

SPORT

SOCCER

Ten man Lions gun down not so hot Shots

Wembley 2 Aldershot Town 1
THE resolute Lions, reduced to ten men for the final nine minutes, recorded an excellent win over hot Division One title favourites Aldershot on Saturday.

It was not a vintage Wembley performance, but significantly it ended their recent winless run as they battled throughout to claim three points.

Such was the importance of this game that many of Glen Charles' injured men, including Charlie Flaherty, who bravely played despite a broken toe, made themselves avail-

By Richard Markiewicz

This was perhaps the reason for Wembley's tentative start as Aldershot put them under pressure from the opening whistle. But the Lions stubbornly held out and endured only one real anxious moment when a Steve Daley clearance rolled along the goalline, hitting the inside of the post before it was hacked to safety.

Realising that Aldershot were not as impressive as their reputation sug-

gested, Wembley came out of their shell and began to string a few good moves together. And they eventually silenced the large contingent of visiting supporters by taking the lead in the 22nd minute when Kenny Page forced home a Flaherty corner.

Flaherty almost added a second goal with a stinging long range drive which keeper Mark Watson gathered at the second attempt. But the Shots equalised eight minutes later. Andy Smith could only half clear a left wing cross and the ball fell at the feet of Steve Stairs who thumped it into

the roof of the net.

Undaunted, the Lions quickly hit back and after a Page effort was deflected onto the crossbar in the 40th minute, Paul Shields deftly flicked in Matthew Catlin's ensuing corner at the near post to make it 2-1.

Some shocking Shots 8-2 at the start of the second half nearly led to another goal by Giuliano Grazzoli who burst clear only to be foiled by a fine save from the onrushing Watson. A third Wembley goal would have killed the game, but instead a dour and scrappy battle commenced

as the visitors went in search of another equaliser.

Wembley stood firm and the Shots were forced to increase the tempo, but when Ashley Cumberbatch was sent off for committing a second bookable offence in the 81st minute, it appeared that the Lions were about to wilt. But the dismissal galvanised Wembley's resolve and they steadfastly hung onto their slender lead to achieve a splendid victory.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Catlin, O'Brien, Shields, Daly, Cumberbatch, Bhatia, Smith, Page (McClinty), Grazzoli (Sakhravou).

JUNIOR SOCCER

Depleted Manorians hit eight in cup romp

OLD Manorians gave one of their best displays to thrash Royal Bank of Scotland 8-2 in the AFA Cup, despite having only ten men for an hour.

Colin Davis notched four goals and others came from Simon Colborn 2, Charlie Kane and David Smith.

Manorians Reserves stormed to a 4-1 victory over Old Haberdashers in the London Old Boys Intermediate Cup (Round 2, Toward Kirk and May were their marksmen. Andy Morley, Derek Smith and Darren Phillips scored for Manorians 3rds in their 3-1 win over Old Hendonians.

Other results: Manorians 4th 2 (Oyed, o. p.), Tenonians 4th 6; Manorians 5th 3 (Heron 2, Taylor); West Wickham 5th 4; Manorians 6th 7 (Sara 3, Blackburn 2, Bata, Valentin), Middlesbrough 2.

Old Lysonsians won a competitive AFA Cup game away to SHI Hill in Solihull thanks to goals from Mark Piddich and John Jeffrey which gave them a 2-1 victory.

Esborough made an inauspicious exit from the County Cup at the hands of West Hendon 1-0 although Andy Carr went close with a header in the opening minutes his side displayed a tactical naivety by failing to take full advantage of a strong wind in the first half.

They fell behind to a powerful header just before half time and battled gamely to get back on terms before two late goals settled the tie. Once again Mark Tibbles was outstanding at the back, receiving good support from Hement Patel and Gary Allen.

Despite opening the scoring through Rob Message, Larkspur Rovers went out by 3-1 after extra time against The Ickenhams.

Fort well taken goals by Michael Hooker and Alana Tavara on their way to an 8-2 success over Tara Ramblers. Selwyn Ward 2, Reggie Barton and man of the match Darren Brown also netted.

5th Division Kodak 2nds beat 4th Division Rank Xerox 2-1 in the London Commercial League Intermediate Cup thanks to Mark Grainger's extra time winner. Gary Gray scored Kodak's other goal.

