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Super Steve's seaside special

Bognor 1 Harrow Borough 2
STEVE Conroy was Borough's two goal hero on Monday as they got back to winning ways with this well deserved seaside success, writes John Comfort.

Conroy's goals were timely to say the least. His first came 90 seconds into the second half to put Borough level after they had trailed at the break, and his second, two minutes into injury time, gave the visitors a dramatic last gasp victory.

The conclusion however was in marked contrast to the start of the game which saw Borough go behind after just

three minutes when the unmarked Radford headed home Lockhart's corner.

Rocked by that early blow, Borough struggled to get their game together and only fine saves from Crompton prevented Lockhart and Benson from adding to Bognor's lead. But as the half wore on Borough came more into it and in the closing minutes they twice went close. Conroy turned well but shot into the side netting, then Martin St Hilaire was only denied by keeper Green's outstretched leg.

However, within two minutes of the restart Borough were level. Craig Johnstone

found the impressive St Hilaire on the right and he jinked effortlessly past two defenders before crossing low for Conroy to race in and hammer home.

It was all Borough after that with Engwell, St Hilaire, Ryan and Gipp all going close. But time was almost up when Warren May found Conroy in the Bognor area and he turned superbly to fire between Green and the near post to give Borough their dramatic late winner.

Harrow Borough: Johnstone, Engwell, May, Shea, Taylor-Byrne, Pye, Ryan, Conroy, Gipp (Foley), St Hilaire. Other sub: Payne.

Gary glitters at Wembley



ALL smiles from England soccer star Gary Lineker and Wembley FC chairman Brian Gumm on Saturday.

But that wasn't really surprising as they had just watched Wembley beat Welwyn Garden City 5-0 in an FA Cup tie.

Gary, in his role as a tv presenter, was at Vale Farm with a camera team who were filming the match for BBC's 'Wembley to Wembley' FA Cup feature which will be screened this Saturday lunchtime on Football Focus.

Sudbury club's aim is to avoid unkind cut

Wasps make or break season

WITH four clubs set to be relegated to reduce the Courage League First Division to 10, the new season will be a make or break campaign for Wasps, with little room for slip ups.

The Sudbury club open their season with a trip to Birmingham on Saturday to play Moseley, the first of three warm up games before the League action starts on September

By Alan Bodenham

19 with an unenviable trip to West Hartlepool.

In the summer Wasps recruited several new players, the most notable being England B hooker Kevin Dunn from Gloucester and flanker Matt Greenwood, also an England B player, from Nottingham. Greenwood, however, has had

an exploratory knee operation and is not expected to be fit until next month.

In the run up to the new season Wasps have shown up well in pre season tournaments in France and Bicester. In France Wasps were tutored into the law changes that come into effect this term by international referee Clive Norling and they expect that this will stand them in good stead.

Rob Smith has resolved his

differences with the club committee and resumed first team coaching duties, and Dean Ryan has taken over as club captain from Mark Rigby. Both are hoping that the preparations have been thorough when hostilities start in earnest at West Hartlepool.

On Tuesday Wasps play Ealing at Sudbury. On Wednesday Public School Wanderers take on Milan at Sudbury, kick off 7.30pm.

Mills goal puts Lane through

Ashford Town 0 Rayners Lane 1
LANE missed a glut of chances before a Danny Mills goal saw them through this FA Cup replay on Monday.

Glen Maxim, in his Lane de-

but, Owen, Bicknell, Mills and Hynes all fluffed good opportunities in the first half and after the break Hynes headed over when well placed and a brilliant save kept out Bicknell's volley.

Lane eventually got the winner when Bicknell's cross was headed home by Mills with 10 minutes to go.

Rayners Lane: Taitis, Clements (McKay), Hynes, Abell, Matthews, Bicknell, Meeney, Bennett, Maxim (Woodward), Owen, Mills.

Wembley have to settle for a point

Barking 1 Wembley 1
WEMBLEY collected a useful point at Barking on Tuesday but having dominated practically the entire game it really should have been three, writes Richard Markiewicz.

The Lions had the home side on the rack from the start but, throwing too much caution to the wind, they found themselves a goal behind after 20 minutes. Barking keeper Stuart Horne gathered a Charlie Flaherty free kick and with most of the visitors in the wrong half of the field, pumped the ball upfield. Danny Benstock collected it and fired past the exposed Jeff Fanner.

Barking almost scored again four minutes later from a long through ball but Adrian Smith's trip prevented Stuart Harvey from bursting clear and

earned himself a booking.

Wembley eventually sorted themselves out and levelled the scores in the 48th minute. A fine pass by Ian Bates found Bobby Hutchinson free on the right. Hutchinson shot hit the far post. Henry Clark's follow up was blocked and in the ensuing melee, Kenyan Page bundled the ball home.

