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Ground share at Borough?

But it won't be with us say Wealdstone

HARROW Borough's decision to drop their reserve team has fuelled rumours that they are clearing the way for a possible ground share deal at Earlsmead with another club next season.

Not surprisingly, Wealdstone, whose venture to Vicarage Road has not been without its problems, are seen by many as one of those most likely to take advantage.

They had protracted talks with Borough about ground sharing as one of their options when looking to move from Lower Mead, and they are one of two clubs that

By John Comfort

have already made enquiries to Borough about the current ground situation.

As part of the transfer deal which took Mark Harrison to Earlsmead, Stones have already used Earlsmead on a number of occasions this season for Capital League matches.

But Stones chairman David Pollock denied that his club were now looking for a permanent move to Borough.

provide more money for George Borg to build the first team.

"It is a problem that is not going to go away unless we do something about it and it was decided that dropping the reserves could help."

That would also make Earlsmead available for use by other clubs and could provide another important source of revenue.

"We have already had two tentative enquiries but we are open to any offers over the use of the ground," said Mr Romp who did not rule out a possible ground share deal.

Stones move up

Wealdstone 2 Colchester Utd 0 STONES moved two places up the Capital League by beating Colchester at Harrow Borough on Monday, writes Graham Smith.

Colchester started brightly with Restarick's first minute shot being saved well by David Hudson who soon after made a fine double save from Cropper.

Wealdstone settled down and Mark Hopson was just wide after an excellent run by Sean Adamson before they took the lead 10 minutes into the second half when Hopson hit a crisp right foot shot past Gothard.

Stones extended their lead in the 69th minute. Gothard was put under pressure by Paul Coyette's challenge and when he fumbled the ball, Coyette turned and his a trademark shot into the roof of the net.

Wealdstone: Hudson, Watson (Hodge), Bartlett, Gayle, Walford, Donnellan, McGuire, Hopson, Hippolyte, Adamson, Coyette. Other sub: Cordica.

Underdogs Wembley are out to halt Yeading's third time lucky bid

WEMBLEY bid for Middlesex Senior Cup glory on Monday but they face a tough task in the final at Hendon against Yeading who have already secured a Diadora League Premier Division place for next season.

Yeading will be hoping to make it third time lucky, having been beaten by Staines and Enfield in the last two finals. Inward won the County's Junior, Intermediate and Premier Cups in their swift rise from junior soccer, they have a burning ambition to add the Senior Cup and become the first club to have taken all four County trophies.

Wembley, who last won the Senior Cup in 1987, will be the underdogs but if they hit top form they can spring a surprise.

Manager Alan Dafforn is likely to retain the side which drew 0-0 with Yeading in the league on Saturday. Steve Lawrence is not far short of recovery from injury and is likely to be on the sales bench.

Wembley's battle for survival continues against Chelmsford on Saturday.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday April 18 Essex Home League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Chesham City (Vicarage Road, 3pm). Diadora League Premier Division: Staines Town v Harrow Borough. Diadora League Division Three: Edgware Town v Royston (White Lion ground, 3pm); Hertford v Kingsbury Town. Herts League: Cinderford v Rayners Lane. Monday April 20 Middlesex Senior Cup Final: Wembley v Yeading (Hendon FC, 3pm). Essex Home League Premier Division: Fisher Abn. v Wealdstone (3pm). Herts League: Rayners Lane v Fairford (Lucas Ave, 3pm). Tuesday April 21 Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Easbourne Utd (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm). Wednesday April 22 Capital League: Wokingham v Wealdstone.

day. They will be without Sean Adamson who suffered cracked ribs at Moor Green. Micky Engwell completes his three match ban as Harrow Borough face a vital match at Staines. Coincidentally, Borough clinched the League Championship at Wheatheaf Lane eight years ago. This time they could well clinch Premier Division survival there. Defender Keith Williams sustained a leg injury against Tilbury but should be okay for Kingsbury Town's match at Hertford. Leslie Thompson, back after suspension, and Martin Kidd, who missed the wins over Clapton and Brentford, are both available for Edgware's home match with Royston. But Eugene Flynn is doubtful with a shin injury. Rayners Lane have two difficult fixtures over Easter, away to Cinderford on Saturday and home to Fairford on Monday. They hope to have both Wayne Coakley and A de la Croix available. Injured skipper Gerry Hynes is unlikely to play again this season.

Buoyant Wasps go west

WASPS travel to Gloucester on Saturday, buoyed up by their victory over Orrell, writes Alan Bodenham. According to coach Phil Moyle: "Things have started to come good at last. We were tight in every department of our game and the result was just reward for some very hard work by the players."

Injured club skipper Mark Rigby was also delighted but added a word of caution: "A trip to Gloucester's Kingsholm ground is always tough. Not only do you have to play their team but you also have to contend

with the most partisan crowd in English rugby." The team for the trip to the west country sees a couple of changes in the backs due to Huw Davies' hand injury. Rob Lozowski moves to fly half and Graham Childs returns to the centre.

