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No sign of new home for Stones

WEALDSTONE FC members meet on Tuesday to ratify the agreement with Watford which will end their two years of ground sharing at Vicarage Road.

But while the departure from Watford will almost certainly be rubber stamped, there seems little prospect that members will hear that the club has secured a new home for next season.

In recent months talks have been held with numerous local clubs, including Harrow Borough, Wembley, Yeading and Harefield United but no deal seems imminent.

Moving into Earlsmead with Harrow Borough would be an ideal choice for Stones but the bitter rivalry between supporters of both clubs is thought likely to preclude any hope of agreement there.

Said Borough director Peter Rogers: "We have been approached but I can foresee a number of difficulties. It might have suited us in the past but I don't think this is a direction we would now like to take."

Wealdstone's best chance of a ground share seemed to be at Vale Farm where Wembley are in the early stages of a rebuilding programme. But Wembley's chairman, Brian Gumm, is less than enthusiastic over a possible deal.

"I've told them we're not really interested," he said. "But I wouldn't want to see them go under. If they were in deep trouble I'd be prepared to reconsider."

That leaves Yeading and Harefield, neither of which is ideal for Stones, location wise. But an agreement with the former is considered a likelyhood.

Tuesday's meeting of Wealdstone members is expected to be a heated affair. Few are happy with the agreement reached with Watford by the club's administrators, Buchler-Phillips, but the general feeling is that Stones have little alternative.

Ratification will see Watford take back Wealdstone's share of Vicarage Road and keep the £2m paid to them as part of the £2.5m price agreed for the half share of the lease.

Watford will also receive £175,000 in full settlement of ground costs, but only if Wealdstone recover sufficient money from pending litigation against the club's former solicitors, Minet Perring, and Tesco Stores.

Byatt is Manager of the Month

Baldock 3 Wealdstone 4

STONES celebrated manager Dennis Byatt being named Beazer Homes League Southern Division Manager of the Month for December by beating lowly Baldock on Tuesday to move up into second place in the table, writes Steve Marshall.

Baldock had the early pressure but Stones survived and hit back with Sean Pearson having a rising drive tipped over byt Cook and Venables being sent clear by Cordice only to be denied by a fine tackle on the edge of the area.

The best move of the match saw Stones take the lead in the 31st minute. Hicks, Blackler and Cordice were all involved before Venables found Pearson who shot home.

Three minutes later it was 1-1 when Phillips went past Hedge and sent in a shot which flew up off Pettifer and Roberts followed up to volley past Tenkorang.

Wealdstone regained the lead in the 57th minute. From his own half, Pettifer put Venables clear and he held off Ferguson's challenge and fired past the advancing keeper.

A minute later a Hippolyte shot was tipped onto a post but with 61 minutes gone Stones made it 3-1. Venables dispossessed Ferguson and squared the ball to Hippolyte and he found Pearson at the back post to score.

A bizarre goal made it 4-1 in the 76th minute. Hicks played the ball down the left with Venables offside on the far side of the pitch. There was no flag and when the keeper came out to the edge of the box to clear, Blackler won the ball from him and shot home from the touchline.

Editt reduced the arrears after 87 minutes and Ferry headed in a corner deep into injury time to close the gap to a single goal but the final whistle went soon after.

Wealdstone: Tenkorang, Pettifer, Pearson, Watson, Hicks, Cordice (Gayle), Drummy (Shanahan), Blackler, Hedge, Venables, Hippolyte.

Kingsbury hand Hendon four goal cup humiliation

Hendon 1 Kingsbury Town 4

AN attractive home tie with Third Division leaders Barnet, assuming they manage to beat Hampton, is Kingsbury's reward for their shock London Challenge Cup first round success at Hendon on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

This was no fluke result. Frank O'Brien's underdogs were well worth their success against their Premier Division neighbours. They adapted superbly to the appalling conditions of waterlogged pitch and lashing rain and were the team that wanted to win on the night. Hendon by contrast expected to, but did nothing to make it happen.

Kingsbury opened their account in the 21st minute following a move started by Ashley Bayes quick throw out to Chris Simpson. He found Paul Bhatia and a great through ball sent Tony Richards free to fire low past keeper Root.

Richards, Walsh and Holmes all went close to increasing the lead before Town got their second goal five minutes before the break when Ian Brown-Peterside set up Eamon Walsh to beat Root with a firmly struck drive.

Looking to regain their pride, Hendon pressed relentlessly at the start of the second half but sound Kingsbury defending kept them out and with 11 minutes remaining they struck a killer third goal to finish the game as a contest when Beattie's attempted back pass got stuck in the mud and Brown-Peterside nipped in to fire low past Root.

