

SPORT

Borg rings changes at Borough

BOROUGH boss George Borg started ringing the changes this week after another nightmare performance from his side saw them beaten 5-2 at home by Marlow.

Three new signings were made from now defunct Dartford and more are promised as Borg looks to build a side free from the struggles which have dogged his predecessors.

"My sides don't get hammered and they don't lay down and die," he said. "When I pay out a pound, I expect a pound of flesh, and so far I haven't been getting it."

He has already released David Gipp and Peter Taylor-Byrne, who has joined Sutton, and more are under threat following the signing of Dartford trio, Dave Bensted, a centre back, and midfielders Jason Shaw and Andy Prutton.

And with Andy Pape also being taken on an open ended loan period from Barnet, there is now also a question mark over the future of keeper Steve Crompton.

More sweeping changes are set to follow and Borg's next signing is expected to be striker Mark West from Wycombe.

Confident Wasps look to tame the Tigers

WASPS go into their first home Courage League match of the season on Saturday against Leicester full of confidence after two impressive away wins writes Alan Beckett.

Skipper Dean Ryan, however, has described this match as a step up from the previous games and urges his players to strive for further improvement.

"We have got to speed up our thinking and concentrate on keeping things going forward. Leicester will be a stern test, but

it will also be a yardstick of how well we have been playing this season."

Vice captain Steve Bates said: "Despite losing to the Tigers in the League in the last two seasons we have nothing to fear. Our pack is a match for anyone at the moment and provided we can take our share of possession and keep things tight, there is no reason why we shouldn't break the sequence."

Wasps pack remains unchanged from the previous two Saturdays with Ryan

continuing in the second row, while the back row of White, Greenwood and Emeruwa looking to build on their enhanced reputation.

The one change is in the backs where the experienced Steve Pilgrim replaces John Abdomon on the wing. Pilgrim's inclusion is more than welcome because of his undoubted skills as a goal kicker and in what could be a very close match, everything could hinge on penalty kicks.

The match kicks off at 3pm.

Britannic award for Bessborough's West



BESSBOROUGH Cricket Club's Graeme West receives his Britannic Assurance Player of the Month award for August award from Britannic area manager, Keith Curry.

Graeme was in great form for Bessborough during August, twice hitting unbeaten centuries 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 Usk.

As well as the trophy, Graeme also won tickets for a Britannic Assurance Championship game of his choice, as well as a choice of Britannic Assurance sponsorship items. Our final Britannic Player of the Month will be announced next week.

Five goal Kingsbury move up to fifth place

Petersfield Utd 2 Kingsbury Town 5

KINGSBURY moved up to fifth place in the table with this win at Petersfield on Tuesday, but they got some assistance from their hosts to achieve it.

Petersfield went in front with a 2nd minute goal from Ritchie Thom and Kingsbury were struggling until home defender Graham Latham lobbed a back pass over his own keeper and into the net for a 33rd minute equaliser.

Three minutes before the break a Lawrence Holmes cross was netted by Chris Simpson to put Kingsbury in front and they soon estab-

lished control in the second half when Simpson's corner was palmed by Leverton to Keith Williams in made it 3-1.

James Quinn collided with a post after notching Kingsbury's fourth, after Leverton had blocked a Ferguson effort, and he was later replaced by Dave Clark.

Gower's poor clearance allowed Kevin McInerney to reduce the arrears, but Kingsbury put the issue beyond doubt a minute from time when Niall O'Rourke put Steve Surridge through for the visitors' fifth goal.

Kingsbury: Gower, Ferguson, Simpson, Hyde, Williams, Latham, Surridge, O'Rourke, Holmes, Wers, Quinn (Clark). Other sub: Pashias.

Point for lack lustre Lions

WEMBLEY added another single point to their collection following a home draw with second placed Lewes on Tuesday, writes Richard Markiewicz.

It was no more than they deserved as they performed in a rather lack-lustre manner against a side which had not lost in five previous visits to Vale Farm.

In a scrappy and bruising affair, Wembley took the lead in the 20th minute. Andy Smith, with his back to goal, spun round and in one sweet movement cracked home Bobby Hutchinson's centre to notch his first goal for the club.

Wembley, however, were unable to build upon this advantage and 14 minutes later the Sussex side equalised. Herbie Smith carved out an opening on the right and his precise cross was hammered into the roof of the net by the onrushing Lee Cox.

Wembley briefly rallied and Andy O'Brien's glancing header and Adrian Smith's awkward stinging drive both tested the reflexes of keeper Keith Cheal.

But after the interval the visitors looked the more assured side and Jeff Fanner produced a couple of excellent saves to keep the Lions in the game. He superbly tipped over Marc Rice's close range header and later sprung to his left to keep out Jimmy Quinn's fiercely struck drive before the game petered out in untidy fashion with both sides satisfied with a point.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Hollingdale, O'Brien, Shields, Charles, Adrian Smith, Andy Smith, Page (Lawrence), Witter, Hutchinson. Other sub: Orlinwo.

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Stones take on leaders

WEALDSTONE face a tough task at Vicarage Road on Saturday when they take on league leaders Gravesend who were relegated with the Stones last season.

Stones are likely to be without both Cordice and Pearson, who are suffering from knee injuries. Grant Gallacher has been put on the transfer list by new boss Dennis Byatt.

