

# SPORT

## Bartlett blast for chairman

### Boss unhappy at promotion promise

MANAGER Gordon Bartlett gave his chairman, Paul Rumens, a verbal blasting and the fans some wise words of caution amidst all the euphoria over Wealdstone's amazing 9-1 win at Cove in their opening ICIS League Division Three match on Saturday.

The chairman copped it for his promise to supporters in last week's Observer that he was guaranteeing promotion in the club's first ICIS season. "I can't believe he said that," said Bartlett, "I'm far from happy with it."

"Yes, we have shaped up well, and I suppose he's said it because he's so desperate for success."

"But we've got no divine right to win it, it's not going to be easy and it could put extra pressure on the players."

Certainly, the manager has not been consulting his crystal ball. "There are not going to be any predictions from me - not unless we get enough

**By John Comfort**

points to not get caught," he said.

With talk already rife amongst the fans of a championship, never mind just promotion, Bartlett urged them "remember it's a marathon, not a sprint. There are still another 39 games to go."

And he put the club's biggest league win for 57 years in perspective when he said "Cove were a poor side and they were just sitting there waiting to be beaten."

The size of victory will have a two-fold effect. "Psychologically it's a big advantage because it will make the other clubs all sit up and take notice. But it could give us a problem - the chairman will be expecting this every game!"

Stones weren't the only local club hitting the goal trail

on Saturday. Neighbours Harrow Borough had a superb 5-1 win at Hitchin - their best ever away success to start a new campaign.

But over at Vale Farm there was more gloom for Wembley boss Glen Charles. They started last week, losing 2-0 at Whyteleafe, and on Saturday were beaten by the same score by Uxbridge.

They also had skipper Steve Daly and goalkeeper Kevin Beckles sent off, to follow Youssef Sakraoui's dismissal at Whyteleafe.

But Charles is not despondent. "There are no alarm bells and no panic," he said. "I'm looking to strengthen the squad but there won't be many changes and it will be a gradual process."

He has made one new signing this week, snapping up Algerian youth international Sosiane Sardi, a central midfielder who is currently studying in England.

## No goal feast, but Kingsbury are through

**Kingsbury Town 2 Cove 0**  
KINGSBURY couldn't manage as many as Wealdstone against the hapless Cove, but two goals were more than enough on Tuesday to put them into the next round of the Guardian Insurance Cup.

Their opener came on 14 minutes from a Sean Loughlin cross which found Chris Simpson. He laid the ball off to Niall O'Rourke who played a great one-two with Jeb Hughes before firing home.

In the second half Kingsbury doubled their lead on 67 minutes, Nelson Kumah going clear to slot past keeper Boulter.

Kumah twice went close in the latter stages, having a 25-yard volley well saved by Boulter and then just missing the target on a similar job.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, D'Onofrio, Simpson, Zazara, Stuart, Victor, Loughlin (Leslie), Ash (Kenny) (Brown-Potter), Hughes, Kumah, N. O'Rourke.



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## Striking need at Edgware

Edgware Town 2 Harlow 1 AFTER just two matches, Edgware's need for a genuine goalscorer could not be more evident, writes John Comfort.

As in Saturday's League opener with Witham, this Guardian Insurance Cup clash on Tuesday was only close because the Wares were unable to turn a copious supply of chances into goals.

Ted John was a notable offender. He had already got clear but shot wide before Edgware took the lead on 15 minutes, John Coleman firing home after John had wriggled into the box to set up the chance.

But Harlow were level within three minutes, Steve Butler curling a free kick onto the far far post and into the net.

John should have restored Edgware's lead right on the break, but after rounding keeper Lane his weak shot was cleared off the line by retreating defender Page.

Coleman eventually put Edgware back in front 19 minutes into the second half, following up to net after Lane could only partly a stinging close range effort from Gerry Brennan.

But with John, Coleman, Ashmid Ahmed and Steve Newing all missing good chances to sew it up, the home side lived dangerously in the closing stages and only a goal-line clearance from Paul Dale denied Butler an equaliser.

Edgware are at home to Bishops Stortford in the next round.

Edgware: Ward, Murray, Short, Coleman, John, Newing, Ahmed (Ned). Other subs: Petrov, Alger.

### Harrow cup date

HARROW CC bid for a place in the final of the Evening Standard Trophy on Sunday when they take on Essex League club, Weststead, at Payne's Folly, starting at 1pm.

The competition has a £5000 first prize. The final is scheduled to take place at the Posters Oval next month.

Week 11 winners  
£100 10-06-72, £75 10-06-36; £65 A-01-97; £50 2-14-31; £20 member 4798.

## Five more for Wealdstone

Wivenhoe Town 2 Wealdstone 5

THE Wealdstone goal blitz continued at Broad Lane on Tuesday night with a victory over Division Two side Wivenhoe in the Guardian Insurance Cup that, against decidedly better opposition, was possibly a better result than Saturday's drubbing of Cove, writes Graham Smith.

