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League tables

Table with columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include: V/S Rugby, Dover, Basiley, Bromsgrove, Camb City, Darford, Trowbridge, Burton, Moor Green, Chelmsford, Halesowen, Dorchester, Gloucester, Althorpe, Corby, Worcester, Poole, Wealdstone, Crawley, Waterlooville, Fisher, Gravesend.

DIADORA LEAGUE

Table with columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include: Woking, Enfield, Sutton, Wokingham, Canisham, Aylesbury, Kingstonian, Chesham, Dagenham, Mallow, Wharfedale, Wincoburn, St Albans, Bromley, Basingstoke, Herdron, Grays, Hayes, Staines, Harrow B, Bognor, Bishop's Cleeve.

Division One

Table with columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include: Stevenage, Yeading, Boreham W, Abingdon, Dulwich, Hitchin, Wembley, Barking, Watton, Dorking, Tooting, Molesey, Maidenhead, Uxbridge, Leyton W, Harlow, Croydon, Chalfont, Heybridge, Wyke, Aveley.

Division Three

Table with columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include: Edgware, Chertsey, Thruay, Cove, Hampton, Horsham, Fackwell, Thame, Epsom, Royton, Collier R, Felham, Kingsbury, Harford, Petersfield, Camberley, Bracknell, Hamshurst, Ting, Clapton, Eastbourne.

Nugent sent off as Borough go out

Harrow Borough 0 Woking 2. ON loan defender Richard Nugent became the second Borough player to be sent off in the space of four days as champions elect Woking ended the Earlsmead outfit's interest in the Locute Cup in Tuesday's semi-final tie, writes John Comfort.

The impressive Nugent got his marching orders with two minutes remaining. After failing to cut out Derek Brown's through ball, which put

Steve Milton free, his rash effort to stop for that error saw Milton brought down just outside the Borough area. Referee Copeland deemed it a professional foul and sent the defender packing.

By then however Borough were already a well beaten side in a match that really 'men against boys'.

They gave a good account of themselves in the first half but a lapse of concentration right on half time saw

them go a goal down. A poor Borough clearance was returned by Pratt to Brown on the edge of the area and a smart pass sent Mitchell through to beat Crompton.

Any hopes of Borough recovering were dashed 12 minutes into the second half when they gifted classy Woking a second goal. Milton broke on the left and when he knocked the ball across the area, Micky Engwell's attempt to knock it back to Crompton

fell short and the alert Mitchell nipped in to score again.

Woking just coasted home after that with Borough hardly having a look in, their only real effort coming in the final minute when Steve Conroy's volley was held by keeper Batty after good work on the right by Engwell and Keith Cooper.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, Johnstone, Engwell, May, Nugent, Byrne, Pyle, O'Shea (Ripley), Clipp (Barnard), Conroy, Cooper.

Injury blow for Emma

EMMA Arnold of Harrow School of Gymnastics suffered a devastating blow this week when she was told that an elbow injury will prevent her from representing London at the National Finals of the Weat-tabix sponsored Junior Gymnast of the Year competition.

But Harrow will still have a representative in the finals. Emma's clubmate Gaby Fuchs was the reserve and she will now take Emma's place.

Said Emma: "Of course I am very disappointed. This competition was one of my ambitions and you only get one crack at it. The only good thing about it is that Gaby is the reserve and I wish her all the luck for her big day."

Said Emma's coach, Len Arnold: "The whole club is disappointed for Emma. But now she has come to terms with her injury and is working very hard in those areas not effected by her elbow."

Added Emma: "It is now important for me to get fully fit and I am looking forward to the Junior British Championships."

Harrow League celebrates

THE Harrow Youth Football League celebrates its 25th Anniversary tomorrow (Friday) with a dinner at Harrow Borough FC. Guest of honour is Hampton FC president and tv scriptwriter, Alan Simpson.

Shea shines

HARROW Borough's Steve Shea played a prominent part in the Middlesex FA's 3-0 victory over Essex at Earlsmead last Wednesday. Also in the Middlesex squad were Borough's Paul Ripley and Lloyd Powell.

Wealdstone wobbling on brink of drop

Relegation a real threat for Stones

By John Comfort

Soccer fixtures

THE prospect of relegation is fast becoming a reality for struggling Wealdstone whose recent failures have now left them amongst the favourites to make the drop from the Beazer Homes League Premier Division.

With just six games to go they are currently one place above the relegation zone but the two clubs immediately below them, Crawley and Waterlooville, are only a point away and both have two games in hand.

Two points above them are Poole, with Worcester a point further away. Both those clubs have a game in hand over Stones.

But despite the club's precarious position and the threat of the drop in their first season at Vicarage Road, there is no hint of panic at Wealdstone.

