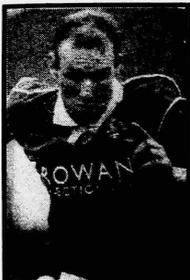


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Borough in a rage at ref as they crash out



● Andy Prutton - sent off.

Staines Tn 5 Harrow Borough 3
NORTH Harrow referee Robert Hintze was far from being Borough's favourite person on Saturday as his wildly inconsistent officiating played a considerable part in their shock FA Cup demise at Staines.

The 56th minute dismissal of Borough skipper Andy Prutton, which proved to be the turning point of the game, perfectly illustrated the variance in Mr Hintze's decisions.

Prutton had earlier been booked for an innocuous foul on Staines full back Malcolm Dickenson, which contrasted markedly with incidents such as the lack of a caution when Borough's Paul Ripley was tripped from behind by Town midfielder Steve Becks.

And when defender Peter Bartlett failed to get a yellow card when he de-

liberately handled to break up a Borough attack, Prutton not surprisingly questioned the judgement of Mr Hintze as Borough's Graham Pearce had been booked for a similar offence in the first half. His reward from the consistently inconsistent referee was a second yellow card and his dismissal.

Borough fell apart after that although it has to be said that their abysmal defending did not help their cause, and had it not been for the excellence of goalkeeper David Hook the outcome could have been even more humiliating.

It had all looked good for Borough when they opened the scoring in the 17th minute after clearing their lines

from a corner. Lee Enderby laid off a perfect ball for Paul McKay and he slotted the ball past Phillips which went in off the far post.

The free kick awarded for Pearce's handling offence led to the Staines equaliser in the 23rd minute. Lively's free kick found Grainger unmarked at the far post and he headed home.

Eight minutes later and Staines were in front. O'Connor appeared to be fouled by Williams on the right, but the kick was given to Staines and this time Lively picked out Taylor who was unchallenged as he slotted past Hook.

After Prutton's dismissal Staines took control and they scored a third goal after 59 minutes when Lively's cross was knocked down by Darlington for Williams to fire home. Another followed three minutes later when Ben

Marskell lost the ball to Taylor on half-way and the Staines player strode away to shoot past Hook.

Pearce's misheaded clearance let Darlington in to hook home a fifth for Staines, despite Dave Bensted's attempt to pull him down, before Borough made the scoreline a little more respectable with two generously awarded penalties both converted by Graham Westley in the last 10 minutes. Westley tumbled over when challenged by Bartlett to earn the first and the second was awarded when Croxford clambered all over Bensted. But they came too late to prevent an embarrassing exit from the competition for Borough.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Marskell (Westley), O'Connor, Pearce, Bensted, McKay (Lawford), Prutton, Banning, Ripley, Fraser, Enderby. **Other sub:** Bettacini.

Lane give visitors a winning welcome

Rayners Lane 0 Purton 2
PURTON paid their first ever visit to Lane on Saturday and the hosts gave them the best possible welcome - gifting them three points with a performance that at best could only be described as lack lustre.

To be fair Purton worked hard and deserved their success because they wanted to win. By contrast, Lane thought it would happen for them without any effort and they paid the price after 20 minutes. A sloppy free kick presented Purton with the ball and after a couple of feeble tackles had failed to recover it, it was played unfield where Meaney chested the ball into the path of an opponent who ran through to score.

At the other end Matt Harris missed from close range and a couple of good runs by Paul Thompson came to nothing, but it was Purton who added to the scoreline just before the break when they broke to score with Lane vainly appealing for offside.

Lane put tremendous pressure on the Purton defence at the start of the second half and Thompson was unlucky with a cross shot which beat the keeper but came back off a post and Lee Bicknell's follow up shot went straight into the keeper's arms.

Woodward and Thompson were also just off target and Roland Matthews also went close but it was not to be Lane's day and their misery was completed with 10 minutes to go when they were reduced to 10 men when substitute Junior Smith was taken off to have stitches in a head wound.

Rayners Lane: Randall, Clements, Haigh, Meaney (Metcalfe), Matthews, Woodward, Bicknell, Howarth, Spree, Thompson, Harris (Smith).

Lane taken to a replay
Hillingdon Borough 1
Rayners Lane 1

EXTRA time failed to break the deadlock between Lane and Borough in this Middlesex Senior Cup tie.

Lane started brightly and they took the lead when Paul Thompson broke away on the left and his accurate cross was headed home by Tony Verni. Thompson was unlucky not to score minutes later when he crashed a shot onto the crossbar from the edge of the box.

After this Lane were gradually forced back and Hillingdon equalised from a corner.

Rayners Lane: Bushkas, Clements, Haigh, Meaney, Matthews, Woodward, Howard, S.Hodge (Metcalfe), Spire (Bicknell), Verni, Thompson.

Wembley's Cup wonders give Welling a walloping

Welling Utd 1 Wembley 4

OBVIOUSLY Wembley's brilliant win over Conference side Welling in the FA Cup on Saturday will go down in the annals of the club as one of their greatest ever triumphs.

But perhaps more frightening was that the Lions never needed to reach top gear to achieve this victory and woe betide their opponents when they eventually do so.

In truth, despite their status, Welling were a very mediocre outfit and Wembley would have been very disappointed had they not won this 2nd qualifying round tie. But, after a dreary, goalless first half, it appeared that the Lions were going to miss their chance.

A number of factors contributed to the visitors' lack lustre start. The late arrival of several players forced manager Glen Charles to alter his plans and give an unexpected debut to Mark McGinty, the sloping pitch, and a whistle happy referee. But most evident was that Wembley showed their illustrious hosts too much respect.

