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Ivers is late hero for Town

Kingsbury Town 1
Collier Row 0

AFTER their spree at Eastbourne, the goals virtually dried up for Kingsbury on Tuesday, but a last gasp effort from Mark Ivers saw them steal victory from under the noses of Collier Row, **writes John Comfort.**

Having somehow kept their goal intact for 89 minutes with some less than impressive defending, Town seemed set to claim a fortunate point as the game entered its final minute. But then Ivers struck to give them all three.

Niall O'Rourke created the chance when he robbed defender Gary Nisbet midway in the Collier Row half and broke for goal. Keeper Mann got a hand to his low shot but Ivers was up in support and gleefully slotted home the loose ball.

It was one of the few chances Kingsbury had while by contrast the visitors had more than enough to have won comfortably.

In the first half Samuels fired into the side netting with only Gower to beat while Houston's cross-shot beat the keeper but rebounded off the bar. Salmon hit the bar in a goalmouth scramble in the second half after a Clark effort had been blocked on the line.

Kingsbury's best efforts followed the arrival of substitute Jason Dale. He set up Ivers after 68 minutes but Mann palmed away his low shot. And 11 minutes later O'Rourke's cross gave Dale a free header at an open goal but he put it into the side netting.

Kingsbury: Gower, Cook, Simpson, Hide, Mangan, K. Williams, Surridge, Pashlas (Dale), O'Rourke, Ivers, Latham (Ghandali).

Russian joins Monarchs

A FORMER Russian national rugby team player has joined the London Monarchs.

24 year old Oleg Sapega is a 245 pound defensive end. A native of Tiraspol, Moldavia, he joins the Monarchs after playing for Raleigh Durham Skyhawks in the World League in 1991 as an Operation Discovery player.

Rated by Monarchs' defensive coordinator Jim Washburn as a future NFL player, Sapega will take part in Monarchs practice sessions and could be activated later in the season.

Under-fire boss gets confidence vote from chairman

Hall stays say Stones

By John Comfort

DESPITE a lowly Beazer Homes League Premier Division position that many see as beyond recall, Wealdstone say they have no intention of parting company with boss Brian Hall.

After Saturday's disastrous defeat at the hands of Worcester City, which leaves the Stones deep in the relegation zone with just five matches to play, certain sections of the Vicarage Road crowd were calling for Hall's head.

But club chairman David Pollock said this week that they have every confidence in the manager, and that his job was safe.

Said Mr Pollock: "Brian Hall is thankfully under contract to the club.

"The problems of last year, as we all feared with all the uncertainty and lack of pre season preparation, have come to roost.

"As a supporter and chairman of the club, at the end of the day it is up to the players to do it on the field. We saw the same players winning games comfortably earlier in the season and the fact they are not doing it now, I do not believe is a reflection on Brian Hall's management.

"But I do believe in the players we've got and I'm looking forward to this Saturday's match and sincerely hoping it is the turning point."

Former Harrow Borough boss Peter Lawrence the Worcester game alongside Mr Pollock in the directors box, but the chairman said there was no significance in his appearance. "He is a friend of Brian Hall's," he said "and was just there to watch the game."

While Mr Pollock is confidence Stones will still avoid the drop, his view is not one shared by the majority of fans who are already looking up the whereabouts of Newport, Erith and other Southern Division clubs.

Many have already resigned themselves to relegation although Supporters Club secretary Layne Patterson said: "It's not looking good, but we'll cling to hopes of survival until it's mathematically impossible for us to stay up."

Stones get off the mark at 'home'

Wealdstone 3
Sutton Utd 1

WEALDSTONE won their first 'home' Capital League game on Monday at Harrow Borough by beating Sutton, **writes Graham Smith.**

Stones opened the scoring in the 26th minute with a good move involving Dermot Drummy, Colin Tate and Mark Hopson whose perfect cross found Sean Pearson who shot low past keeper McCann.

Sutton equalised in the 33rd minute when Jenkins headed home a Shanley corner but Stones regained the lead after 59 minutes when Neil Cordice rose above the visitors defence to head home a Pearson corner.

Johnson Hippolyte ended his goal famine when he headed in a Drummy cross for Wealdstone's third goal in the 71st minute.

Wealdstone: Mouesaddik, Tapley, Hedge, Cordice, McGuire, Drummy, Donnellan, Tate (Hippolyte), Hopson (Venables), Pearson.

Conroy, Nugent give Borough big lift

Bromley 0
Harrow Borough 2

BOROUGH lifted themselves out of the relegation zone at Hayes Lane on Tuesday when they performed faultlessly to gain a crucial victory, **writes Tony Booth.**

In the first minute Engwell's through ball allowed Steve Conroy a shot that flew just over but five minutes later Conroy showed determination to dispossess Rawlings 30 yards from goal and ran on to shoot firmly home from the edge of the box.

Bromley's Hewitt forced Steve Crompton to make two flying saves and Nugent had to head clear from Denton.

But Borough weathered the hosts' reply comfortably enough and hit back with Conroy smacking a 20 yard effort onto the crossbar in the 31st minute while Johnstone forced Hayes to make a flying save from his 30 yard shot.

