SPORT

Borg stays at Borough

GEORGE Borg is staying as boss of Harrow Borough.

A meeting on Thursday finally resolved the differences between the board and the manager after a week in which he had been sacked and then reinstated after being linked with the vacant job at Aylesbury.

"It was something we needed to do and we've cleared the air," said Borough chairman Martin Murphy.

Said Borg: "I've built up a good side, now I just want to get on with the job and do my best for the club."

Kingsbury sunk by blunder

Kingsbury Town 0 Aldershot 1

A BLUNDER by keeper Keith Small cost Kingsbury a share of the spoils against runaway league leaders Aldershot on Tuesday.

Under pressure as he cleared a back pass in the 29th minute, he sliced his kick and Butler picked up the loose ball to score what proved to be the only goal of the game.

Aldershot just shaded the first half, but Kingsbury were not without their chances with both Tony Richards and Mark Ivers off target when well placed and just before the break Richards rifled over after good approach work.

The second half was evenly contested although Kingsbury finally came on strongly in the last 15 minutes and had two golden chances to take a point. Richards put Ian Brown-Petersside away on the left and his cross found Ivers at the far post but he put his free header wide.

Then right on time a great ball in left Ivers with an open goal but he volleyed wide.

Kingsbury: Small, Power, Theodorou, Hide, Mangan (Simpson), Shields, Surridge (Holmes), O'Rourke, Richards, Ivers, Brown-Petersside.

Trustee set to blow apart move out of Watford

Stones deal under threat

By John Comfort

WEALDSTONE'S deal with Watford to end the club's two years of ground sharing at Vicarage Road is in danger of being blow apart.

Club trustee Les Hobbs received the papers relating to the deal from Wealdstone's solicitors, Finers, and promptly said: "I shall decline to sign them."

Mr Hobbs and his fellow trustee Toby Jackson have to sign, on behalf of the club, to confirm the deal which will return Wealdstone's half share of the ground back to Watford for which they paid £2m of an agreed price of £2.5m in August 1991. Watford will keep the £2m and will also receive £175,000 in settlement of claims against Wealdstone in respect of ground maintenance and interest.

Wealdstone members voted the deal through at a meeting in January.

Mr Hobbs received the wad of legal documents relating to the deal on Tuesday and said he was expected to sign them within two days.

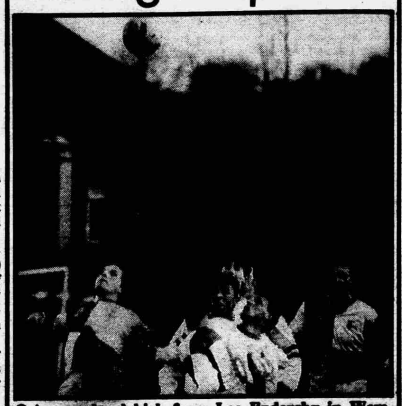
"It's a joke. How can I sign away the club's future just like that. With all the clauses to go through it can't possibly be done in that time."

Mr Hobbs said he now wanted to call a meeting of shareholders. "I want to tell them exactly what is going on and what the alternatives are. They weren't told them at the last meeting."

Mr Hobbs is convinced that the salvation of the club is to accept the £500,000 takeover bid made by Morris Nixon of Countrywide Markets which was initially rejected by the Wealdstone board of directors two months ago but still remains on offer.

No-one from either Wealdstone FC, or their administrators, Buchler-Philips, was available for comment as the Observer went to press yesterday (Wednesday).

Depleted Lions salvage a point



● An overhead kick from Lee Endersby in Wembley's match with Boreham Wood on Saturday.

Wembley 0 Uxbridge 0

A DEPLETED Wembley side was further ravaged by injuries in Tuesday's game with Uxbridge and finishing with ten men, did well to collect a point, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Although Henry Clark returned to the side, the Lions were without banned skipper Paul Shields and Ian Bates, who was ill, and for most of the proceedings performed in a very disjointed manner.

Things looked bleak for the Lions when Don Allday limped off at the start of the second half. However, facing adversity, Wembley suddenly got their act together, particularly after the introduction of Peter Shodeinde for the disappointing Mark Witter.

