

SPORT

Wembley give manager Glen a three point birthday boost

Wembley 3 Barking 0
WEMBLEY gave manager Glen Charles a welcome birthday present on Tuesday night with an impressive performance and three points from their third win of the season over their Essex rivals, writes John Conforti.

The Lions opened their account in the 29th minute. Henry Clark's inswinging corner kick totally deceived keeper Tony Williams and Guiliano Graziosi forced the ball home at the far post.

A second goal two minutes before the break deflated the visitors. A superb move down the left ended with Graziosi providing the telling pass for Lance Codogan to shoot past the helpless Williams.

Horace Nelson might have reduced the arrears when he broke clear early in the second half but was denied by a goal saving tackle from the outstanding Steve Daly.

And it was another of Wembley's star defenders, Charlie Flaherty, who put the issue beyond doubt in the 82nd minute. He collected a quickly taken throw in by Liam Doyle, 30 yards out, ghosted past a defender and then unleashed a blockbuster of a shot that crashed into the top left hand corner of the net.

Wembley: Fenner, Flaherty, Clark, Doyle, Codogan (Goalkeeper), Daly, Ahmed, Lawrence, Smith (DeBrue), Bates, Garsdal.

Wealdstone a soft touch for Dunstable

Dunstable 1 Wealdstone 0
AFTER two excellent results, Stones were brought back down to earth on Tuesday when they lost to a soft goal in a poor performance at Dunstable, writes Graham Smith.

The only goal of a bad game came in the 69th minute as both benches were trying to attract the referee's attention to bring on substitutes. With the unskilful Stones defence waiting for the substitutions to take place, Dunstable took a quick free kick which found Quarman and his minkicked shot went over Barry Gartell who got a hand to it but could not prevent it going over the line.

Stones were not without their chances. Their best in the first half came when Tony Anglin found Vic Schwartz and his cross was hit first time by Andy Hedge, but Marshall saved well.

In the second half Anglin put John Steward clear but with just Marshall to beat, he blasted over.

After the Dunstable goal Stones brought on both Chris Gibson and young Mark Drury but they never looked like scoring and suffered their first loss to their Bedfordshire rivals in four meetings this season.

Wembley: Fenner, M. Brown, Augustine, Dennis, Joubert, Williams, Anglin, Drummy (Gibson), Stewart, Schwartz, Hedge (Drury).

Hopley's late try gets Wasps home

WASPS consolidated their Courage League third position with a narrow 16-15 victory at Bristol on Tuesday night, writes Alan Bealson.

Tainton kicked five penalties for the west country side, and his fifth in the 77th minute looked to have given his side their first league win over Wasps. However, the Sudbury men stormed back

and Phil Hopley scrambled over in the corner for the try that gave Wasps the points.

Skipper Dean Ryan had earlier registered a try and fly half Chris Brathwaite marked his League debut by kicking two penalties.

Brathwaite is likely to continue at stand-off on Saturday when Wasps take on Northampton in their last home League game of

the season. Rob Andrew, who has not played since England duty against Wales a month ago, will not risk aggravating a back injury with England's tour to South Africa imminent.

Saturday sees the final appearance at Sudbury in Wasps shirts of Fran Clough and Jeff Probyn who are Bedford bound next season. The Saints were tipped to chal-

lenge for honours at the start of the season but a poor run almost saw them flirt with relegation. Recent results have improved and they are now challenging for third place, so a Wasps win is vital.

Wasps scrum half Steve Bates has been added to England's squad for South Africa following the withdrawal of Kieran Bracken of Bristol.

£17,000 facelift for Vale Farm

Troubled pitch set for overhaul

WEMBLEY'S troublesome Vale Farm pitch is to get a £17,000 overhaul in the summer.

The pitch has caused the cancellation of countless fixtures this season, and on the few occasions when it has been deemed 'fit for play,' the boglike surface has done nothing to encourage the free flowing football sought by manager Glen Charles from his team.

Now club chairman Brian Gumm has decided that enough is enough and has swung into action to finally end the problem.

When the season ends in May the pitch will be dug up and a new drainage system installed.

The work, which will involve the burying of sieve like plastic pipes in a layer of shingle several feet down, and then sand slitting just below the surface, will take up to three months to

complete, but when finished should finally end the constant periods of inaction experienced by the Lions this season during above average rainfall.

To help ease the pressure of use on their pitch, Mr Gumm has also acquired the use of the central area within the Vale Farm Sports Centre's athletics track on which a new pitch will be marked out.

The Suburban League have passed the ground as acceptable for their fixtures and next season Wembley will use it for reserve team matches.

With youth team fixtures also being transferred to the athletics track pitch, it will take considerable pressure off the use of the main ground which will then be used only for first team and ladies team fixtures during the three years which it is expected it will take for the new drainage system to bed in

Lions looking for cup revenge over Borough

WEMBLEY will be looking to avenge last season's Middlesex Senior Cup Final defeat tonight (Thursday) when they take on neighbours Harrow Borough in the Middlesex Charity Cup at Vale Farm.

The competition is the last hope of honours for both clubs this season and after losing their grip on the Senior Cup, holders Borough will not be too anxious to let this one slip away as well.

Reserve team players brought in recently by Glen Charles have impressed sufficiently to give the Wembley boss a selection problem, but both Paul Shields and Kenny Page - rested for Tuesday's game with Barking - can expect a recall. Guiliano Graziosi, who has a hamstring injury, could be doubtful.

