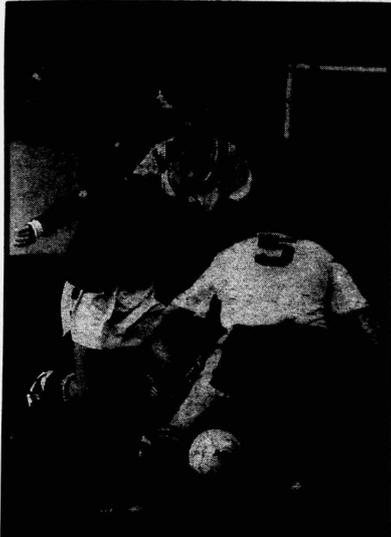


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Borough put brake on hopes of rivals



● Harrow Borough's Lee Enderby effortlessly slips past Carshalton defender Kevin Fitzgerald.

Kingsbury land unexpected win

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Harrow Borough 3 Carshalton Athletic 0

CARSHALTON'S championship hopes had already worn pretty thin before this game but they finally shot to pieces by Borough's comprehensive win over them.

Borough were in such fine form that even the league's leading scorer, ex-Harrowman forward Jimmy Bevan - who has an unhappy knack of netting with regularity against his former club - didn't get a look in.

Carshalton had a fortunate win over Borough earlier in the season and when keeper Les Clewley, another who has tormented Harrow in recent years, pulled off an excellent diving save to keep out a low goalbound effort from Paul Fraser, and Christian Metcalfe blazed the lower half wildly over the bar, the home supporters could be forgiven for thinking it was going to be another one of those days.

However, with 39 minutes gone Borough struck the first blow and never looked back. Eamon O'Connor found Metcalfe on the left and his precision cross was nodded into the corner of the net from close range by John Harlock.

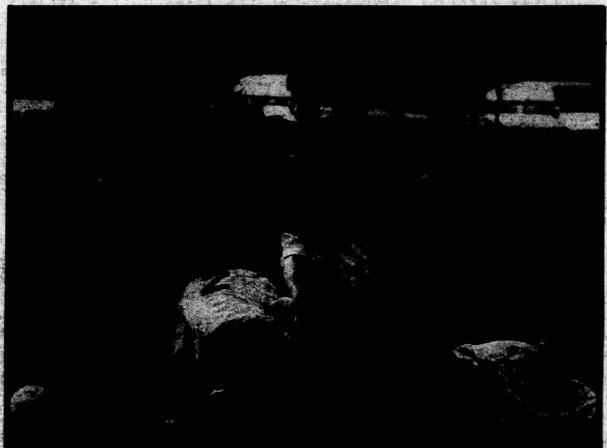
By John Comfort

Within 40 seconds of the start of the second half Borough almost made it 2-0 when Metcalfe curled a good effort onto the Carshalton crossbar. But the visitors' relief at that list off didn't last long for just a minute later Lee Enderby's cross found Fraser at the far post and he slotted home.

Bolton made a rare break from the shackles imposed by Beated and Knight after 65 minutes only to be denied by a great flying save from David Hook, but Borough soon returned to the offensive and only the legs of Clewley prevented Fraser from scoring a third goal after he had been put clear by O'Connor.

Minutes later O'Connor spotted Fraser through the goal net with a free kick. Fraser finally got it right in the 83rd minute. A superb ball over the square Carshalton defence by Jason Court left the striker with the goal at his mercy and he made no mistake, completing a fine team performance from Borough.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Court, Harlock, Bevan, Knight, O'Connor, Metcalfe (Penalty), Enderby (Penalty), Fraser, Beating.



● The elusive Christian Metcalfe leaves two Carshalton defenders flat out on the ground as he bears down on goals in Saturday's match at Harrowwood.

Wealdstone are so close to their first point of year

Wealdstone 1 Tonbridge 2

WEALDSTONE were just nine minutes away from their first league point in 1994 when Tonbridge sent them smacking with a late winner.

Stones drafted three more new players into an already unsettled side which was without John Shanahan, Paul Webb

By Graham Taylor

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Own goal makes points safe for Wembley

Windsor 0 Wembley 2

WEMBLEY returned to winning ways with a fairly comfortable victory over lowly Windsor on Saturday, although they had to wait until three minutes from time before making the game safe with a second goal, courtesy of a home defender.

The Lions were dominant throughout this contest. They had an abundance of free kicks and corners awarded in their favour but it was from open play that most of their chances originated.

The best of Wembley's early opposition with a stunning strike.

By Richard Markiewicz

Wembley's early opposition with a stunning strike. Many goals were expected after the break. Graziani almost added to the total when he headed Windsor's off-side trap after latching onto Sakharov's through pass, only to see his low drive cannon off the advancing keeper's legs.