From an Endersby cross, Bobby Hutchinson almost scored with a downward header which keeper Sean Dawson smothered bravely.

The Lions continued to press even though reduced to ten men when Jon Conway was stretchered off with a damaged knee and Hutchinson nearly snatched a last gasp winner after latching onto Shodeinde's through pass. However, his predatory instincts deserted him at the vital moment

Wembley: Fanner, Morse, Clark, O'Brien, Conway, Endersby, Andy Smith, Allday (Bonnett), Page, Hutchinson, Witter (Shodeinde).

Cup draw

IN the quarter finals of the Isthmian Associate Members Trophy, Edgware have a derby clash away to Northwood while Kingsbury are at home to Barton Rovers.

Steve goes

WEMBLEY striker Steve Lawrence has returned to his former club, Ruislip Manor.

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Borough secure a second semi spot

Harrow Borough 3 Willesden Hawkeye 0

BOROUGH stayed on course for a County Cup double on Tuesday when they saw off the challenge of Spartan League Hawkeye to book their place in the semi finals of the Middlesex Charity Cup, writes John Comfort.

Hawkeye dumped Wembley out in the previous round, but there was rarely any likelyhood that Borough would go the same way, despite the undoubted talents of the visitors.

Only Borough's poor finishing prevented the contest being over by half time. Andy Prutton and John Ridout both fluffed good chances before Steve Conroy delicately glanced home a Pat Ryan free kick to put them ahead in the 37th minute. Ridout twice, and Prutton then missed excellent opportunities of adding to the lead before the break.

Borough made it 2-0 ten minutes into the second half when Dave Bensted forced the ball home in a goalmouth scramble and Prutton set up Ridout to control the ball and cleverly flick it past Hawkeye's fine keeper Philogene for the third goal in the 66th minute.

In the semi-finals Borough are at home to either Viking Sports, Chelsea or Yeading. Borough are also in the last four of the Middesex Senior Cup in which they meet Northwood at home on Tuesday.

Harrow Borough: Pape, May (Moore), Engwell, Jackman, Bensted, Shaw, Prutton, Ryan, Solomon, Conroy, Ridout. Other sub: Stewart.

Crompton transferred

HARROW Borough keeper Steve Crompton has joined Beazer Homes League club Gloucester City.

Edgware eyeing County Cup Final

HARROW Borough and Wembley bid to make it an all local final in the Middlesex Senior Cup on Tuesday.

At home to Northwood in their semi-final, Borough face the easier task, although Northwood's boss, former Harrow player Alan Merison is unlikely to agree.

Wembley are at home to Yeading in a repeat of last year's final. The Lions will be out for revenge for a defeat that owed much to a little slight of hand from Yeading defender Robbie Johnston that prevented an equalising goal.

On Saturday Borough visit Aylesbury with another injury hit squad. Paul Ripley, with a suspected hernia, is the latest victim and he could be out for two weeks. The side which beat Willesden Hawkeye will almost certainly be manager George Borg's choice.

Tony Headlam is available after suspension for Wembley's visit to Lewes but Paul Shields starts a ban and will be missing. Charlie Flaherty, Henry Clark, Adrian Smith, Uche Egbe and Jon Conway are all on the casualty list.

David Venables is suspended and misses Wealdstone's away match at Havant.

Eugene Flynn has made a swift recovery after his recent operation and could be a starter for Edgware in their match at lowly Harefield.

Kingsbury boss Frank O'Brien should have an injury free squad to select from for the visit of lowly Petersfield.

Rayners Lane have another difficult game against Fairford and will be without the injured Paul Abell and top scorer Danny Mills who is on holiday.

Fixtures

Saturday March 6

Diadora League Premier Division: Aylesbury Utd v Harrow Borough

Diadora League Division One: Lewes v Wembley.

Diadora League Division Two: Harefield Utd v Edgware Town

Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Petersfield Utd (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).

Beazer Homes League Southern Division: Havant Town v Wealdstone.

Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Fairford (Lucas Ave, 3pm).

Middx Premier Cup semi-final: Edgware Town Res v Rayners Lane Res (White Lion ground, 3pm).