Districts Line proved tough opponents for Kodak 3rds but goals from Danny Rees and Dave Seabrook earned them a 2-2 draw. Kodak 1stb lost 1-0 to top of the table 5th Club.

CROSS COUNTRY Parkside off to fine start in League

PARKSIDE Ladies AC made a good start to the Southern Women's Cross Country League on Saturday over a tough Frimley course.

The senior team finished in an excellent 3rd place, led home by Andrea Whitcombe, who finished 3rd individually. Michelle Harries and Naimh Keane ran well to finish 21st and 31st respectively while Hannah Bowers completed the team in 70th place.

The Parkside minors packed well to finish 8th. Rebecca Nicholas came 60th, Frances Vosper 65th, Sarah Bell 66th and Jacinta Lynch 68th.

Clare Thomas ran a good race to come 14th for the under-15s which came 13th. Other scoring members were Tracy O'Neill (60th), Natalie Morris (84th) and Charlotte Petaway (96th).

The juniors were unfortunately without a fourth scorer to complement their good runs. All Outram ran superbly to finish a close 2nd and was followed by Katherine Duley in 44th and Louise Duley who came 64th despite a swollen ankle.

Partake placings
Seniors: 3 Andrea Whitcombe 19:57; 21 Michelle Harries 21:31; 31 Naimh Keane 23:40; Hannah Bowers 26:23. Team: 3rd.

Juniors (under-20): 2 Alison Outram 19:42; 64 Louise Duley 21:19.

Girls (under-15): 14 Clare Thomas 14:15; 80 Tracy O'Neill 15:34; 84 Natalie Morris 16:14; 96 Charlotte Petaway 16:35; 101 Joanna Lynch 16:58; 121 Jeanette Green 18:46; 125 Natalie Hilliard 20:08. Team: 13th.

Minors (under-13): 60 Rebecca Nicholas 12:22; 85 Frances Vosper 12:27; 66 Sarah Bell 2:28; 68 Jacinta Lynch 12:33; 79 Tracy Bennett 13:10; 81 Laura Turner 13:15; 86 Naimh Keane 13:30; 99 Lauren Dean 14:40. Team: 8th.

Borough keep on piling up goals

By John Comfort

Harrow Borough 5 Molesey 2

THE Borough goal machine keeps rumbung on. The five that buried Molesey on Saturday brought their tally to a remarkable 23 in their last six matches and lifted them up to 6th in the Premier Division table.

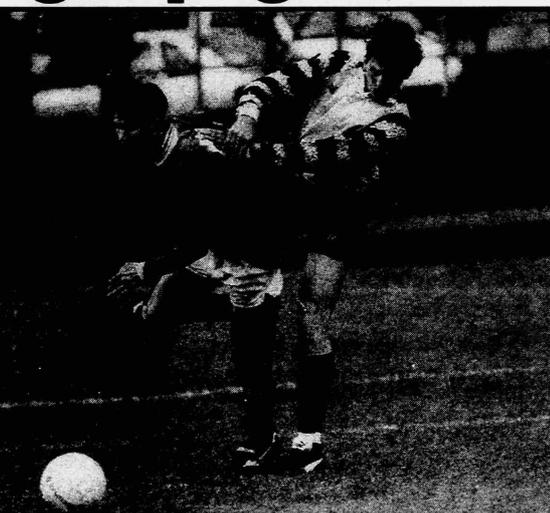
The free scoring Neil Fraser and Graham Westley helped themselves to a brace apiece and there was a rare goal for Tony Knight, but Borough could easily have doubled their score had Molesey keeper David Brace been more obliging.

Brace showed his worth to the visitors in the opening minutes as Borough piled on early pressure. Fraser and Westley both got in on goal only to be denied by the keeper who also did well to keep out Graham Pearce's free kick after it took a wicked deflection.

Borough eventually found a way past Brace in the 34th minute. A good build up ended with Eamon O'Connor crossing accurately from the left and Fraser headed home as the far post.

Molesey hit back strongly before the break and Borough disappointingly conceded an equaliser in injury time, Hanlan turning superbly on Ratue's kick-in to volley past David Hook.

