

SPORT

Britannic award goes West



Britannic Assurance Player of the Month

BESSBOROUGH Cricket Club's Graeme West has won the Britannic Assurance Player of the Month award for August. Graeme twice struck unbeaten centuries during the Paul with 105 against Chipperfield and 120 against Sudbrook. There were also fine knocks of 90 against Lydney

and 51 against Kings Langley, and he showed he can perform with the ball as well when he took 5-17 against U.S. Graeme's award includes a trophy, tickets for a Britannic Assurance Championship game of his choice, as well as a choice of Britannic Assurance sponsorship items.

It's the same old story as Wembley are caught out again

Wembley 1 Maidenhead Utd 2
IT was the same old story for sad Lions on Tuesday as they dominated but were unable to translate promising moves into goals, and with Wembley's fallibility to the counter-attack again exposed, Maidenhead went home with three undeserved points, writes Richard Markiewicz.

The Lions launched into the attack from the start with Bobby Hutchinson going close with a couple of early efforts, but after 15 minutes Wembley suddenly found themselves a goal behind. They lost possession in midfield and Muir released Baynes on the left and when he reached the byline, his reverse pass found the onrushing Jeff Hamlet who hammered the ball past

the helpless Jeff Fanner. Unperturbed, Wembley returned to the offensive with Hutchinson hitting the crossbar with an overhead kick and Andy O'Brien having a close range header superbly saved by Elliott before they levelled in the 28th minute. O'Brien was more successful this time, powering through a crowded

goalmouth to fearlessly head home a Henry Clark free kick. Four minutes later however the visitors broke away again and Baynes cross-shot was deflected past Fanner to somewhat fortuitously put Maidenhead back in front. The Lions roused themselves again with Mark Witter hitting a post with a fierce drive, but although they

maintained the pressure after the break they were unable to unlock the visitors' defence. Their best effort came near the end when a well struck half-volley by Witter, being brilliantly tipped over by Elliott. Wembley: Fanner, Fishery, Clark, O'Brien, Shields, Arty Smith, Adam Smith, Page (Omara), Witter, Hutchinson. Other sub: Morse.

Manderson wins it for Borough

Harrow Borough 2
BOROUGH achieved a commendable victory in a friendly on Tuesday night over a Barnet side that contained eight of the players that started their Football League Third Division game three days earlier, writes Tony Booth.

Borough, who introduced Lincoln Manderson to the forward line and played Craig Johnstone in midfield, had their fair share of play in the first half with Johnstone, Engwell and Conroy all going close. After the break Barnet brought on former Borough keeper Andy Pape, who had excelled when on loan to the Earlsmead club earlier in the season, and all hope of a goal seemed lost. And in the 56th minute it was the visitors who took the lead when Mark Carter chipped home from 25 yards.

However, 10 minutes later Borough were level. David Gipp put Martin St Hilaire clear on the right and he ran in to shoot inside Pape's near post. In the 78th minute Derek Payne's disastrous back pass gave Borough the game. Manderson latched onto it and from the edge of the area steered his shot past Pape. Harrow Borough: Crompton, Johnstone, Engwell, May, Shea, Payne, Pys, Ryan, Conroy (Gipp), Manderson, St Hilaire (Thomas).

Borough bidding for Cup revenge

Borg's boys join Lions, Lane, Kingsbury and Stones on road to Wembley

HARROW Borough join the FA Cup trail on Saturday with a revenge mission in mind. They take on Diadora Division Two side Berkhamsted Town, the club which in the same competition last season recovered from a two goal deficit to inflict an embarrassing 3-2 defeat on Borough.

It was the latest in a string of poor FA Cup performances by Borough who in recent years have also gone out to neighbours Edgware, but this season they are determined, under new boss George Borg, to put matters right.

"We are certainly long overdue a good FA Cup run," said club football director Peter Rogers. Borough are hoping to sign former Enfield striker Lincoln Manderson, who played in Tuesday's friendly against Barnet, but he will not be eligible to face Berkhamsted.

John Ridout is fit after injury but Mark Barnard, who is recovering from a foot injury, is still doubtful. If a replay is required it will take place on Tuesday. Otherwise Borough will be at Hayes on that night for a League game for which Manderson, if he signs, will be eligible.