Five minutes later Hendon's humiliation was completed when Richards' fine low cross to the far post found Holmes who drilled home Kingsbury's fourth goal.

In the 88th minute Hendon were reduced to 10 men when Trevor Wilkinson was sent off for a kick at Steve Surridge but with a minute to go they notched a consolation goal through Robyn Jones.

Kingsbury: Bayes, Bhatia, Simpson, Hide, Mangan, Theodorou, Surridge, Walsh (O'Rourke), Holmes, Richards, Brown-Peterside. Other sub: Power.

Scottish triumph for Dominique

ELEVEN year old Dominique Lloyd-Walter from Cloisters Wood Squash Club, Stanmore, ended the year on a high note last week by winning the Scottish Junior Open Under-12 Championship at the Colinton Castle Club in Edinburgh.

She took the title by beating the Spanish No 1 ranked under-12 player, Elizabet Sado, 9/7, 9/1, 9/4 in the final after recovering from being 7/2 down in the first game.

1992 has been an excellent year for Dominique who also won the Welsh Under-12 Open and finished runner up in the British Closed Championship.

Borough panto

HARROW Borough FC will play host to 50 youngsters from Mencap on Saturday when they stage the pantomime Cinderella in their Earlsmead clubhouse, starting at 2pm. Members and guests are also welcome, tickets are £3.50.

Suspensions put Page and Headlam on the sidelines

Suspensions rule out both Kenny Page and Tony Headlam for Wembley's League game against Bishops Stortford on Saturday and Tuesday's Middlesex Senior Cup match at Uxbridge.

Page is suspended for two weeks following his dismissal in a reserve team match, while Headlam has a two match ban for an accumulation of bookings.

Jon Conway is available after spending the New Year in the north, while both Andy Smith and Bobby Hutchinson are hoping to be fit, but may be given run outs in the reserves. New signing Lee Endersby, a midfield player formerly with Brimsdown Rovers, is added to the Wembley squad.

Wealdstone have no injury problems for their FA Trophy clash with Bashley at Vicarage Road on Sunday. If a replay is required it will take place at Bashley on Tuesday.

Harrow Borough will be without the injured Ian Stewart and Micky Engwell for Saturday's Middlesex Charity Cup match against Hayes. Keeper Steve Walduck is likely to make his debut.

Edgware will be boosted by the return of both Colin Chance and Joe Sheridan for their game against bottom of the table Southall but Jerry Brennan, Vince Deritis and John Coleman will still be missing.

Former Wembley utility player Steve Sailsman, recently signed from Bishops Stortford, could win a place in the squad.

A leg injury sustained in the midweek cup win over Hendon makes Eamon Walsh doubtful for **Kingsbury's** match at Epsom.

Rayners Lane's only doubt for their home game with Fairford Town on Saturday is flu victim Tony Verni.

Latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE
Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Chesham Utd.	22	17	4	1	61	21	55
Enfield	24	14	5	5	51	29	47
St Albans City	21	14	4	3	56	26	46
Carshalton Ath	20	13	6	7	50	39	45
Sutton Utd.	19	9	8	4	37	34	35
Hayes	21	9	6	6	35	29	33
Uxbridge	21	7	10	4	32	29	31
Aylesbury Utd.	22	9	2	11	42	51	29
Stevenage Boro.	20	8	4	8	30	31	28
Berkhamsted	21	8	4	9	30	39	28
Dulwich Hamlet	21	7	7	7	27	35	28
Yeading	22	7	6	9	38	31	27
Staines T.	24	7	6	11	42	51	27
Kingstonian	19	7	5	7	34	28	26
Grays Ath.	18	7	3	8	27	30	24
Harrow Boro.	24	6	5	13	32	46	23
Wealdstone	21	7	2	12	36	45	23
Basingstoke T.	18	5	7	6	22	22	22
Whyteleafe & E.	23	6	3	14	23	49	21
Walton & H. T.	21	5	6	10	34	48	21
Marlow	20	5	4	10	31	35	19
Bognor Regis	19	1	3	15	22	53	6

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Hitchin	21	14	4	3	41	14	46
Dorking	21	12	4	1	37	17	40
Walton & Hersh.	24	9	8	7	41	30	35
Worthing	21	11	2	8	41	31	35
Molesey	19	10	4	4	34	17	34
Bishops Stort.	20	10	4	6	32	20	34
Purfleet	21	8	7	6	35	27	31
Lewes	21	7	8	6	22	27	29
Tooting & Mitch.	21	7	7	7	34	32	28
Hayes&Yiewsley	19	8	3	8	28	31	27
Chertsey Town	21	7	6	7	29	29	27
Wembley	19	8	3	8	33	17	24
Leatherhead	21	7	3	11	27	35	24
Malden Vale	22	5	9	8	27	35	24
Abbington Town	13	6	4	3	22	20	22
Hitchin Town	20	5	10	5	34	30	20
Chalfont St P.	21	4	4	13	24	42	20
Croydon	21	5	5	11	29	50	20
Leyton	17	5	3	9	22	18	18
Ashford	17	4	3	10	15	31	15
Barking	21	4	3	14	23	47	15