Commitment was the password in the second half, and Borough had no-one lacking in this respect. Byrne headed Johnstone's free kick just over, then Conroy's two determined tackles paved the way for Gipp to net - only to be denied by a marginal offside.

However, Borough deservedly doubled their lead in the 70th minute. Ryan was crudely fouled and from Engwell's free kick Richard Nugent headed powerfully home at the far post.

In the closing minutes Johnstone's fierce 20 yard shot was brilliantly pushed away while Bromley's Denton shot onto the visitors bar, but the die had already been cast and Borough took another major step along the road to safety.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, Johnstone, Engwell, May, Nugent, Byrne, Pye, Ryan, Gipp, Conroy, Cooper. Subs: Ripley, Barnard.

Charlie is Wembley's darling

Croydon 0 Wembley 1

CHARLIE Flaherty picked the perfect moment to register his first goal of the season. His solitary strike was sufficient to earn Wembley victory at lowly Croydon on Monday and push the Lions into fourth place, **writes Richard Markiewicz.**

Steve Graham was responsible for setting up the only goal of the game in the 4th minute with an intelligent pass into space on the right. Flaherty emerged from his full back position to collect the ball and from 25 yards cracked a stunning low drive past the helpless keeper.

Disappointingly, this was the only highlight of an otherwise dismal game. Wembley did enough to win without over exerting themselves.

They did create several other chances during the first half. Andy O'Brien missed the target with a free header while Kenny Page had a free header well saved. A clever lob from Paul Reynolds dropped inches over the bar and near the break a lunging defender prevented Graham from scoring when well placed.

Wembley: Farmer, Flaherty, Clark, O'Brien, B. Hutchinson (Andy Smith), Graham, Adrian Smith, Reynolds, Page (Witter), Turlunch, Headiam.

Engwell starts three match ban

MICKY Engwell pays the price for being sent off against Bishops Stortford with a three match ban which means he misses **Harrow Borough's** home game with Marlow.

He will also be absent for next Wednesday's visit to Chesham, as will Mick O'Shea and Richard Nugent, who will be serving one match bans.

Wealdstone bid for valuable points in their bid for survival in an away game at Moor Green. A four match ban puts Jimmy Quinn out and he is likely to return to Fisher.

Wembley stage a dress rehearsal for the Middlesex Senior Cup Final on Saturday when they met promotion chasing Yeading at Vale Farm. They will be without Steve Lawrence, who has damaged knee ligaments and is likely to miss the rest of the season, but hope to have Paul Shields fit.

Wembley failed to register Chris Simpson's transfer from **Kingsbury Town** before the deadline and has returned to Silver Jubilee Park. He plays in Saturday's tough home game with Tilbury but Town have now lost striker Gerry Mulhern who has left the country and gone to America after being made redundant.

Leslie Thompson misses **Edgware's** match at Clapton through suspension but is free for Monday's Middlesex Charity Cup semi-final against Brentford. Martyn Kidd is unavailable and misses both games.With keeper Kevin Beckles off form, boss Brian Rider could well bring in Sean Hourihan from the reserves.

Rayners Lane take on Shortwood with Roland Matthews and Paul Coffey are likely to be available. Definitely out are Gerry Hynes, Wayne Coakley, A. De La Croix and John McDermott.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday April 11
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Moor Green v Wealdstone.
Diadora League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Marlow (Earlsmead, 3pm).
Diadora League Division One: Wembley v Yeading (Vale Farm, 3pm).
Diadora League Division Three: Clapton v Edgware Town; Kingsbury Town v Tilbury (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Nationals Leagues: Rayners Lane v Shortwood Utd (Lucas Ave, 3pm).
Monday April 13
Middx Charity Cup semi-final: Edgware Town v Brentford (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).
Tuesday April 14
Diadora League Division One: Wembley v Harlow (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).
Wednesday April 15
Diadora League Premier Division: Chesham Utd v Harrow Borough.

Wasps 'switch on' for clash with Orrell

By Alan Bodenham

ACCORDING to Wasps experienced England B prop, Gary Holmes: "You have to be switched on for 80 minutes to get anywhere in top level league rugby these days."

Holmes is undoubtably right and on Saturday when they take on third placed Orrell at Sudbury, Wasps will have to concentrate 110 per cent if they are to get a positive result.

This surely will apply to Holmes and his colleagues in the pack. Orrell possess one of the most ruthless and heaviest packs in the country and even without 'man mountain' Bob Kimmons are still a formidable outfit.

In recent weeks there have been signs that Wasps are regaining some of their form. They played good rugby against Bath and at Northampton put together some of their best work of the season, invoking memories of their championship year with a great first half display.

Dean Ryan, who has taken over as captain from the injured Mark Rigby, echoes Rigby's calls all season for consistency and urges the same commitment but this is tempered by the need for discipline at all times. This has been lacking recently.

Even though they are out of the title race, this is still a very interesting game as Wasps build for next season. The match also throws up some very interesting individual duels, notably on the wing, where Chris Oti takes on Nigel Heslop. Last season at Edge Hall Road Oti got the better of the encounter.