Hutchinson was just wide soon after and then Horne had to make two attempts to collect a fierce drive from Flaherty, but although Wembley maintained the pressure to the end, their shooting became erratic and they had to settle for a point.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, O'Brien, Shields, Headam (Morris), Adrian Smith, Omore, Page, Bates, Hutchinson. Other sub: Antwi.

Edgware saved by McLeish

Hampton 3 Edgware Town 3

AN 89th minute goal from Scott McLeish saved Edgware a point on Tuesday as they came back from 2-0 down against a Hampton side reduced to 10 men.

An unfortunate own goal from John Mangan in the 20th minute and a headed goal five minutes later saw Hampton in control but they had Lewis sent off just before the break when he clattered into Sean Hourihan, having earlier been booked. The Edgware keeper was booked.

Edgware found it difficult against 10 men in the second half and although John Mangan's shot from the edge of the area reduced the arrears in the 65th minute, Hampton scrambled in a third goal a minute later.

Edgware pushed everyone forward then and a good shot from Steve Newing made it 3-2, but time was fast running out on them when Gursel Gulfer's shot on the run was tipped onto the bar by the Hampton keeper and McLeish was on hand to slot home the equaliser from the rebound.

Edgware: Hourihan, Brennan, Mangan (Gulfer), Finnerty, Sheridan, McLain, Foley, Elliott, Murphy, Thompson (Kidd), Newing.

Hertford topped by on form Kingsbury

Kingsbury Town 4 Hertford 1

A FINE performance from Kingsbury on Tuesday night saw them put an end to Hertford's unbeaten record and knocked them off the top of the table, writes John Comfort.

They were given a good start with a goal after just 8 minutes. Andy Ferguson and Ian Brown-Peterside linked up well to create the chance and the latter's cross was cracked home by Mark Ivers.

Six minutes later it was 2-0. Steve Surridge found Des O'Connell in the Hertford area and when keeper Croucher blocked his shot, Chris Simpson followed up to find the net.

Paul Bhatia's miscued header put Whitehead in to slot past Mark Gower and reduce the arrears in the 21st min-

ute, but Kingsbury pulled away again before the break when Brown-Peterside's corner was flicked on for Niall O'Rourke to score.

A fourth goal 10 minutes into the second half killed off the game as a contest. Ferguson found Ivers on the right and although his cross saw O'Connell miskick in front of goal, Brown-Peterside followed up to drill the ball into the net.

Kingsbury sat back after that and Hertford could have made the scoreline closer. But a flying save from Gower kept out a goalbound Meakes header and Whitehead missed with the goal at his mercy from a Bates cross.

Kingsbury: Gower, Ferguson, Simpson, Bhatia, Mangan, Lehan, Surridge, O'Flaherty, O'Connell (Quinn), Ivers, Brown-Peterside. Other sub: Pashley.

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Old boys gather for date with Chesham

HARROW Borough's clash with Chesham at Earlsmead on Saturday is likely to have something of a competitive edge to it.

Borough's ex-Chesham boss George Borg will be anxious to put one over on his former club in what will be something of a reunion. For as well as Borg, seven of his players were formerly at Chesham, while Chesham's Steve Bateman is a former Borough player and Barry Rake has also played for the club.

Borough are hoping to have both Mark Barnard and John Ridout fit for the game.

On Tuesday Borough have an attractive friendly match against the full Barnet first team.

Keeper Wayne Roach should be fit for Wealdstone's match on Saturday against high flying Sittingbourne.

Wembley visit Hitchin with both Peter Shodeindi and Mark Witter injury doubts.

Edgware are away to Rainham and will again be without the holidaying Vince Dertis. Eugene Flynn is doubtful with a groin injury, while Seamus Finnerty is struggling with a similar injury.

Ricky Ghandali is likely to return for Kingsbury's home game with Bracknell. Boss Frank O'Brien dropped him on Tuesday as a disciplinary measure for arriving late for last week's game with Oakwood.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday September 5
Diodora League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Chesham Utd (Earlsmead, 3pm).
Diodora League Division One: Hitchin v Wembley.
Diodora League Division Two: Rainham v Edgware Town.
Diodora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Bracknell (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Besser Homes League South-east Division: Wealdstone v Sittingbourne (Vicarsage Road, 3pm).
FA Vase: Rayners Lane v Long Buckby (Lucas Ave, 3pm).
Tuesday September 8
Besser Homes League South-east Division: Whitney Town v Wealdstone.
Diodora League Division One: Wembley v Maidenhead Utd (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).
Diodora League Cup: Kingsbury Town v Harefield Utd (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).
Friendly: Harrow Borough v Barnet (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

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