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Hemel Hemp.	21	12	5	4	53	28	41
Sutton Walton	21	12	4	5	33	19	40
Ruislip Manor	17	12	3	2	39	15	39
Hat Pelham	21	12	3	6	39	27	39
Egham Town	23	11	4	8	43	44	37
Newbury Town	23	9	8	6	32	30	35
Chertsey Town	21	11	1	9	39	32	34
Malden Vale	18	10	3	5	35	19	33
Edgware Town	21	9	5	7	30	29	32
Worthing	18	8	5	5	38	35	29
Hampton	18	7	7	4	31	24	28
Witham	20	7	5	8	31	32	26
Berkhamsted	21	7	5	9	31	42	26
Ware	21	7	4	10	38	40	25
Tilbury	19	7	4	8	30	39	25
Rainham Town	21	6	6	9	32	36	24
Leatherhead	18	6	5	8	42	31	23
Banstead Ath.	14	5	4	5	24	16	19
Barton Rovers	17	4	4	9	13	28	16
Harefield Utd.	18	4	4	11	18	31	16
Hungerford	22	4	3	15	18	59	15
Southall	18	0	2	17	8	58	2

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Aldershot Town	22	18	3	1	59	23	57
Collier Row	18	13	5	1	38	16	44
Northwood	22	12	6	4	45	26	42
Thame Utd.	21	11	8	2	46	20	41
Leighton Town	22	11	6	5	45	28	39
Redbourn Hth.	20	10	4	6	50	36	34
East Thurrock	20	10	4	6	39	35	34
Hertford Town	20	8	5	7	40	41	29
Horsham	21	8	5	8	44	38	29
Royston Town	20	7	6	7	35	23	27
Cove	20	7	6	7	27	27	27
Kingsbury Towns	17	6	6	5	38	32	24
Epsom & Ewell	20	4	7	9	24	33	19
Clapton	20	5	4	11	28	38	19
Petersfield Utd.	24	3	8	13	21	61	17
Feltham & Hounsl.	20	3	2	15	22	55	11
Bracknell Town	21	1	6	14	23	67	9

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE
Southern Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Gravesend	22	16	1	5	58	24	49
Wealdstone	22	13	3	6	41	30	42
Sittingbourne	16	11	6	2	32	20	39
Sudbury Town	23	11	6	6	38	32	39
Erith & Bel.	19	12	3	4	40	20	39
Havant	20	11	3	6	30	24	36
Witney	23	10	6	7	39	17	36
Braintree	20	10	4	6	48	33	34
Buckingham	18	9	5	4	33	24	32
Salisbury	20	9	5	6	35	27	32
Margate	22	8	4	9	27	31	31
Ashford Town	18	8	3	7	30	29	27
Poole Town	18	7	5	6	30	28	26
Fareham T.	21	7	5	9	39	38	26
Newport IOW	21	4	10	7	21	32	22
Burnham	17	6	4	8	34	36	19
Andover	23	5	4	14	28	51	19
Fisher Ath.	21	5	3	13	20	39	18
Canterbury	20	4	4	12	25	47	16
Dunstable	20	3	6	11	23	46	15
Baldock	21	3	2	16	26	66	11
Bury Town	19	3	2	14	21	56	11

Fixtures

Saturday January 9
Middx Charity Cup: Harrow Borough v Hayes (Earlsmead, 3pm).
Diadora League Division One: Wembley v Bishops Stortford (Vale Farm, 3pm).
Diadora League Division Two: Edgware Town v Southall (White Lion ground, 3pm).
Diadora League Division Three: Epsom & Ewell v Kingsbury Town.
Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Fairford Town (Lucas Ave, 2.30pm).

Sunday January 10
FA Trophy 1st round: Wealdstone v Bashley (Vicarage Road, 3pm).

Monday January 11
Middx Senior Cup: Ruislip Manor v Harrow Borough.

Tuesday January 12
Middx Senior Cup: Uxbridge v Wembley.

Wednesday January 13
Middx Senior Cup: Edgware Town v Feltham & Hounslow Borough (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

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Mackin finds form with his first senior success

HARROW'S Terry Mackin produced another superb performance to win the fourth round of the Chiltern Cross Country League at Milton Keynes on Saturday, his first major victory against senior opposition, writes Tony Bush.