Borough have Graham Westley and Bob Booker doubtful with hamstring injuries but Andy Prutton returns after suspension.

Impressive performances by stand-in Barry Gartell are likely to keep Andy Hopping out of the Wealdstone side to face Witney on Saturday following

his return from holiday.

Rod Brathwaite is doubtful with an achilles tendon injury but both Paul Brown and John Shanahan are available after suspensions.

Edgware will be without the injured Scott McGeish and the unavailable Eugene Flynn for the visit of Harnet tonight and Paul Ferry is struggling with a groin injury.

Gerry Brennan has completed his suspension and is available for Kingsbury's home game with Harefield on Saturday.

Rayners Lane will be without injured skipper Gerry Hyman, the unavailable Ashley Cumberbatch and Tony Verm, who is going into hospital for a nose operation, for their home game with Abingdon.

However, Danny Haigh will be available to play.



● Aiming for GB places - Andrew and Ronald Robson.

BROTHERS Andrew and Ronald Robson are to get their chance to compete for a place in the Great Britain The Kwon Do team - thanks to the Observer.

The brothers - Andrew 7, and Ronald 11 - live in Howberry Close, Canons Park, and have shown considerable potential for the sport but seemed likely to miss the British The Kwon Do Federation Championships in Doncaster on Sunday because of the expense involved.

However, the Observer has stepped in with £100 towards their expenses and now they're Doncaster bound with their sights firmly set on a British team place.

"With coaching fees, entry fees and travelling expenses, it's a lot of expense," said their father Paul Robson.

Banstead Ath 1 Edgware Town 3

EDGWARE bounced back from Saturday's poor showing against Aldenham to record a fine win at Banstead on Tuesday night.

Laurence Murphy, called up following the late withdrawal of Scott McGeish for his first game in the first team for nine months after a knee operation, performed well up front and he had a hand in Edgware's opener in the 10th minute.

He put Paul Ferry through for a fierce shot that was parried by the keeper and John Coleman followed up to lash home the loose ball.

Edgware increased their lead in the 20th minute when Steve Salliman crossed for Ferry to crack home from six yards, but poor defending allowed the home side to reduce the arrears after 33 minutes when a free kick was headed in by an unchallenged Banstead forward.

Banstead came at Edgware in the early stages of the second half and came close to an equaliser with an effort that hit the bar. But Edgware regained control and sealed the match when the ball was cleared to Steve Newing 35 yards out and he crashed the ball back over the keeper into the net.

Edgware's win could have been more emphatic. Newing later had two good efforts tipped over by the keeper and he fired another fierce shot onto the crossbar.

Edgware: Harvey, Mitchell, Morgan, Sam, Finney, Coleman, Harrik, Ferry, Salliman, Murphy, Neatley, Sims; Lout, Sander.

New date for Sutton clash

HARROW Borough's League game with Sutton United, called off due to a waterlogged Earlsmead pitch on Saturday, has been rearranged for Monday May 2, kick off 3pm.

West 45 winners
 1150 10-14-705; 275 10-12-230; 205 A-40-607; 200 2-11-205; 220 number 5266.

PRATTS MOTOR INSURANCE

Established 60 Years

ASK US TO QUOTE OUR LOWEST RATE FOR YOUR CAR

OPEN EVENINGS AND SATURDAY

Open: 9.00am-9.00pm Monday-Friday
 9.00am-5.00pm Saturday

IMMEDIATE COVER FROM OUR OFFICE AT

40 LONG LANE HILLINGDON

TEL: UXBRIDGE (0895) 232212

Court completes hat-trick

Grays Ath 0 Harrow Borough 1

BOROUGH completed a hat-trick of clean sheet away wins in the space of seven days when they triumphed over adversity at the Recreation ground on Tuesday night, writes Tony Booth.

With their squad stretched by injuries, they contained spirited opponents and consolidated their ninth place in the Premier Division.

On a rock hard, uneven surface, Grays main attacking play was a barrage of long, high and often aimless balls. Borough coped well with this but found they had to resort to much of the same if they were to be successful on the night.

Ironically the only time Grays did try real football, they almost scored. Whittingham collected a loose ball in midfield and set off on a

run at goal, firing a shot against the crossbar and over.

Apart from that, the Borough defence, well marshalled by Graham Pearce and again boosted by the agility of David Hook, was rarely in trouble.

At the other end the determined Neil Fraser went close with a shot that was deflected just wide but it took some wing magic in the last minute to clinch the points.

Lee Enderby overcame the intimidatory tactics of Goldstone and rounded the burly defender four times before looping a cross over the home keeper for Jason Court to gymnastically net the ball at the far post.

Harrow Borough: Hick, Knight, Enderby (Myers), Pearce, Barsted, O'Connor, Metcalfe, Shaw (Court), Harlock, Fraser, Berrington.

Flint Insurance

Registered Insurance Brokers

COMPETITIVE QUOTATIONS FOR MOTOR INSURANCE

SPECIAL RATES FOR:

- Young Drivers
- High Performance Cars
- Hot Hatches!!

HOUSEHOLD INSURANCE

Buildings and Contents

TEL: 081-427 6464

Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30
 or 0322 555230
 Sat 9.30-12.30

C. C. FLINT & CO LTD.,
 81 HEADSTONE GARDENS,
 HARROW, MIDDOX.