# SPORT

SOCCER

## Harrak stars as Edgware put brake on leaders

**Chertsey Town 1**
**Edgware Town 1**

DESPITE having a depleted side, Edgware performed marvellously at Chertsey on Saturday to end the league leader's 100 per cent home record this season.

Edgware had the star of the show in Hamid Harrak. The midfielder was in absolutely superb form, teasing and tormenting the home defence and not surprisingly he had a hand in the goal which gave the visitors a more than deserved point.

In an evenly contested first half Harrak went close with an early effort but at the other end Mark Gower, in for the injured Tony Holtby, did well to tip over a dangerous cross under pressure. He later left his goal to block a full blooded drive from Lee Charles.

For Edgware, John Coleman was unlucky after a great 20 yard run. He blasted in a shot from just outside the area that was destined for the top corner until keeper John Granville tipped it over the bar.

The half ended goalless, but Chertsey went ahead just three minutes into the second half when a cross shot from Trevor Argrave swung in and found the net off the far post.

Undeterred, Edgware hit back and Harrak put Coleman through but Granville saved, then a corner was cleared to Seamus Finnerty and he broke through but then shot weakly at the keeper.

Edgware had a couple of let offs when Josh Price fired against a post and then Byron Walton toed a Charles cross wide of the gaping goal, but the visitors, with Harrak leading the way, then got on top.

Granville did well to clear after a good one two between Harrak and Coleman and the keeper saved a great shot from Coleman before Edgware's equaliser arrived with 20 minutes to go.

Finnerty played the ball up to Harrak and his first time touch caught the advancing Chertsey defence cold and allowed Paul Ferry to steam through and blast a rasping 25 yarder into the net.

Harrak could have won it but shot just wide after a great jinking run, but manager Brian Rider was well satisfied with a draw against the likely Second Division Champions.

**Edgware:** Gower, Louzi, Sheridan (Flynn), Sua, Finnerty, Mangan, Harrak, Ferry, Selleman, Smith, Coleman. Other sub: Dale.

## Kingsbury in danger

**A 1-0 defeat at Leighton Town on Saturday has sent Kingsbury Town tumbling precariously into the Diadora League's Division Three danger zone.**

**Although there are five clubs below them in the League table, Kingsbury are only two points clear of the bottom club, Clapton.**

## Lions sit it out again

WEMBLEY'S boglike Vale Farm pitch again left them inactive on Saturday when it was declared unfit for their league match against Heybridge Swifts.

Rayners Lane's Hellenic League match at Cinderford was called off because of a water logged pitch.

# Borough get fright as they land double

**Wivenhoe Town 2**
**Harrow Borough 3**

By Tony Booth

BOROUGH gave their supporters a scare before completing their second league double of the season with this victory at Broad Lane on Saturday

They dominated the first three quarters of the game but after leading 3-0 at half time they gifted their bottom of the table opponents two goals and then had to hold on to win.

There was a large gulf in class in the first half with Borough at times almost toying with their struggling rivals. Fraser and Hurlock shot wide then Shaw had a header saved before the visitors finally took an 18th minute lead. O'Connor's free kick tempted keeper Warner off his line but Paul Ripley got to the ball first and it trickled off him and the inside of a post into the net. The scorer received a nasty head cut for his pains.

Two goals just before the interval gave Borough the cushion their dominance merited. An appalling 39th minute error saw Partner miskick towards his own goal and Jason Shaw ran clear to fire past Warner. Three minutes later O'Connor's pass sent Prutton off on a run at goal and his cross was turned home at the far post by Shaw.

After the break Shaw shot just wide, Bensted miskicked in front of an open goal and Prutton saw his drive tipped over well by Warner.

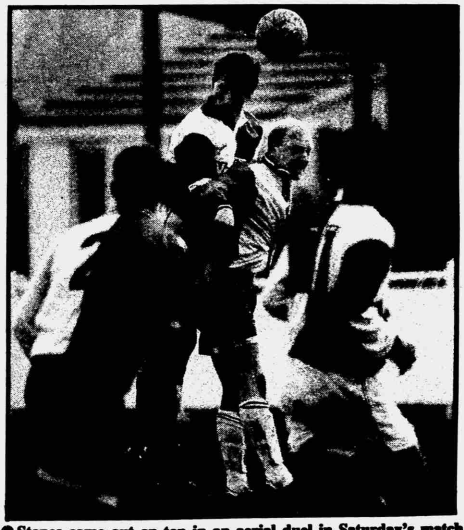
But Borough then took their feet of the accelerator and Wivenhoe began to think there was still hope for them. When Pulling raced onto a through ball in the 72nd minute, Hook was adjudged to have fouled him as they collided and McClean fired home the resultant penalty.