The 19 year old former National Youths Champion had an annus horribilis in 1992, with a damaging virus ruining his summer programme and delaying his winter build up. His four races in the League have been 72nd, 18th, 3rd and now first, showing how fast he is returning to top form.

Mark Cursons returned to form following a throat infection to take 7th spot while Andy Hoiles and Richard Godden both ran well for places in the top 25. Cambridge University student Mark Smith had his best run for more than 12 months to take 42nd spot.

Gayts finished 2nd in the senior/junior team competition behind Oxford.

Gayts boys (under-15) squad won its fourth consecutive Chiltern League event with a comfortable 28 point margin over Reading. Luke Hunt was involved in another tight finish, taking 2nd spot behind Windsor's Hankins, but ahead of the previously unbeaten Dan Getliffe.

Daniel Dynes had his best ever race to take 6th spot while Jon Diffey and Paul Goodwin both finished in the top 12.

Shaun Lydon continued his consistent season to take 5th position in the colts (under-13) race but the team had to settle for 3rd position behind Oxford and Milton Keynes.

Andrew Noble ran well for 11th place in the youths event but injury and illness left Gayts short of firepower and they could finish only 3rd.

Gayts are now 2nd in the overall team competition behind Oxford but well clear of Reading. They need a good performance in the final round at Kingsbury next month if they are to retain their title.

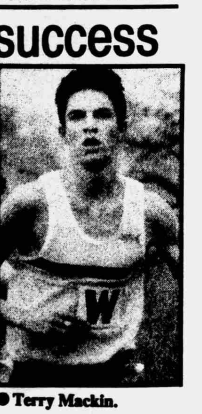
Gayts placings

Colts (under-13): 5 Shaun Lydon 12.58; 15 Geoff Thompson 13.32; 16 Michael Courtney 13.37; 19 Alan Thompson 13.51; 20 Richard Hammond 14.06; 21 David Baker 14.08; 22 Matthew Nicholls 14.10; 25 Sean Hunt 14.30; 28 Leon Holloway 14.53; 35 Jeremy Rich 15.14; 36 Grant Scott 15.15; 41 David Giddey 15.45; 43 Adam Taylor 15.59.

Boys (under-15): 2 Luke Hunt 19.21; 6 Daniel Dynes 21.07; 7 Jon Diffey 21.25; 12 Paul Goodwin 22.24; 15 Stuart Barnes 22.36; 16 Gareth Noble 22.40; 23 Darren Herbert 23.24; 24 Donald Ellam 23.27; 38 Shane Wareham 26.50.

Youths (under-17): 11 Andy Noble 25.34; 15 Kevin Edwards 26.10; 19 Nick Heller 26.29; 23 Graham Bush 27.22; 30 Jeremy Collis 28.

Seniors, juniors, vets: 1 Terry Mackin 32.45; 7 Mark Cursons 33.46; 24 Andy Hoiles 34.56; 25 Richard Godden 34.57; 42 Mark Smith 36.17; 48 Andy Dolphin 36.35; 50 Rainer Gordon 36.40; 60 Mike Lepps 37.13; 70 Mike Kelly 38.11; 85 Colin Wray 38.32; 88 Ross Bloom 38.48; 91 Mike Baron 39.02; 94 Laurence Rudge 39.10; 110 Alister Cryan 40.40; 115 Rene Brandon 40.52; 121 John Hambleton 41.30; 151 Tony Bush 45.38; 153 Barry Graham 46.52; 157 Roger Kraushaar 47.30.



● Terry Mackin.

Wasps are hit by Pilgrim injury blow

WASPS travel round the North Circular on Saturday to take on Saracens in a Courage League fixture that is vital for both clubs, writes Alan Bodenham.

A win for Wasps would not only preserve their 100 per cent record in the league this season and maintain the momentum for their second championship, it would also deepen the Southgate club's relegation troubles.

The two clubs clash again at Sudbury in two weeks time when a Pilkington Cup quarter final place will be at stake.

Wasps suffered a setback earlier this week when experienced goalkicker Steve Pilgrim was ruled out with a wrist injury that will keep him out of action for at least two weeks. In tight games Pilgrim's ability to kick vital penalties, especially from a long way out, is invaluable and Saturday's match is expected to be very tight.

Alan Buzza will resume kicking duties and young winger John Abadon, who scored the winning try in last week's 11-9 victory over Plymouth in a club fixture, fills Pilgrim's berth on the flank.

There is better news of Chris Oti. The ex England winger returns to duty after an injury that has kept him out since November. The pack that has contested all Wasps competitive games this season is reunited and includes Jeff Probyn, recalled to England's front row for the match with France at Twickenham next week. Skipper Dean Ryan, an ex-Saracen, leads Wasps.

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