Waldstone are also facing a repeat clash with FA Cup opponents from last season. On Sunday they take on Diadora League Witham Town, whom they put out of the competition by 3-1 at the same stage last year.

Martin Blackler has recovered from illness and is fit to play but keeper Wayne Roach continues to be an injury doubt. Wembley face a difficult trip to Spartan League Barkingside in their First Qualifying Round tie on Saturday.

Manager Alan Dafforn has Tony Headlam sidelined with an ankle injury while Peter Shodeinde is away on holiday.

Drummy saves Wealdstone with last minute equaliser

Witley 1 Wealdstone 1
DERMOT Drummy, with his fourth goal in five games, saved Stones with a 90th minute equaliser when they looked set to be beaten, writes Steve Marshall.

In front of a bumper 734 crowd for their first game in their new stadium, Witley had taken the lead in the 44th minute when Teggart's corner was firmly headed in by Gee.

They had several chances to have scored earlier. Kenny Clark went clear but Hudson saved well and from a corner Bradbury's header was headed off the line by Drummy. The closest Stones came was from a Drummy cross but Hippolyte's near post header was held by Alder.

Stones had a better second half with Venables putting Gallacher through only for him to

shoot well wide. Tapley was off target with a free kick and then a Gallacher corner was scooped off the line by Alder.

However, as the dying seconds ticked away it looked as if Stones were heading for defeat until Martin Blackler played the ball wide to Gallacher and from his cross Venables set up Drummy to run in behind the full back and fire in at the near post.

Kingsbury coast through

Kingsbury Town 2 Hereford Utd 0
KINGSBURY had a very easy passage into the next round of the Diadora League Cup on Tuesday, although the final scoreline failed to reflect it, writes John Comfort.

Hereford were never a threat and it was only poor Kingsbury finishing and a string of fine saves from the visitors keeper Neil Deamer that kept the score respectable.

It took Kingsbury just 10 minutes to open their account from an Ian Brown-Peterside corner which Lawrence Holmes knocked on for Mark Ivers to sweep home. On the half hour it was 2-0. Ray Mangam knocked the ball through to Ivers in the box and when his effort was

blocked, Niall O'Rourke followed up to net. Kingsbury's dominance continued into the second half but they failed to add to their goal tally. Chris Simpson got clear but Deamer turned his shot away and the keeper superbly saved a fierce drive from Neil Hide soon after.

But the best chances fell to Brown-Peterside. In the 65th minute his shot was saved when he only had Deamer to beat and soon after the keeper's poor clearance again left him with the goal at his mercy, but Deamer blocked his effort and also saved the follow up from Ivers.

Kingsbury: Gower, Ferguson, Simpson, Bhalis, Mangam, Latham, Hide, O'Rourke, Holmes, Ivers, Brown-Peterside. Subs: Quinn, Hayward.

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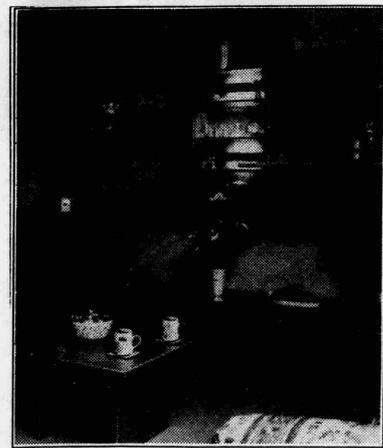


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Thursday September 10
Diadora League Cup: Camberley v Edgware Town.
Capital League: Reading v Wealdstone.

Saturday September 12
FA Cup 1st qualifying round: Harrow Borough v Berkhamsted Town (Earlsmead, 3pm); Barkingside v Wembley; Kingsbury Town v Beckenham Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm); Rayners Lane v Uxbridge (Lansdown Ave, 3pm).

Sunday September 13
FA Cup 1st qualifying round: Wealdstone v Witham Town (Vicarage Road, 3pm).

Tuesday September 15
Diadora League Cup: Kingsbury Town v Witham Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

Diadora League Premier Division: Hayes v Hereford Borough.

Diadora League Division One: Tooting v Wembley.

Wednesday September 16
Friendly: Edgware Town v Northwood (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).