Off the field, the Sudbury club has started to make efforts to modernise the administration. A new executive committee, whose members include current president of the RFU Peter Yarranton and former chairman of ACAS Sir Pat Lowry, will plan the club's future.

Gelbaugh throws it away

STAN Gelbaugh literally threw away the London Monarchs chances of victory over the Birmingham Fire on Saturday which ended in a 17-17 tie after overtime, writes Marcus Comfort. The 20,370 crowd was far from pleased when, with two minutes remaining and the World Champions leading 17-14, the quarter-back refused to accept a sack on a second down play and had his unnecessary pass intercepted. That gave Birmingham good field position to mount a last drive from which Phil Doyle landed a 42 yard field goal to level the scores and take the match into overtime.

In overtime Phil Alexander nearly saved Gelbaugh's blushes but narrowly put a 39 yard field goal attempt wide. On the last play of the game, Birmingham quarterback Norspeth was intercepted by Monarchs cornerback Howard Figgins but his return was halted just three yards from the end zone.

Monarchs made their now traditional slow start to the game and went behind when Norspeth scrambled. With Gelbaugh struggling, Monarchs got their rushing game together and when Charlie Young went in from 2 yards, Alexander added the extra point to level the scores. He then added a 33 yard field goal to put Monarchs 10-7 up at half time.

Gelbaugh's 35 yard touchdown play to Bernard Ford gave Monarchs a commanding lead and although an Elroy Harris touchdown reduced the deficit in the final quarter, the game seemed won until Gelbaugh's later blunder.

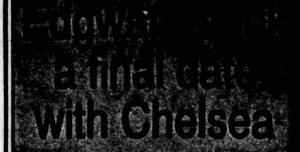
This Saturday the Monarchs get the chance to avenge their defeat against Barcelona two weeks ago when they face the Dragons at Wembley Stadium, kick off 6pm. They will be without centre Doug Marone whose torn knee ligaments could see him miss the rest of the season. Tickets are available from the Wembley box office, telephone 900-1234.

Other World League results: Barcelona 20, Frankfurt 17; San Antonio 23, Sacramento 20; New York 23, Orlando 39; Ohio 20, Montreal 31.

Bessborough start at Harrow

HOLDERS Bessborough face an away match at Harrow in the first round of this year's Mayor of Harrow's 20 over KO Cricket Trophy.

The full draw is: Starlight v Parkfield; North Harrow v Grimsdyke; Stanmore v North London Poly; West Harrow v Old Lyonsians; Belmont v Acton Hill; Harrow v Bessborough; Harrow Unity v Pinner; Brentfield Park v Kodak; Oakdale v Harrow Town; Lohana v Hatch End. Six clubs have byes: Kenton, Welldon, South Harrow, Harrow St Marys, Headstone and Old Gaytonians.



Edgware Town 3 Brentford 0

A MAGNIFICENT performance from Edgware saw them comprehensively beat Brentford on Monday to win a place in the final of the Middlesex Charity Cup where they will meet Chelsea at Yeading FC on May 4.

Despite fielding five players with first team experience, Brentford proved disappointing opposition in a game that Edgware always controlled and really should have won by a greater margin.

They opened the scoring after 15 minutes when Laurence Murphy put Colin Chance through to fire into the corner of the net. Gurse Gulfer should have got another two minutes later but after going round the keeper, his shot for the open net lacked pace and a defender got back to clear.

However, after 22 minutes Gulfer made amends. Seamus Finnerty found him with a great ball over the Brentford defence and Gulfer cracked it home.

Only a superb save denied Gulfer soon after when he powered in a blistering volley from a Newing cross, but he did get his second goal midway through the second half when a good ball was played up to him and he turned and shot just inside the near post to clinch a fine victory.

Shields: Hourihan, Brennan, Finerty, Coleman, Sheehan, Charon, Davis, Flynn, Murphy, Neving, Guller (Thompson). Other subs: Beckles, Evans, Elliott, Zazzara.

Shields gives Lions a double

WEMBLEY 1 Harrow 0 WEMBLEY completed a quick double over Harrow and moved back to fourth place in the league table with this win on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

But there was no repeat of last week's five-goal romp. On this occasion only a 76th minute strike from Paul Shields separated the two sides.

Wembley had the better of the first half but the closest they came to scoring was in the 12th minute when Charlie Flaherty exchanged passes with Kenny Page and then blasted a shot against an upright.

Page curled a good shot just wide and a snap effort from Adrian Smith forced keeper Mallett to belatedly punch away.

Harlow came into the game after the break and Jeff Farmer had to beat out a well struck cross shot from Martin St Hillaris. But the better chances fell to Wembley and a great run by Smith set up Page to round Mallett only to fire over.

However, the home side finally took the lead with 14 minutes remaining. A Flaherty corner was flicked into the Harlow goalmouth by Page and in the ensuing scramble, Shields slotted home.

Wembley's win would have been greater but substitute Mark Witter missed two good opportunities in the closing minutes.

Wembley: Farmer, Flaherty, Clark, O'Brien, B. Hutchinson, Graham, Achin Smith, Reynolds (Witter), Page, Shields, Headam. Other sub: Turfurch.

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