Division survival.

In an evenly contested first half, both sides had their chances. Thompson got clear for Wokingham but was denied by Crompton's fine save, while at the other end Mark Barnard headed over an open goal from a Carlton Thomas cross and Mark Pye's effort was smothered by Westwood after a great move involving Thomas, Ford and Byrne left him with only the keeper to beat.

Borough broke the deadlock four minutes into the second half. A great ball from Mick O'Shea sent Gipp into the area and his low angled shot went in off the far post.



● David Gipp.

Wokingham pressed hard for an equaliser but sound Borough defending kept them at arm's length before the home side sealed victory five minutes from the end when Pye put Gipp through and with Wokingham waiting in vain for an offside decision, the striker blasted the ball home.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, O'Shea, Engwell, May, Stea, Byrne, Pye, Barnard, Gipp, Ford (Powell), Thomas. Other sub: Ripley.

Cup defeat bitter pill says Wasps skipper

WASPS skipper Mark Ripley admitted that losing to Harlequins on Saturday was a bitter pill to swallow, especially in such an important competition, writes Alan Bodenham.

But Ripley is convinced the players can bounce back after that setback and they will use Sunday's match against Racing Club of Paris as part of the healing process.

Of Saturday's game Ripley said: "Some of the internationals in the Harlequins set up have often been criticised for not showing their best form at club level. But in Saturday's game they played up to that form and pulled out all the stops. In consequence it made them a very hard side to beat."

However, Wasps did well to keep the score down and Ripley was pleased with the way his side battled away.

Coach Rob Smith is convinced that Wasps can be still in with a shout of winning the league. They have won four out of five matches so far and on Saturday February 22 face Saracens at Sudbury in a match which should have been played on the cup date.

It does not seem a tall order for Wasps to win their remaining games. They face Orrell and Bath at home, but Bath have proved far from invincible this season and Wasps have beaten Orrell in the league the last couple of seasons and last season beat them away from home.

Things looking brighter on the injury front. Dean Ryan returns on Saturday for the second XV along with Damian Hopley and Steve Pilgrim has resumed training following his injury against Roehampton and should be in contention too.

Wasps are sending a 10 to the international 10s tournament in Malaysia later this month. They were invited by the RFU and are only English team to take up invitation. Chris Wright will lead the Wasps party.

Just four weeks after joining Boro'

Harrison goes on the list

By John Comfort

DEFENDER Mark Harrison spell at Harrow Borough looks set for early termination. After failing to turn up for successive matches at Dorking and Carshalton, he has been suspended and transfer listed by manager George Borg.

Harrison was signed for £2,500 from neighbours Wealdstone only a month ago and was former boss Peter Lawrence's last signing before he was sacked.

But he is clearly not seen as Borg's answer to the left back spot, a position which he now seems to have adequately filled with new signing Mickie Engwell.

Animosities between player and boss reached a high point at Borough's recent FA Trophy tie with Stalybridge. Despite having numerous

members of his squad cup tied, Borg chose not to play Harrison but did a U turn when Jonathon Hunt failed to turn up as expected on loan from Barnet.

Unhappy Harrison was substituted midway through the game, which could well have been his last for Borough.

He failed to show up for Borough's Lottice Cup match at Dorking last Wednesday and was again absent for Saturday's League game at Carshalton. Borg promptly suspended him for two weeks and slapped him on the list.

Any interest Borough might have had in signing their former centre back Steve Bateman from Chesham is likely to have waned. Chesham are asking £18,000 for him.



● Mark Harrison.

Two down Town hit back for a replay

Kingsbury Town 3 Walthamstow Pennant 3
KINGSBURY came back from 2-0 down in just eight minutes to earn a replay against Spartan League Pennant on Tuesday. Ghandall's poor back pass set up Scavthorn to open Pennant's account after only 3 minutes and Kingsbury had hardly recovered before Scavthorn made it 2-0 five minutes later.

Kingsbury battled away but were still 2-0 adrift at the break and it took a penalty for handball by a defender in the first minute of the second half to get them back in contention which Keith Williams firmly despatched.

Scavthorn headed in a James cross 10 minutes later to restore Pennant's two goal advantage but Kingsbury reduced the deficit in the 67th minute when a good build up ended with Jason Dale headed home.

Substitute Michael Donaghue hammered home a great equaliser for Kingsbury after 73 minutes but although they had two efforts cleared off the line, they were unable to snatch a winner and now face a replay at Walthamstow on February 26.

Kingsbury: Chessewright, Ghandall (Donaghue), Simpson, Hild, Mangin, K. Williams, Surrige, Headwick, Dale, Ivers, Latham. Other sub: Coleman.

Edgware bounce back with cup win

Brimmsdown Rovers 1 Edgware Town 4

EDGWARE bounced back from Saturday's shocker at Guiseley to comfortably beat Spartan League leaders Brimsdown on Tuesday and book a place at home to Yesding in the quarter finals of the Middlesex Charity Cup.

Despite being on top in the first half, Edgware went in at half time a goal down. Kevin Beckles failed to gather a corner and the ball was scrambled home again.

But an early second half equaliser, headed in by Leslie Thompson after a Kidd corner

had been flicked on, put them on course for victory.

Thompson put Edgware ahead when he got to a through ball before the keeper and struggled off his challenge to score and a third followed when Steve Newing's crossed was tapped home by Eugene Flynn.