Tuesday March 9

Middx Senior Cup semi-finals: Harrow Borough v Northwood (Earlsmead, 7.30pm); Wembley v Yeading (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).

Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Flackwell Heath (Silver Jubilee Park 7.45pm).

Beazer Homes League Southern Division: Andover v Wealdstone.

Wednesday March 10

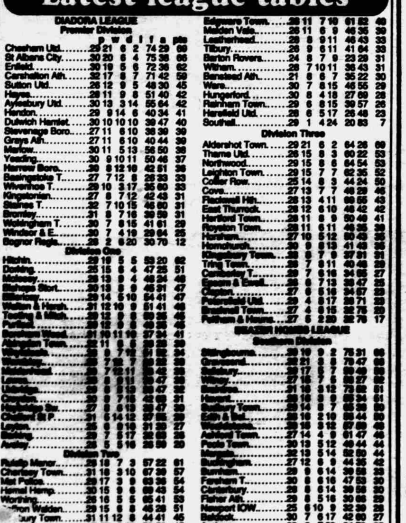
Diadora League Division Two: Edgware Town v Banstead Ath (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

Wealdstone's dashing winner

THE prize of a trolley dash round Safeways at Hatch End in Wealdstone FC's recent raffle has been won by Mrs G. Rands of Harts Close, Bushey, with ticket no 0934.

Consolation prizes were won by Mr Davoren (ticket 4673), Paul Dukelle (4703), Lisa Dawson (11741), Ann Pirston (12876), Mrs Plato (6928) and Mrs Carmichael (10096).

Latest league tables



DIADORA LEAGUE

Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Chesham Utd	29	21	6	2	74	29	69
St Albans City	30	20	6	4	75	35	66
Enfield	30	19	5	6	72	38	62
Carshalton Ath	30	17	8	7	71	42	59
Sutton Utd	28	12	9	5	48	30	45
Hayes	28	13	6	9	51	40	42
Aylesbury Utd	30	13	3	14	55	64	42
Hendon	29	9	14	6	40	34	41
Dulwich Hamlet	30	10	10	10	39	47	40
Stevenage Boro	27	11	6	10	38	30	39
Grays Ath	27	11	6	10	40	44	39
Marlow	30	11	5	13	56	50	38
Yeading	30	9	10	11	50	46	37
Harrow Boro	30	8	12	10	42	51	36
Basingstoke T	27	7	12	8	28	33	33
Wivenhoe T	29	10	3	17	35	60	33
Kingstonian	27	8	7	12	42	43	31
Staines T	32	7	10	15	46	60	31
Bromley	31	8	7	16	39	59	31
Wokingham T	30	7	8	15	41	61	29
Windsor & E	30	7	4	19	29	64	25
Bognor Regis	28	2	6	20	30	70	12

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Hitchin	29	16	5	8	59	20	68
Dorking	30	15	6	4	47	25	51
Molesey	29	13	9	4	46	34	48
Chelmsford Sport	30	13	8	9	49	41	47
Billericay	29	14	5	10	54	41	47
Walton & Hersh	31	12	10	9	51	41	46
Tooting & Mitch	29	12	9	8	49	35	45
Purfleet	30	12	9	9	49	38	45
Romford Ward	31	10	11	10	37	34	41
Kingstonian Town	32	11	8	13	39	52	39
Wembley	30	8	7	15	31	52	34
Whyteleafe	30	7	12	11	33	45	33
Hornchurch	30	7	12	11	32	45	33
Leatherhead	30	8	9	13	37	47	33
Croydon	30	8	9	13	35	47	33
Hampton	27	8	9	10	33	37	33
Malden Rush & St P	31	6	14	11	33	55	32
Leyton	28	6	10	12	31	44	27
Edgware	30	7	6	17	32	53	26
Anerley	29	5	5	19	30	59	20

