

SPORT

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Now Pye's for transfer Borough's boss hits out at the barrackers



Steve Shea and Mark Barnard who, with Craig Johnston, have been dispatched by Borough manager George Borg's in his rift. Also due to take a journey is Mark Pye, right



TOUGH-talking Harrow Borough boss George Borg has hit out at moaning fans who are putting the skids under his bid to bring success to the club.

A major mid-season shake-up has seen former favourites Steve Shea, Mark Barnard and Craig Johnston leave the club in the last two weeks.

This week midfielder Mark Pye was put on the transfer list following his fall-out with manager Borg who was critical of the player's attitude after he was substituted in a recent game.

Borg has wielded the axe to counter Borough's alarming record which he describes as "pitiful".

In have come midfielders Jason Shaw and Andy Prutton and centre-half Dave Bested—all captured from Dartford following the club's financial collapse — and Lincoln Manderson who played last season for Enfield.

The latest signing is former Northern Ireland winger Ian Stewart, 31, who has had league spells with Newcastle United, QPR and more recently

with Aldershot and Colchester.

Borg, who steered Borough away from relegation after taking over in February, says the present squad has had long enough to prove itself and has failed to do so.

But Borough's fans are disappointed at the departure of some of their favourites and Borg was incensed at criticism levelled from the terraces at new signing Manderson during a recent game.

"I understand that fans grow attached to certain players but I have to make difficult decisions for the benefit of the club. They may feel disappointed but it is not in the club's interest for fans to spend the game criticising new players.

"It's very embarrassing for players. Their families have to sit in the stands and listening to people moaning and jibing", he said.

On the criticism of Manderson he added: "Lincoln was playing only his second game



Manager Borg - 'The squad was simply not good enough'

and it takes time to adapt. How do fans expect players to show confidence when they are being dragged down by snide comments."

Borg defended his recent flurry of transfer activity saying: "The squad was simply not good enough and something had to be done. We now have experience and ability — what we need is confidence and the full backing of the fans."

Stones snatch draw despite missing trio

Wealdstone 2 Erith Belvedere 2

PLUCKY Wealdstone, missing three key players, grabbed a draw against joint league leaders Erith Belvedere, writes Graham Smith.

Missing Neil Cortice and John Shanahan through injury and Dermot Drummy through suspension, Stones began well and should have taken the lead in the 15th minute when Martin Blackler's header missed the target after Jim Watson found him with a fine cross.

Ten minutes later Belver-

dere took the lead when a bad pass from Martin Blackler put Brenton through and his cross was lashed home by Battrum.

Just before half-time Dave Venables crossed from the right and Kenny Gayle's 20-yard shot brought a save from former Stone's favourite Kevin Foster.

Stones began the second half in positive mood with Blackler bringing a save from Foster and penalty claims being turned down after a Venable's shot beat the keeper and appeared to be handled on the line by a defender.

Four minutes later justice was seen to be done when Watson's long pass was headed clear only for Blackler to hit a volleyed equaliser from 20 yards.

Goalkeeper Hudson kept Stones in the game with two fine saves from Young and Penfold and 11 minutes from time Blackler put Venables through to beat Foster with ease.

Hudson made a sparkling save from Leslie but with three minutes remaining much of Wealdstone's good work was undone when substitute Penfold shot first time into the bottom corner to make it 2-2.

Wealdstone: Hudson, Tonge, Pearson, Watson, Tapley, Hedge, Gayle, Blackler, Hippolyte, Venables, Tate. Subs (not used) Chandler, Adamson.

Injuries shadow Rayners

EDGWARE go into Saturday's home game against Tibury without the services of two key players.

Neil Mason deputises in goal for keeper Kevin Beckles who has a knee injury and midfielder Steve Newing is out for two months following a hernia operation.

Rayners Lane make the long trek to Hereford to play Pegasus United FC, 5pm. Lane have doubts over Archibald (hamstring), Martin (knee), Chamberbatch (knee), Wilden (ankle) and Ricknell (groin).

Wembley expect to field an unchanged side

for their FA Cup 4th qualifying round home time against Nunceaton Borough on Saturday, 3pm.

After Hendon's draw no-score bore against Grays last week, entertainment seems assured this Saturday. Pre-match music will be provided by the Football Dixieland Band and guest of honour will be Showboy's star Hank Marvin. Free admission will be granted to all spectators before 2.15pm.

Harrow Borough have no game at the weekend and are next in action on October 31 away to Wokingham Town.

Good sport at club

Advertisement feature

SNOOKER is not the only sport to be found at North Harrow Snooker Club.

As well as the ten competition snooker tables, there is a pool table, dart board and for the less active a large screen television showing major sporting events live on the BSkyB channel. And there is a bar area and video games machines.

The club at 539-545 Pinner Road, North Harrow, is open to full members and also for social members.

Three teams from the club play in the Harrow Snooker League and regular tournaments are held within the club. On Sunday mornings coaching sessions for juniors are held.

The club is also a friendly meeting place and at lunch time, snacks are served in the bar and lounge area.

The club is open from 11am until 1am seven days a week.

To discover more about North Har-

row Snooker Club, at 539-545 Pinner Road, North Harrow, telephone 081 863 0705 and if you mention this feature there is a special discount on membership.

Enjoying a chat and drink at North Harrow Snooker Club are Tom McWilliams and Brian Pyke. Manager John Clements is behind the bar



Manager John Clements watches as Andy Toumazov goes for a pot in a frame of snooker on one of the ten tables at North Harrow Snooker Club

Swimmers take home medals

HARROW and Wealdstone swimmers returned with a full set of medals from the 12th ASA National Masters Championships in Sheffield last weekend.

Pride of place went to Martin Hawley in the men's 25/29 age group. A determined swim gave him victory in the 1,500m freestyle, coming home five seconds ahead of his nearest rival in a time of 18m 48.50s.

Not to be outdone, Keith Parkin won a brace of medals in the men's 35/39 year group, a silver in the 400m individual

medley in 5: 33.96s and bronze in the 200m butterfly in 2: 38.38s.

Harrow and Wealdstone also took part in the heats of the London Inter Borough Swimming Championships at Burrell Pools, Ealing, recently.

They were drawn in a tough group with Havering, Hounslow, Ealing and Westminster but their swimmers rose to the occasion, recording 20 personal bests out of the 32 events and eventually being placed second behind the powerful squad from Havering.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday October 24
Diadora League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v. St Albans.
Diadora League Division One: Wembley v Dorking.
Diadora League Division Two: Edgware v Tibury.
Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury v

Camberley.
Beazer Homes League Southern Division: Poole v Wealdstone.

Tuesday October 27
Diadora League Division Three: Cove v Kingsbury.
Wednesday October 28
Beazer Homes League Southern Division: Wealdstone v Burnham.

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