The hosts quickly struggled off that setback, regaining the lead five minutes into the sec-



● A Molesey defender uses less than legitimate means to halt the progress of Borough's Christian Metcalfe.

ond half. A great ball from Paul McKay put Fraser away on the right and his low cross was swept home by Westley.

Seven minutes later Westley returned the compliment. He raced through onto Christian Metcalfe's great pass down the left and lobbed over Brace to the far post where Fraser tucked the ball home.

Another fine build up led to Borough's fourth goal in the 76th minute. McKay sent Fraser away on the right and his cross was knocked back across goal by Westley for Knight to prod home.

A magnificent run past a succession of defenders from halfway by Westley ended with a low shot into the corner

of the net for Borough's fifth in the 86th minute and right on time the visitors made the scoreline more respectable when Hanlan slotted home after Harrow's defence failed too clear a Rattue corner.

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Braintree 0 Wealdstone 3

STONES recorded their best league win of the season on Saturday when they beat Braintree at Crossing Road.

Once again Wealdstone started off brightly and were unlucky not to score after just two minutes when new signing Richard Buzaglio found his brother Tim but his shot was just wide of the far post.

New keeper Kevin Robbins, standing in for the injured Barry Gartell, was in action, coming out quickly to prevent Cranfield from scoring when he latched onto a through ball, and then when Grice put McLeod clear Terry Birch was on hand with a timely tackle.

A minute before the break John Shanahan had a good chance for Stones but he put his shot straight into the arms of keeper Desborough.

Braintree should have gone ahead eight minutes into

By Graham Smith

the second half when Duncan's cross was headed onto the bar by Simpson and a minutes later it was Stones who opened the scoring when Tim Buzaglio's pass was struck home by Tyrone Kent.

Stones made it 2-0 after 73 minutes. A long cross ball from Tommy Mason found Tim Buzaglio who looked up and saw his brother free and Richard's shot beat Desborough to make him yet another player to score on his debut for the club this season.

Nine minutes later a Kent corner was fumbled by Desborough and Simon Quail crashed home the loose ball to complete the scoring.

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Stones out of luck

Margate 3 Wealdstone 1

STONES scored first but eventually came away with nothing from Hartsdown Park last Tuesday, writes Graham Smith.

Wealdstone dominated the opening exchanges and were rewarded with a goal in the 9th minute. Tommy Mason's free kick picked out Darryl Page and he cut inside and found John Shanahan who shot past keeper Hudson from close range.

However, Margate equalised 10 minutes later when Manning's corner was headed by Allon over Barry Gartell and into the top corner of the net and on the stroke of half time Margate took the lead when Elsey's shot beat the advancing Gartell at the near post.

Three minutes into the second half the home side went further ahead as the unmarked Allon shot home from Cuggy's corner.

Stones hit back and had appeals for a penalty ignored by a poor referee when Gerry Solomon was brought down in the area, then Darryl Page was unlucky with two good efforts that were saved by Hudson. But despite their efforts, Stones could not break down Margate's defence again.

Wealdstone: Gartell, Jukes, Solomon, M. Hill, Page, Mason, Kent, Shanahan, T. Buzaglio, Mattis (Findley), Hudson (Birch). Other sub: D. Hill.

Lane paid for lax play when a shot crashed against the bare and the rebound was netted to reduce the arrears for Yarnon.

But the visitors had the last word when Thompson, under pressure, seemed to have lost the ball but somehow managed to get a foot to it and prodded it under the keeper's body into the net to complete his hat-trick.

Yarnon Lane: Randall, Haigh, Mills (Ibansatan), Woodward, Matthews, Harrison, Clements, Bird, Howard, Verni, Thompson. Other sub: Metcalfe.

Edgware persevered and when Reeves fouled Thompson 20 yards out, Newing cracked a beautiful free kick over the defensive wall into the net for the equaliser.

In the second half a good 25 yarder was well saved by Little and the keeper also produced a fantastic save to keep out Newing's 35 yard effort.

However, on 77 minutes it was Croydon who edged in front, Norris hitting a fine volley past Harvey.