And Sakharov had a fiercely struck close range shot desperately blocked by a defender following some skilful work from Steve Lawrence.

But otherwise Wembley's finest approach play was too often ruined

by their annoying habit of using one touch too many before delivering the ball into the six yard box, which yielded nothing.

It was not until the 87th minute before Sakharov finally answered his manager's pleas and fired a first time cross into the danger zone. Ironically no Wembley players were within sight of the ball but fortunately Windsor's Neil Hopkins obliged and sliced it straight past his own keeper to complete the scoring for the Lions.

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Unlucky Lane are sunk by last minute goal

Moreton Town 2 Rayners Lane 1

RUNAWAY league leaders Moreton ended Lane's unbeaten 1994 record with a goal in the last minute of a fast open game for which a draw would have been a fair result.

Lane took time to settle and were soon on the defensive. Randall had to make a good save at the near post and then only a goaline clearance by Meaney prevented an opener

for Moreton after the home centre forward had burst past Mills. Lane gradually forced their way into the game and a flick on by Matthews put Verni in space but instead of a minute lead when Andy Preston's astute pass along the ground gave Christian Metcalfe the space and time to scribble a draw and then shoot past keeper Gleasure from a narrow angle.

Enderby's crosses caused concern to the visitors but Borough could not convert possession into further goals. Fraser saw three shots go to waste and also sent a diving header wide, while Bensted headed wide and a Metcalfe effort was saved.

The misses proved costly for in first half injury time former Borough striker Steve Conroy punished his ex-colleagues. Gleasure's wind-assisted clearance fell between Hook and his defence and Conroy ran on to clear in a well taken equaliser from his kick's angle.

Lane should have levelled when Matthews dribbled through but then shot over but with 10 minutes remaining they finally got the goal they deserved.

Cott did well to turn a defender and his pass found Verni whose first time shot from the edge of the area beat the keeper and flew into the top corner of the net.

Lane went for the winner and Moreton seemed to settle

for a draw but with a minute to go a dubious free kick awarded in the Lane half led to the home side's fortunate win.

The kick was played into the area and seemed to hit several players on the head before flicking off a Moreton player into the roof of the net.

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Edgware have no fears for cup final

Staines 1 Edgware Town 0

EDGWARE'S sorely depleted side made their exit from the Middlesex Charity Cup at Staines but were left feeling quietly confident that they can reverse the outcome when the two sides meet again in the final of the Middlesex Senior Cup next month.

The only goal of the game was scrambled in from a corner on the hour but apart from that and an effort from Steve Darlington in the dying minutes when he fired wide of an open goal, Staines offered no great threat.

Edgware, for their part, created sufficient chances, but paid a heavy price for not putting them away. In the first half Scott McGleish put a close range header wide in the opening minutes and Darren Morris also missed the target from close in. McGleish was put through and fired wide and then Paul Ferry's header was off target from Harrak's free kick.

'Old boy' strikes to snatch victory away from Borough

Harrow Borough 1 Hitchin Town 1

AN improved Borough performance saw them maintain their four in a half month unbeaten home league record in a match spoilt and influenced by a vicious swirling wind.

Borough took a 6th minute lead when Andy Preston's astute pass along the ground gave Christian Metcalfe the space and time to scribble a draw and then shoot past keeper Gleasure from a narrow angle.

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By Tony Booth

With the wind advantage in the second half, Borough continued to hold the upper hand and Enderby had three good openings, twice shooting over and putting another effort wide of goal.

A cross by Enderby was then touched on by Metcalfe only for Scott to clear off the line. Borough twice went close in the 75th minute. Hindock's cross was volleyed at goal by Metcalfe who was denied by a flying save from Gleasure and the keeper then tipped over O'Connor's inswinging corner.

John Harlock was busy at the other end. He did well to block a Williams shot and then cleared back to deny McGonagle as he ran clear.

JUNIOR SOCCER Bessborough in semis

BESSBOROUGH'S

doughty cup fighting captain continued on Sunday with a victory against Circle which took them into the semi final of the Challenge Cup.

The win came courtesy of two well taken goals from Andy Wright who linked well with Andy Carr up front throughout the game. Although Circle enjoyed greater possession of the ball, a typically solid defensive performance from Bessborough - in which Mark Howe was outstanding - saw them protect their two goal lead.

Milbrabens had an excellent 3-0 win over Witlewell to reach the semi-finals of the League Trophy. Mark Andrews 2, and Steve Goode were the goalkeepers in a good team performance.

Final dates

OLD MANORIAN Reserves play Acton Belling Whistlers in the final of the Middlesex Junior Trophy at Harefield United FC tonight (Thursday). Kick off 7.30pm. On Wednesday March 30, Old Manorian meet CBS United in the final of the Middlesex Junior Cup. Kick off 7.30pm at Northwood FC.

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