Elsewhere, Steve Bates will have the opportunity to measure himself against England Grand Slam scrum half, Dewi Morris. The Orrell half back will also be a handful for the Wasps back row.

For the purists there is also an intruiging battle up front where Jeff Probyn takes on Martin Hynes, the man who has been his shadow on the England bench this season. There is added spice with the return of centre Fran Clough to face his old club and his mettle will surely be up. Steve Pilgrim returns at full back and will take on the goalkicking duties.

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE
Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Dover	36	21	12	3	59	23	75
Bromsgrove	35	22	7	6	65	29	73
VS Rugby	37	21	9	7	64	41	72
Bashley	36	20	8	8	61	33	68
Camb City	36	17	11	8	62	42	62
Dartford	37	16	11	10	55	39	59
Trowbridge	39	16	10	13	66	46	58
Burton	38	14	9	15	56	56	51
Moor Green	36	13	9	14	54	52	48
Chelmsford	37	12	11	14	46	46	47
Halesowen	34	11	13	10	47	40	46
Worcester	37	12	10	15	49	49	46
Dorchester	34	12	10	12	57	60	46
Gloucester	38	12	9	17	60	67	45
Corby	34	12	8	14	60	70	44
Atherstone	36	12	7	17	43	57	43
Poole	36	10	12	14	41	65	42
Waterlooville	36	10	9	17	35	52	39
Crawley	35	9	10	16	50	59	37
Wealdstone	37	10	7	20	47	68	37
Fisher	37	10	20	48	82	31	
Gravesend	37	6	6	25	32	82	24

DIADORA LEAGUE
Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Woking	36	29	5	2	91	19	92
Enfield	37	21	6	10	54	42	69
Sutton	38	16	13	9	61	47	61
Wokingham	37	17	10	10	68	52	61
Aylesbury	37	14	15	8	63	44	57
Carshalton	36	17	5	14	58	56	56
Kingstonian	38	16	7	15	67	60	55
Chesham	35	15	9	11	56	40	54
Marlow	36	16	6	14	45	45	54
Dagenham	38	12	16	10	59	56	52
Wheathoe	38	16	4	18	55	69	52
St Albans	37	14	9	14	61	60	51
Bromley	38	13	11	14	47	52	50
Windsor	37	13	9	15	50	52	48
Grays	38	13	9	16	48	64	48
Basingstoke	38	11	11	16	52	63	44
Hendon	38	12	7	19	53	67	43
Hayes	38	9	13	16	46	57	40
Harrow B.	36	9	11	16	49	69	38
Staines	38	9	9	20	37	7-	36
Bognor	37	8	9	20	43	78	33
Bishops S.	37	7	10	20	37	58	31

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Stevenage	35	26	6	3	77	31	84
Yeading	36	21	9	6	75	30	72
Boreham W.	37	20	7	10	61	39	67
Wembley	36	19	4	13	52	43	61
Dulwich	35	17	9	9	59	39	60
Abingdon	36	17	8	11	55	42	59
Hitchin	36	16	10	10	51	40	58
Walton	36	13	13	10	58	45	52
Barking	36	14	10	12	50	47	52
Molesey	37	14	9	14	47	55	51
Tooting	34	12	13	9	47	38	49
Dorking	36	14	7	15	61	60	49
Maidenhead	37	13	6	18	52	59	45
Leyton-W	36	11	10	15	48	53	43
Uxbridge	36	12	7	17	40	55	43
Chalfont	35	11	6	18	50	60	39
Harlow	35	10	9	16	43	53	39
Croydon	36	10	6	20	42	60	36
Heybridge	36	8	9	19	28	58	33
Whyteleafe	35	7	9	19	37	65	30
Aveley	36	6	3	27	29	90	21

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Edgware	36	26	3	7	95	43	81
Chertsey	35	25	4	6	103	37	79
Tilbury	35	23	8	4	78	37	77
Hampton	36	22	5	9	80	34	71
Cove	37	21	8	8	73	42	71
Flackwell	37	19	10	8	75	46	67
Horsham	36	19	8	9	76	47	65
Thame	35	18	6	11	64	38	60
Epsom	36	15	10	11	52	47	55
Royston	36	15	6	15	52	54	51
Collier R	34	14	8	12	54	48	50
Kingsbury	34	11	9	14	46	50	42
Feltham	35	11	7	17	50	68	40
Petersfield	36	10	9	17	41	63	39
Hertford	34	9	8	16	47	65	36
Camberley	36	9	7	20	47	67	34
Bracknell	37	9	7	21	45	76	34
Hornchurch	36	8	7	21	36	75	31
Tring	35	9	3	23	35	79	30
Clapton	35	6	3	26	36	86	21
Eastbourne	35	3	5	27	30	113	13

League agm

THE annual general meeting of the Harrow Cricket Association takes place at Harrow CC on Tuesday, starting at 7.15pm with the draw for this summer's Mayor of Harrow's 20 over Knockout Trophy. Clubs wishing to enter the competition should contact Association secretary Ronnie Pallister before Saturday on 907-8422.

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