Best rounded Sailsman sent a great shot past the hapless Harvey to make it 4-2 and although Sailsman, Newing, Thompson and Ted John all came close in the remaining minutes, Little kept the visitors at bay to assure Croydon a distinctly flattering victory.

Edgware: Harvey, A. Dale, Sailsman, Fy, Finnerty, John, Flynn, Coleman, J. Dale, Newing, Thompson. Other sub: Fery.

Kingsbury let victory slip away in injury time

Clapton 3 Kingsbury Town 3
KINGSBURY snatched a draw from the jaws of victory on Saturday, conceding two stoppage time goals to come away with only a point when three had seemed inevitable.

Town had opened the scoring in the 17th minute when Dennis O'Rourke's kick in was headed home by Anthony Sibanda, but they squandered the chance of a second goal when Ian Brown-Peterside had a 22nd minute penalty saved by keeper Miles after Donaghue had been brought down in the area.

Brown-Peterside made amends in the 42nd minute when he slotted Kingsbury into a 2-0 lead after Sibanda had headed down a Donaghue cross, but a minute from the break Clapton pulled one back, Thompson heading home at the far post.

Kingsbury struck swiftly in the second half, Mark Ivers heading home Dennis O'Rourke's cross with only two minutes gone, and they looked to be heading for a comfortable win when Darren Bonfield saved Campbell's penalty after a dubious handball decision.

However, a minute into stoppage time Mason fired home to reduce the arrears for Clapton and three further minutes had elapsed when poor Kingsbury defending allowed Campbell to force in a shock equaliser from a kick in.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Whylock, D. O'Rourke, Evans, Kerry, Elliot, Brown-Peterside, Forest, Sibanda, Ivers, Donaghue.

Rampant Lane have one over the eight

Yarnon 1 Rayners Lane 9

LANE duly trounced bottom of the table Yarnon to record their biggest ever goal tally in the Hellenic League which was a foregone conclusion after they had scored twice in the opening ten minutes.

Lane took three minutes to open the scoring when a cross by Haigh was diverted into the net by a defender under pressure from Thompson and a few minutes later the visitors went further ahead, Thompson and Verni interpassing before Verni fired home.

After 15 minutes the Yarnon keeper came out to punch clear under pressure and the ball found Howard 40 yards out who coolly lobbed it into the unguarded net to make it 3-0.

Efforts by Mills and Bird were only just wide before Lane scored again when Matthews dribbled through and found Verni who tapped home. A long through ball by Clements put Thompson through to the keeper and scored Lane's fifth and both Verni and Harrison were unlucky not to add

to the score as their efforts hit the post.

Next to score was Bird from a Harrison corner, powerfully heading into the roof of the net, and just on half time Thompson interpassed with Howard before beating the keeper to make it 7-0.

The second half should have been the same but Lane contrived to miss countless chances through Haigh, Verni, Thompson and Howard, before they eventually scored when Haigh headed home from a Harrison corner.

Harvey blunders help sink Edgware

Croydon 4 Edgware Town 2

GOALKEEPING errors from Keith Harvey played a large part in Edgware's demise at in form Croydon on Saturday.

The lively home attack had the ascendancy early on but the Edgware defence coped confidently.

Tim Hope wasted Croydon's first real chance in the 20th minute when he lobbed both Harvey and the bar when clean through.

As the game livened up Steve Newing and Les Thompson combined well in a move which led to a spectacular volleyed going close to scoring.

And with 26 minutes gone Edgware took the lead when a free kick from the right was headed back across goal by Steve Sailsman for Eugene Flynn to crash a left foot volley into the net.

By Tom Hooks

Coleman squandered one, attempting an impossible shot with unmarked colleagues better places after a great break by Jason Dale, and later Andy Dale's blocked shot went just over.

However, on 30 minutes Croydon were gifted an equaliser. With no apparent danger, Harvey raced from his area to the right touchline, leaving his goal unprotected, and the ball was crossed for Hope to net at the second attempt, despite the valiant efforts of Sailsman on the line.

Worst followed six minutes later when Harvey's hopeless attempt to cut out Bryant's misdirected cross allowed Best to back header over the keeper into the net to give the home side a fortunate 2-1 lead.

Edgware continued to create chances. John