"There's still 18 points up for grabs and it's in our own hands," said club secretary Peter Braxton.

Saturday's home match with Worcester is therefore a vital one and one Stones must win.

They will be without the injured Russell Wilson, while Neil Cordice, who suffered a hip injury against Dover and missed the defeat at Bromsgrove, will have a fitness test to determine if he plays.

Harrow Borough continue their battle to avoid the drop with a visit to Sutton. They have defender Steve Shea available after suspension, along with midfielder Pat Ryan, who was ineli-

gible for Tuesday's Cup game with Woking.

Wembley have Paul Shields back after suspension for their match against Harlow which is being played at Stevenage Borough FC. Kenny Page is doubtful with a thigh injury.

Manager Alan Dafforn has signed the versatile Chris Simpson from neighbours Kingsbury and he could well earn a place in Saturday's line-up.

Edgware need only one more win from five games to ensure promotion and will be hoping to clinch it at home to Thame on Saturday. They will be without the suspended Leslie Thompson while Gerry Brennan, Eugene Flynn and John Mangan are all injury doubts. Joe Sheridan could return after a month out with an ankle ligament injury.

Kingsbury Town have Jason Dale back after suspension for their trip to bottom of the table Eastbourne. Niall O'Rourke has rejoined the club and will play in place of Gerald Mulhern who has a hernia and has been advised not to play for the rest of the season.

Rayners Lane are away to league leaders Cirencester who will be out to avenge the League Cup defeat they suffered at Lane. The unavailable Wayne Coakley and the injured Gerry Hyne will be missing from the Lane line up.

Saturday April 4

Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Worcester City (Vicarage Road, 3pm).

Diadora League Premier Division: Sutton Utd v Harrow Borough.

Diadora League Division One: Harlow v Wembley (at Stevenage Borough FC).

Diadora League Division Three: Edgware Town v Thame Utd (White Lion Ground, 3pm); Eastbourne Utd v Kingsbury Town.

Helene League: Cirencester Town v Rayners Lane.

Monday April 6

Diadora League Division One: Croydon v Wembley. Capital League: Wealdstone v Sutton Utd (Harrow Borough FC, 7.30pm).

Tuesday April 7

Diadora League Premier Division: Bromley v Harrow Borough. Wednesday April 8

Friendly: Kingsbury Town Youth v Watford Youth (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

Grant chance extension

THE Federation of Middlesex Sports has extended the closing date for receipt of applications for the Middlesex Young Competitor Incentive Grants which are currently on offer.

The grants, which are worth up to £250 to aid and coming sportsmen and women in Middlesex, are proving popular and the Federation is anxious to consider as many cases as possible before awarding the current batch.

Applications are invited from those around 14 years of age who have a proven record in their chosen sports and are now looking to continue competing seriously.

Applications should be supported by a note from the applicant's club or association.

The address for nominations is: The Federation of Middlesex Sports, c/o Griffin Park, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 ONT. Closing date is now Saturday April 18.

Boro' fume over refs rulings

TOTALLY different interpretations by separate referees over FIFA's directive on professional fouls have had relegation haunted Harrow Borough FC officials hopping with rage this week.

In their vital six point against fellow strugglers Bishops Stortford on Saturday they were amazed when referee DG Roberts of Aldershot only cautioned Stortford keeper Taylor for pulling down Borough's Paul Ripley in the area.

Ripley was attempting to round the keeper and with an open net ahead of him it was a clear goalling chance and under FIFA's directive, Taylor should have gone for serious foul play. He didn't, but Borough drew consolation from a clearly mishandled situation by converting the resultant penalty and going on to recover from 2-0 down to win the match 3-2.

In their Locute Cup semi-final defeat against

Woking on Tuesday, Borough again found interpretation of the professional foul ruling working against them.

Defender Richard Nugent's failure to cut out a through ball left him chasing Woking striker Steve Milton towards goal and bringing him down just outside the Borough area.

On this occasion however, referee J. Copeland of Aveley got it dead right. With only keeper Steve Crompton to be beaten it was a goalling chance. Nugent had to go - and he did.

But that didn't stop Borough officials fuming, with justification, over the outcome of the two incidents. "On both occasions the decisions were to the detriment of Harrow Borough," said one. "What is needed is consistency among referees over the ruling."

Annual meeting

WEALDSTONE FC Supporters Club hold their agm on Monday in the Aldenham Suite at Vicarage Road, starting at 7.30pm.

County Final

THE final of the Middlesex RFU Cup takes place at Ruslip Rugby Club on Sunday when Ruslip play Ealing, kick off 3pm.

Welsh clash

WASPS play a club match, at home to Cardiff on Saturday, kick off 3pm.

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