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Ruislip Manor	29	18	7	3	57	22	61
Chertsey Town	31	18	3	10	67	39	57
Met Police	29	17	3	9	63	39	54
Hemel Hemp	30	15	9	6	60	43	54
Worthing	28	16	5	5	65	41	53
Milton Keynes	29	15	6	8	46	28	51
Bury Town	31	11	12	8	44	41	45
Cheam Town	29	13	6	10	52	52	45
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[illegible]mstead	29	11	8	10	44	52	41
Edgware Town	28	11	7	10	61	52	40
Maidon Vale	28	11	6	9	46	36	39
Leatherhead	28	8	9	11	48	43	33
Tilbury	28	9	6	11	41	64	33
Barton Rovers	24	8	7	9	23	28	31
Witham	28	7	10	11	36	43	31
Banstead Ath	21	8	6	7	30	22	30
Ware	30	7	8	15	46	55	29
Hungerford	30	6	4	18	27	69	28
Rainham Town	29	6	5	18	35	57	23
Harefield Utd	28	6	5	17	26	48	23
Southall	29	1	4	24	20	83	7

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Aldershot Town	29	21	6	2	64	28	69
Thame Utd	29	15	8	3	60	22	53
Northwood	29	15	8	6	64	54	53
Leighton Town	29	15	7	7	62	35	52
Collier Row	29	14	6	9	44	34	50
Cove	27	13	7	7	48	28	46
Flackwell Hth	29	13	4	11	66	65	43
East Thurrock	29	12	6	10	46	42	42
Hertford Town	29	11	8	9	50	49	41
Royston Town	29	11	6	11	46	35	39
Hanwell	27	10	6	12	50	45	36
Hornchurch	29	9	6	13	41	49	33
Kingsbury Town	29	8	7	9	27	31	31
Tring Town	29	7	8	11	40	46	29
Camberley T	27	7	6	14	34	55	27
Sawbridgeworth T	29	6	7	13	30	47	25
Clapton	27	6	6	15	34	67	23
Potters Bar Utd	29	5	8	16	37	71	23
Bracknell Town	27	4	6	15	32	76	18
Feltham & Hounsl	27	5	2	20	32	76	17

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

Southern Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Gloucester	29	19	9	2	76	21	66
Gosport	29	21	3	5	70	47	66
Salisbury	29	17	5	7	69	49	56
Witney	27	16	7	5	60	27	55
Fisher Ath	31	16	6	10	73	56	51
Havant	29	15	6	8	60	34	51
Sudbury Town	29	14	8	7	60	36	50
Erith & Belvedere	29	13	7	9	54	44	46
Ashford Town	29	13	6	10	57	50	45
Slough Town	27	14	4	9	51	47	46
Dunstable	29	13	5	11	49	44	44
Buckingham	29	12	6	11	54	50	42
Chalfont	29	12	6	11	44	46	42
Fareham T	30	8	6	16	47	53	30
Canterbury	29	8	6	15	39	58	30
Newport IOW	29	8	5	16	33	68	29
Bideford	30	7	6	17	42	60	27
Andover	29	5	7	17	29	54	22
Dorchester	30	4	6	18	29	71	20
Bury Town	30	4	5	21	31	86	17

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Wasps steer clear of controversy

HAVING drawn Harlequins in the semi-finals of the Pilkington Cup, Wasps players and officials, quite wisely, distanced themselves from any involvement in the controversy concerning Quins' players and the use of illegal studs in their quarter final at Waterloo, writes Alan Bodenham.

The issue is at the moment in the hands of the Middlesex RU and no-one at Sudbury wishes to comment.

Nevertheless, with any match between the two giants of London rugby never short of fireworks, it is difficult to imagine that the semi final clash at Sudbury on April 10 will be any different.

Last season when the two clubs were drawn together at the fourth round stage, there was a very contentious postponment. Wasps bitterly disagreed with the verdict that the pitch was unplayable and it all added to the undercurrent of ill feeling.

Quins won the rearranged fixture as they have all cup encounters between the clubs, including the 1988 semi final when they won 16-20 at Sudbury after extra time.

The match will be all ticket and Wasps will announce allocations and prices early next week.

Tomorrow (Friday) night, kick off 7.30pm, Wasps entertain Melrose, who on Saturday clinched the Scottish Championship again. With the crucial Courage League match at Bath next week, Wasps will be resting several first team players.

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