A disgruntled Charles soon realised this and told his side so during half time. After the break the Lions were transformed and a stirring display followed during which they totally dismantled and demoralised the Welling defence.

Guiliano Grazziosi scored Wembley's first

By Richard Markiewicz

goal in the 61st minute, shrugging off his marker to latch onto Charlie Flaherty's superb through pass before neatly placing his strike between the diving Les Cleevely and his right hand post.

A couple of minutes later Grazioli made it 2-0, clipping the ball with an outstretched boot over the advancing Cleevely after Steve Lawrence had hooked a Flaherty free kick into the danger area.

Welling pulled a goal back in the 72nd minute when Mike Rutherford forced the ball over the line following a goalmouth melee and Wembley had to survive a few anxious moments before they went on the rampage again.

Henry Clark, with an exquisite low, curling 20 yard free kick, restored the two goal, lead nine minutes later and Kenny Page notched a fourth goal, taking Andy Smith's cross and twisting his way into the area to slot the ball home and complete the rout in the final minute.

In the third qualifying round Wembley are at home to old rivals Walton and Hensham.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, O'Brien, Shields, Daly, Doyle, Lawrence, Smith, McGinty (Page), Grazziosi (Sakhrout).



● Southall defenders shy away as a Kingsbury shot powers towards goal.

Town off the top as unbeaten run ends

Kingsbury Town 1 Southall 3

KINGSBURY lost their unbeaten league record and with it their place at the top of the Diadora Division Three table with this defeat at the hands of Southall on Saturday.

It was a victory that the visitors deserved for they were clearly anxious to end Town's run, and showed a greater determination throughout.

An uncharacteristic error by keeper Darren Bonfield set Southall on their way as early as the 5th minute. Jon Bates headed a cross into the keeper's hands but he let the ball slip through his grasp and into the net.

Seven minutes later Roger Moses headed home to double the visitors' lead.

Kingsbury fought back and Graham Ash had a 20 yard effort well held by Kenny Lavender who also made a great save to deny Gerry Brennan.

But at half time Southall's lead was still intact and when Steve Fraser notched a third goal in the 75th minute, Kingsbury's hope of a revival were finally killed off.

They did pull a goal back a minute from time when Nelson Kumah cleverly lobbed over Lavender into the net, but by then their record was already long gone.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Moore, Parkin, Evans, Stewart, Elliott, Brennan, Haywood, Sibanda, Nelson (Kumah), Ash (Whylock).

Edgware bow out with heads held high

Aylesbury Utd 2 Edgware Town 0

EDGWARE gave a good account of themselves before bowing out of the FA Cup to Premier Division Aylesbury on Saturday.

The visitors survived early pressure from the home side with Keith Harvey superbly keeping out a goalbound shot from Cliff Hercules and John Mangan clearing off the line after Dansey had chipped over the keeper.

But they hit back with Colin Chance having a header well saved by Paul O'Reilly and felt they should have had a penalty when Eugene Flynn had his shirt pulled as he tried to get onto the end of a Steve Newing free kick.

Aylesbury opened the scoring after 36 minutes. Dansey beat Dave Sue on the left and his cross found Hercules who turned past Mangan and shot home.

However, Edgware were always in with a chance and before the break Chance twice got clear, stumbling over the ball on the first occasion and having his shot saved on the second.

They had two even better chances early in the second half, both missed by John.

He headed over an open goal from Newing's cross, and minutes later miskicked straight to O'Reilly after being put clear by Newing.

Later Flynn headed wide of an open goal from Newing's cross and Edgware were made to pay for those misses in the 75th minute when Aylesbury scored their second goal, Blencowe's long shot evading two defenders and beating the unsuspected Harvey.

Harvey saved a penalty a minute later after Steve Sailsman had harshly been adjudged to have handled, but the game was already out of the reach of Edgware who visibly tired in the remaining minutes.

Edgware: Harvey, Sue, Finnerty, Mangan, Sailsman (Simms), Coleman, Flynn, Ferry, Chance (Thompson), Newing, John.



● Kingsbury on the attack in Saturday's game with Southall.

Stones get away day boost from Elward

Witney Town 0 Wealdstone 2

TWO goals from the outstanding Gerry Elward gave ever improving Stones an excellent victory over previously unbeaten Witney on Saturday - a result which lifted them up to third place in the League table.

A dreadful pitch didn't make things easy for Stones but they adapted well and almost scored as early as the 4th minute when Roddy Braithwaite sent Billy Hudson clear but keeper Alder

By Graham Smith

came out to smother his shot.

Braithwaite also went close with two good efforts before Stones opened their account in the 23rd minute, Elward firing low past Alder from a free kick from just outside the box.

Four minutes later Elward set up Simon Quail whose volley went inches

wide, but after that the Stones defence came under a lot of pressure but they held out well and went in at half time still a goal to the good.

Quail was unlucky five minutes after the restart when he hit the crossbar and soon after he had a fierce shot superbly saved by Alder.

Elward then put Steve Mattis through but again the alert Witney keeper prevented a goal at the expense of a corner.

However, with six minutes remaining Stones clinched three valuable points with a second goal. Hudson found Quail and his perfect cross was headed home by man of the match Elward.

Stones have now won more away games this season than they did in the whole of last season.

Wealdstone: Gartell, Shanahan, Solomon, M.Hill, Findley, Mason, Elward, Kent, Quail, Braithwaite (Mattis), Hudson. **Other subs:** McGrath, D.Hill.

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