Flynn also notched Edgware's fourth goal. John Mangin put Kidd free on the right and he chipped over the keeper for Flynn to head home.

Edgware: Beckles, Brennan, Finnery, Evans, Sheridan, Kidd, Flynn, J. Mangin, Walsh (Guller), Thompson (J. Coleman), Newing.

Monarchs take 14 in World League draft

LONDON Monarchs have picked 14 top American college players from the World League draft to boost their defence of the World Bowl.

Their first three choices were corenback Roland Smith of the University of Miami, who was an 8th round NFL draft pick for the Miami Dolphins in 1991; highly rated wide receiver Bernard Ford of Central Florida, who was formerly with the Buffalo Bills; and linebacker William Kirksy of Southern Mississippi who was at the Minnesota Vikings in 1990.

Monarchs have also picked University of Southern California quarterback Shane Foley as back up for Stan Gelbaugh.

In their third draft, the Monarchs have taken linebacker Curtis Moore from Ohio Glory in exchange for Marion Brown.

Browne goes to Sutton

WALDSTONE midfielder Steve Browne rejoined former Stones boss Alan Game when he signed for Sutton United for a five figure fee last week. He made his debut on Saturday in Sutton's 3-1 defeat at Enfield.

In two spells at Wealdstone, the popular Browne made 126 appearances and scored 30 goals.

Wembley blow two goal lead

Wembley 2 Chalfont St Peter 2
WEMBLEY somehow managed to throw away what appeared to be an unassailable two goal lead against Chalfont on Tuesday, and in the end they were rather fortunate to collect a point, writes Richard Markiewicz.

The Lions began the game in control and brought their authority to bear by scoring twice midway through the first half, Kenny Page netting both goals.

His opener in the 27th minute saw him force the ball home from close range after Andy O'Brien at the far post had knocked down Charlie Flaherty's corner.

His second two minutes later was a brilliant solo effort. Collecting a clearance on the halfway line, his sheer determination saw him brush aside the challenge of his marker to race clear and then he waited for the keeper to commit himself before stroking a glorious shot

into the top corner.

Chalfont reduced the arrears in the 38th minute when Ansil Bushay set up ex-Lion Lance Cadogan whose low drive beat Jeff Fanner and entered the net via both posts.

Despite this goal Wembley maintained their ascendancy at the start of the second half but after keeper Hales made an excellent reflex save to prevent O'Brien increasing the lead, Wembley suddenly fell apart.

The home goal lived a charmed life until Bobby Dixon nipped in to level the scores in the 77th minute from a quickly taken free kick. Shell shocked Wembley clung precariously to their point and only a superb one-handed save by Fanner prevented Steve Darlington from snatching a winner.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, O'Brien, Shields, Romani (Turkunch), B. Hutchinson, Shatta (Reynolds), Page, Lawrence, Wilzar.

Paul bids for Olympic glory



WEMBLEY soldier Paul Ryan will this week be competing for glory in the 16th Winter Olympics at Albertville, France. 21 year old Paul, a sapper in the Royal Engineers, is a member of Britain's Biathlon team in one of the Winter Games' toughest events.

The biathlon races include a 10 km sprint, a 4 x 7.5 km relay and a 20 km event. Biathletes also have to stop, twice or four times, at a 30m range and fire five rounds from their 22 rifle at five targets. Missed targets mean either minutes added to race timings or having to ski penalty loops.

Suspended Shea has to sit it out

HARROW Borough have club captain Steve Shea suspended for two games for an accumulation of bookings and he misses Saturday's match at Grays and Tuesday's visit to Enfield.

Manager George Borg is likely to taking Richard Nugent on loan from Barnet as cover.

Paul Ripley, who had a hamstring injury, should be fit but Keith Cooper is still doubtful with a similar injury.

Jimmy Quinn, who has a knee injury, and Paul Goyette, who suffered mild concussion against Trowbridge are doubtful for Wealdstone's home game with Bromsgrove. But Mark Hopson is expected to be fit.

Tony Headlam, Ray Bennett and Adrian Smith are all injured and doubtful for Wembley's home game with Abingdon, while Glen Charles is definitely out through suspension.

Steve Graham should be available and new signing Paul Richards, a forward once on Harrow Borough's books, is added to the squad.

Edgware Town are hoping that Colin Chance will be fit for their vital league game away to title rivals Chertsey, but skipper Vince Deritis is definitely out with a knee injury. Darren Coleman, who was concussed at Guiseley, is expected to play.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday February 15	Beazer Home League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Bromsgrove (Vicarage Road, 3pm)	Almondsbury Pioneers (Lucas Ave, 3pm)
	Diadora League Premier Division: Grays Ath. v Harrow Borough.	Suburban League: Harrow Borough Res. v Ruslip Manor (Earlwood, 3pm)
Wednesday February 18	Diadora League Division One: Wembley v Abingdon (Vale Farm, 3pm)	Diadora League Premier Division: Enfield v Harrow Borough.
	Diadora League Division Three: Chertsey v Edgware Town; Kingsbury Town v Cove (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm)	Diadora League Division Three: Thame Utd v Kingsbury Town.
Wednesday February 19	Capital League: Aldershot v Wealdstone.	Diadora League Premier Division: Wokingham v Walthamstow Pennant (2-0).

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