Soon after O'Connor had a shot cleared off the line from Metcalfe's corner, but with nine minutes left Wivenhoe reduced the arrears still further. Hook came out for Partner's cross but the ball rebounded off Bensted before the keeper got there and Bloss shot into the empty net.

Borough held on to secure the points but they were aided by the home side being reduced to 10 men with 10 minutes remaining when Townes fouled Metcalfe then spoke out of turn before play restarted and was sent off.

**Harrow Borough:** Hook, O'Connor, Hurlock, Booker, Bensted, Brown, Prutton, Shaw, Ripley (Metcalfe), Fraser, Benning. Other sub: Knight.

# Linesman robs Stones of a vital point



● Stones come out on top in an aerial duel in Saturday's match against Poole.

● A Poole challenge is held off as Wealdstone retain possession, but they weren't able to hold onto a much needed point.

**Wealdstone 1 Poole Town 2**

By Graham Smith

FOR the second time in less than a week a bad decision by a linesman went against Wealdstone, and on Saturday it cost them a valuable Beazer Homes League point against an inept Poole side.

It all happened in the unlucky 13th minute when Chris Lawrence challenged with the advancing visitors keeper. Lawrence got the loose ball, controlled it and ran on to slot home into an empty net.

Everyone thought it was a perfect goal except for a linesman who indicated that Lawrence had controlled the ball with his hand.

The referee, who had originally awarded the goal, did not consult his linesman, and awarded a free kick to Poole.

17 minutes later the visitors took the lead when Phillips volleyed in from a long cross.

Within 30 seconds of the start of the second half Stones were back in the game when Richard Mellor was fouled in the penalty area and Floyd Dennis made no mistake with a well struck spot kick.

There was a boost for Stones in the 58th minute when Paul Holohan came off the bench to play his first game for a month.

But it didn't change the home side's ill luck. With 70 minutes gone a 20 yard shot from Reeks was deflected past Hopping for the goal which proved to be Poole's winner.

**Wealdstone:** Hopping, Anglin, Augustine, Jashek, Dennis, Walsh (Holohan), Drummy, Hedge, Mellor, Webb, Lawrence (Devitt).

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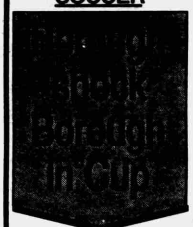

BATTLING **Bessborough** made nonsense of the gap between themselves and their Premier Division opponents as they provided the cup shock of the day on Sunday by ousting **Harrow Borough** from Harrow League Challenge Cup.

Rupert Thacker was in sparkling form between the posts and with the help of a superb defensive performance, Harrow's attack found their cutting edge blunted until the second half.

Two goals in 15 minutes seemed to have given Harrow a comfortable win but urged on by Mark Tibbles, Bessborough fought back gamely.

An appalling goalkeeping blunder let Doug Reeve in for a simple tap in and when Andy Carr caught the keeper out of position to loop a 30 yard angled shot over his head it took the tie into extra time.

Harrow rose to the challenge, playing enterprising football, and gained the initiative during the first extra half.

The resilient Bessborough defence stood firm and Graeme West broke the deadlock with a brilliantly executed 40 yard lob after he spotted the keeper advancing out of his area.

Harrow threw everyone forward in search of an equaliser but were caught by a classic counter attack and West rounded a despairing keeper to make the tie safe in the final minute.

## Manorians make semis

**OLD Manorians** stormed into the semi-finals of the Middlesex Cup on Saturday by beating a well organised **Glaxo** side 2-1 after extra time.

They went a goal down following a Steve Tucker error but roared back to level with a Phil Jennings solo goal and it was Jennings who scored their winner with 10 minutes of extra time remaining.

**Old Manorians:** Kent, Headland, Murray, Tucker, Smith, Jackson, Davis, Mitchell, Colbon, Kane, Jennings. Subs: McGinty, Long.

