

SPORT

Westley ends the lingering doubts

Harrow Borough 1 Yeading 0
A CHILL wind blew from goal to goal at Earlsmead on Monday but it took with it any lingering relegation fears that Borough may have had, writes Tony Booth.
The three points they gained not only

secured their Premier Division status but also lifted them up to tenth place in the table - another best for the season.
The only goal of the game resulted from Lee Enderby's 8th minute cross which was touched on by Christian Met-

calle for Graham Westley to blast home a close range shot.

Deaton soon wasted his side's only first half chance to equalise whilst Metcalle twice went close to netting for Borough before his 28th minute challenge for the ball saw Yeading keeper MacKenzie stretched off with a pashed thigh.

Full back Williams replaced him in goal and performed well to keep the hosts at bay thereafter, for the visitors failed to mount a serious attack for the rest of the game.

With the gale behind them after the interval Borough had almost continuous possession and created a host of openings. Enderby and O'Connor had shots saved, then Bonning saw his drive tipped over.

Bonning's header was saved, Metcalle shot wide and O'Connor saw his 35 yard free kick hit the crossbar.

In the closing minutes Westley twice blazed shots over but fortunately he had already done enough to secure the points for Borough.

Harrow Borough: Hoek, Knight, Enderby, Bonning, O'Connor, Peers, Fruton, Metcalle, Westley, Fruton, Bonning, Sub: Court, Hurlock.

Supporters a.g.m.

WEALDSTONE FC Supporters Club held their annual general meeting at Wealdstone Social Club, Station Road, Harrow, on Tuesday April 12, starting at 8pm. All members are welcome.

West 49 members
£100 A.G.M. fee; £75 1st-10-
£25 11-15-44; £50 2-10-
£25; £20 member 1164.

Hopley wings way on tour.

DAMIEN Hopley, who has made his name as a centre with Wexps, has been selected as a winger for England's tour of South Africa in the summer, writes Alan Roddenham.

Wexps, hoping to acclimatise him, have selected him in that position for the Courage League Division One fixture at Bristol on Saturday. Fran Clough moves into the centre for what will be one of his last outings in a Wexps shirt before moving to Bedford in the summer.

Rob Andrew is still absent and How Davies continues in the fly half berth. Darren Molloy plays in the front row.

Apart from Hopley, three other Wexps were named in Jack Rowell's first England selection - Rob Andrew, skipper Dean Ryan and fellow back row Laurence Dellaglio.

The trip could be the making of Dellaglio whose speed and exciting ball skills will be suited to the dry, fast pitches of South Africa and he could well find himself returning with a first full England cap under his belt.

The Wexps first team was not in action at the weekend but it was a good Easter for the club's junior sides.

The colts, on tour in the North West of England, had good victories against Preston Grasshoppers and Orrell and also won the Preston Sevens title, scoring 175 points in the process.

There was also good news for the under-21s who won the London Irish Festival, beating Harlequins 24-3 in the Final.

Discussion paper charts Diadora future

League plans fear for Town

A DISCUSSION paper on the restructuring of the Diadora Football League has caused some anxiety at Kingsbury Town and other smaller member clubs.

The paper, drawn up by the League's management committee, was revealed to clubs at a meeting last week and offered several options for the future of the League.

They included: staying

as they are, increasing membership, reducing it by natural wastage, and reducing it to three divisions with either a premier and two division ones, or a premier, first and second division.

The preferred option of the management committee is the latter, with 24 clubs in each division.

Reducing membership from its current 87 clubs

would mean that up to 15 could be forced to drop back into feeder leagues. Selection could be made either on ground gradings or next season's placings.

With revamping planned to take effect in season 1995-96, Kingsbury and other League minnows fear it could mean that next season Division Three will be a 'relegation dogfight' from the very first game with only the top six finishers guaranteed a place in the new structure.

However, although the three divisions are preferred by the League, nothing is yet cut and dried, says Harrow Borough director Peter Rogers, a mem-

ber of the Diadora management committee.

"The management committee felt we needed to be looking to the future and catering for the hopes and aspirations of clubs at all levels in the League," he said.

"We have come up with various options but it is a discussion paper to enable all clubs to talk it over at committee level and then express their views."

Having established the reactions of clubs, the management committee will then make firm proposals and formulate rule changes which could be voted on at the League's annual general meeting in June.

GLUM Edgeware Town FC skipper, Dennis Flaherty, receives his runners-up trophy from County FA president, Harold Whiddon, after his side's debut in the Mid-Down Senior Cup Final at Hayes on Monday.

A second half penalty miss by Steve Newing was the turning point of the game. Staines went straight up the other end to score their opening goal and went on to win the match by 2-1.

"We are all choked by it," said Edgeware boss, Brian Rider afterwards.

"I honestly thought we would win. After being 0-0 after the first half against the wind we should have capitalised, but the penalty miss changed the course of the game."

More pictures and match report, pages 76 and 77.



Ripley leaves Borough for the Manor.

HARROW Borough have transferred striker Paul Ripley to Division One strugglers Ruislip Manor.

Tony Smith has also left the club to join Chalfont St Peter to try and help them out in similar difficulties.

Borough are away to St Albans on Saturday and will be without Andy Pruton who starts a four match suspension for his sending off against Ayestbury.

Jason Shaw and Bob Booker are struggling with injuries

but Jason Court has now got over his back problem.

Charlie Flaherty is serving a suspension for accumulated bookings and misses Wembley's home game with promotion chasing Tooting on Saturday.

Guilimo Grazioli, away at Easter, should be back and available for selection.

John Shahaban is serving a four match ban and misses Wealdstone's Beazer Homes League visit to Baldock.

Paul Holohan's recurring leg injury makes him doubtful. With Andy Hopping away in the West Indies for the next

two weeks, manager Fred Callaghan has had to hastily sign up a couple of keepers to fill in during his absence.

Scott McCreish has an Achilles tendon injury but is expected to be fit for Edgeware's visit to Collier Row.

Kingsbury should select from a full squad for their home game with Cove.

Raysers Lane are away to Cinderford Town on Saturday and have no injury problems as they face a side just below them in the league.

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DIADORA LEAGUE		Premier Division	
Staveley Barn.	32 25	4 7	74
Chesterham Utd.	32 21	7	40
Exelst.	32 19	5	22
Hatfield	32 10	7	45
St Albans City	32 9	9	45
Canterbury	32 8	11	44
Sutton Utd.	32 8	8	25
Kings Norton	32 7	13	44
Harrow Barn.	32 6	11	48
Hendon	32 4	13	39
Aylesbury Utd.	32 4	13	34
Hayes	32 3	17	47
Dulwich Harlequin	32 2	17	46
Yeading	34 9	15	43
Bromley	34 7	17	42
Melrose	32 7	11	33
Wokingham T.	35 5	20	39
Grays A.F.C.	34 4	22	38
Dorset	34 4	24	32
Basingstoke T.	37 5	12	30
Widnes T.	36 5	22	38

Stoke	33 13	7	43	48
Widnes	37 13	9	43	44
Uxbridge	34 12	7	15	45
Chesham	35 11	8	15	43
Northfleet	35 11	8	15	42
Midlehurst	36 8	15	39	47
Rushley Man.	34 7	21	34	27
Widley & E.	35 7	23	38	38
Chalfont St P.	37 5	12	33	20
Chesham	37 3	3	31	34

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