More new faces could be in the Harrow Borough line up at Basingstoke but a foot injury will prevent midfielder Andy Prutton making his debut.

Wembley will be without Henry Clark, who has an Achilles tendon injury, for their game at Boreham Wood. Robert Hollingdale is his likely replacement.

A one match ban keeps Gerry Brennan out of Edgware's tough game with Chertsey. Colin Chance is attending a wedding and will also be missing while Martyn Kidd is doubtful with a rib injury.

James Quinn is expected to be fit for Kingsbury's FA Vase clash with Langford after being injured when he collided with a post in the game at Petersfield.

Saturday October 3 FA Vase: Kingsbury Town v Langford (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm). Division League Premier Division: The Kingsbury v Harrow Borough. Division League Division One: Boreham Wood v Wembley. Division League Division Two: Edgware Town v Chertsey Town (White Lion Ground, 3pm). Division League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Royton (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm). Division League: Woking Sports v Ramblers Lane. Friendly: Harrow Borough v Farnborough (Eastmead, 7.30pm). Wednesday October 7 Boreham Wood v Basingstoke (Vicarage Road, 7.30pm).

Shake up on board at Stones

SWEEEPING changes at ailing Wealdstone FC have seen five new faces added to the club's board of directors.

Joining the club hierarchy are popular press secretary Steve Marshall; the club's commercial manager, Ian Crossley; Supporters Club secretary, Layne Patterson; Dave Free, a former club press secretary and treasurer of the Capital League; and Graham Sharpe, a lifelong Stones supporter who is media relations officer for bookmakers William Hill.

Commenting on the additions, club chairman David Pollock said: "Recent resignations have meant we were only running with a small board and we wanted to enlarge it."

"All five are involved with the club and are heavily committed to our survival. At this vital

stage we needed to enlarge the board to really get to work to try and save the Stones."

The club administrators, Buchler Phillips, were not involved in the boardroom move. Said spokesman Gerrard Goodwin: "If the directors want to reorganise themselves that is a matter for them and is purely academic to our activities. But we remain in executive control."

Last week Wealdstone announced dramatic cost cutting moves which included the sacking of manager Brian Hall and the axing of administrative director Peter Braxton. This week they pulled out of the Capital League in another move to cut expenditure.

Borough's luck right out

Harrow Borough 2 Aylesbury Utd 3

TWO new signings, on loan keeper Andy Pape in goal, and a string of positional changes, made for a vastly improved Borough performance on Tuesday after the lamentable showing against Marlow, but they were still unable to secure the result they deserved, writes John Comfort.

On chances they should have won handsomely, but putting the ball in the net is one facet of the game yet to be totally mastered, while conceding sloppy goals remains second nature.

Playing in a striker's role, Mark Pye should have scored in the opening minutes when he raced clear but keeper Garner pushed his effort away from a corner.

Paul Ripley, Martin St Hilaire, Dave Bensted and Pye all went close after that was the break it was Aylesbury who led courtesy of an 11th minute goal from Darren Seabrook who broke through a square Borough defence and rounded Pape before netting.

Borough levelled in the 56th minute when Benning brought down St Hilaire and newly installed captain, Colin Payne, slammed in the penalty. A minute later Ripley was unlucky not to put them ahead. He crashed Ryan's cross goalward only for it to cannon off Garner for a cor-

ner. Aylesbury regained the lead in the 63rd minute when Seabrook netted from a Collins cross, though there was a suspicion of handball before he scored, but within three minutes Borough were level again, Bensted heading home from a Ryan corner.

Borough's joy lasted less than 15 seconds. Straight from the kick off Collins was put free on the left and he cut in to blast Aylesbury back in front. St Hilaire, Pye, Bensted and Ryan were all denied as Borough sought the equaliser they deserved but it was Aylesbury who went closest to another goal when Collins fired against a post.

Harrow Borough: Pape, Payne, Egan, Riley (Johnston), Bensted, Ridout, Pye, Ryan, Ripley (Corroy), Shaw, St Hilaire.

Task force to boost club's fund raiser

WEALDSTONE FC Supporters Club, working in full co-operation with the Wealdstone board, are to set up an emergency task force to boost income and accelerate the development of the club's Blue Ribbon fund-raising scheme.

Vice-chairman of the supporters club and Wealdstone Director, Nick Dugard, said that all Wealdstone supporters minds must now be focused on helping the club to survive current difficulties.

"This is crunch time for all supporters and anyone who cares for the continued existence of the Stones," he said. "If we don't raise our income levels immediately to an acceptable amount, we have a big problem."

"We have the advantage, however of having an excellent fund raising scheme in place - the Blue Ribbon. We must get our membership up to the 2000 level by the end of

October. It's now no longer enough to leave the task of gaining members to other people because 'other people' don't exist. Every committed supporter needs to join up a minimum of 6-8 people each - if that's too much of a task then it's goodbye Wealdstone, at least as we know and love the club.

"An open meeting will be held on Tuesday October 8 at 7.30pm at Wealdstone Social Club and anyone who wants to get involved must come along. We need as many helpers as possible; it will be hard work but this is an achievable target - other clubs have done it.

"I appeal to all of our people to help us now and rally round the cause - it's now or never."

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