**Other results:** Manorians 2nd 3 (Kitton, Jackson, Mansell), Aloeylans 3rd 4; Manorians 3rd 7 (Smith 2, Hands 2, Bicknell 2, May), Kingsburians 3rd 4; Manorians 4th 7 (Dyed 2, Baxter 2, Cotton, Jenner, Chambers), Shene 4th 2; Manorians 5th 0, Southgatians 5th 3; Manorians 6th 0, Salvatorians 10th 4.

Dave Fox scored for **AZ Sportworld** as they lost 2-1 to **Leaping Bar** in the Harrow Challenge League.

Goals from Del Franklin 2, and Steve Goode saw **Mirrabean** to a 3-2 win over **FC Belmont** in the League Trophy.

**Mirrabean Reserves** beat **Starlite** 2-0 in the Harrow Challenge League, Tony Glasscoe and Phillipe Berteaud netting.

OBSERVER POOL LEAGUE

## Abbey stay in the hunt for honours

THE **Abbey Hotel** showed that they haven't yet given up hope of figuring in this season's battle for Division One honours when they crushed the **Eastcote Arms** 10-0.

A depleted Arms side were never given a chance to conjure up a miracle result when their seven men lost the opening seven frames to Larry Kelly, Tim Hill, Mark Bunney, Steve Walton, Brian Harte, Gary Corquin and Philip Harris.

**St Josephs** maintained their challenge in second place with a tough 6-4 away victory at the **Rayners**. A. Houghton and Sanj Vaid opened the scoring for the home side and R. Davis stretched the lead to 3-1 after Peter McManus had pulled one back for the Saints.

The visitors then stepped up the pace to lead 5-3 with wins for D. O'Sullivan, S. Mitchell, B. Evans and K. Anthony, and although Dave Jackson replied for the Rayners in frame nine, Steve Daniels secured both points in the final frame.

Champions **Plough Kingsbury** had an almost carbon copy of the St Josephs result when they defeated the **Royal William** with a final frame victory from captain Will Smeulders.

The **Windermere** bounced back from three frames behind to win 6-4 over **LNER**. Frames were won by Chas McCarthy, Peter Wernham, Harry Reynolds, Paul O'Brien, Liz Hindley and Alan Mutton.

**Queen of Hearts** showed again that they are a tough nut to crack when they completed a 6-4 home win over **Tithe Farm**, Mick Ferguson coming good in frame ten for the Hearts.

The **Bell** pulled themselves away from the relegation zone with a 6-4 home victory over **Abbey CC**, Bob Dalton, Peter Turner and Paul Simmons taking the opening three frames to establish an early lead.

Tim Coleman and Dave Goacher hit back for Abbey, however, Mark Smith and Jeff Dalton stretched the Bell's lead to 5-2. Sanjay Patel replied in frame eight but a victory for Del Wileman in the ninth frame gave the points to the Bell.

In Division Two **South Harrow British Legion** defeated the **Whittington** 7-3. After trailing 1-2 to frames from Partha Banerjee and Peter Smith, they hit back with a six frame volley from Paul Arnold, Rob Hunter, Doug Butler, Steve Kilroy, Roy Roberts and Norman Foster.

The **Mitre** lost ground on the Legion when they were held to a 5-5 draw at home to the improving **Northolt Park**, A Rodgers claiming fram ten and a point for the visitors.

The **Bell Ruislip** got back to winning ways with a stylish 8-2 win over **Railway Hatch End**. The Railway took the opening frame through Brian Andrews but this was all they could manage until A. Rayner edged the final frame. In between eight frames were claimed for the Bell by Andy Bates, Stuart McCartney, Harry Mills, Dave Finley, Sunil Bhagat, Colin Bovingdon, Keith Smith and Richard Everson.

The **Railway Wealdstone** underlined themselves as the draw specialists of the Division with a 5-5 result against **Middlesex Arms**. Terry Scott played a captain's innings in the final frame for the Arms.

The **Century** came away from **Harrow Borough** with both points in an excellent 6-4 victory and the **Plough B** shared a 5-5 draw at home to **Belmont**.

**League Cup**

**2nd round results:** Mitre 3, LNER 6; Railway Wealdstone 5, Abbey CC 6; South Harrow BL 6, Windermere 2; Eastcote Arms 6, Century 3; St Josephs 6, Tithe Farm 4; Plough Kingsbury B 6, Belmont 4; The Bell 4, Abbey Hotel 6; Queen of Hearts 7, Railway Hatch End 3.

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