Stones opened the scoring after 24 minutes with the only goal of the half when a Troy Birch volley was tipped onto the bar by Lowe and Mark Ivers followed up to head home.

The first 20 minutes of the second half belonged to Wivenhoe but Stones weathered the storm and went further ahead after 68 minutes, Fergus Moore scoring with a thunderous left foot volley from Chris Walton's corner.

A minute later it was 3-0, Ivers slotting home after playing a good one-two with Steve Fraser.

Wivenhoe scored through Hazell after 72 minutes but a minute later Steve Croad headed home a glorious goal from a Walton free kick to make it 4-1.

Paul Bhatia got Stones' fifth 11 minutes from time after combining well with Marvin Hall before Wivenhoe notched their second through Smith after 82 minutes.

Wivenhoe ended the game with 10 men after Gray was sent off for an awful tackle on Lee Tekell, and Stones finished on top with Hall unlucky with an excellent shot that hit the crossbar.

In the next round Wealdstone are away to Tooting.

Wealdstone: Wild, Marskell, F. Moore, Bhatia, Croad, Tekell, Walton, Yates (Brattwell), Fraser, Ivers (Hall), Birch. Other subs: Shanahan.

## Hat-trick of defeats is not the consistency Glen is seeking

**Basingstoke 2 Wembley 0**  
WEMBLEY'S defeat at Basingstoke on Tuesday was their third successive loss of the new campaign and marks the worst start to any season since 1977, writes Richard Markiewicz.

One harbours great optimism that Glen Charles' undoubtedly talented side will get themselves out of their present rut - but on the evidence of this poor showing they will have to perform a lot, lot better to do so.

Hustled out of their stride by an energetic home side, the Lions were never allowed to settle. Basingstoke dominated throughout and should have scored more than the two goals they eventually netted.

The first arrived in the 14th minute. The Wembley defence was caught napping by a

quickly taken free kick and the unmarked Ben Deighan drilled home the loose ball.

A lengthy goalless gap followed, mainly due to several splendid saves by the competent, but occasionally erratic Kevin Beckles, before Steve Richardson capitalised on a defensive error to fire in Basingstoke's second goal to wrap the game up in the 69th minute.

Inert Wembley never looked like scoring, although near the end Mark McGinty was denied by Paul Cann's brave save.

It was Wembley's third 2-0 defeat in a row, not quite the level of consistency the manager was looking for.

Wembley: Beckles, Wilcock (Murphy), Hollingdale, Walters, Shields, Daly, Barry, Lawrence, Smith, McGinty, Sakraoui (Witter). Other subs: Farrar.

## Edgware, Kingsbury and Stones on FA Cup trail

THE locals hit the FA Cup trail on Saturday with Edgware, Kingsbury Town and Wealdstone all involved in preliminary round ties.

Goal happy Wealdstone, who have hit 14 in two games, go to Cheshunt, for a tie that is being recorded by Sky TV for a Road to Wembley programme.

Stones have an injury free squad and Paul Sheldrick will be in line for selection after being unavailable for Tuesday's game at Wivenhoe.

If a replay is required, it will be played at the White Lion ground on Wednesday, with the scheduled league game against Wingate and Finchley being cancelled.

Edgware travel to Bedford Town with manager Jock McGeish declaring "You don't change a winning side."

despite a less than convincing League Cup win over Harlow in midweek.

If the game ends level the replay will be at Edgware on Tuesday, with Monday's League game with Hungerford being called off.

Steve Evans and Paul Gower are both available after completing suspensions for Kingsbury's visit to Bracknell. But Nelson Kumah is unavailable, while Sean Loughlin and Graham Ash are injury doubts.

Harrow Borough have more injury problems for their league game with Kingsbury, with defender Jason Cook now added to the list.

But Dave Sue could be fit to step in or Ian Williams, signed from Yeading, could make his debut.

With the influx of young

Saturday August 26  
FA Cup preliminary round:  
Bedford Town v Edgware Town;  
Bracknell Town v Kingsbury Town;  
Cheshunt v Wealdstone.

ICIS League Premier Div:  
Harrow Borough v Kingstorian (Earlmead, 3pm).

Wednesday August 30  
Hellenic League: Kidlington v Raynesway.

Monday August 28  
ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Hungerford (White

Lion ground, 3pm)  
Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Essington (Lucas Ave, 3pm).

Tuesday August 29  
Football Combination: OPR v Ipswich (Earlmead, 7pm).

Wednesday August 30  
ICIS League Div Three: Wealdstone v Wingate & Finchley (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

Friendly: Harrow Borough v Brentford (Earlmead, 7.30pm).

## Away start for the Towers

LONDON Towers will begin their new Budweiser Basketball League campaign away to Derby on Saturday September 9.

However, the season opens for Kevin Cadle's team two days earlier, on Thursday September 7, when they take their first tilt at European competition with a first round first leg match against Racing Basket Paris in the Korac Cup at Wembley Court.

The second leg of that tie is in Paris on Wednesday September 13 and that is followed by two tough Budweiser League games, away to champions Sheffield Sharks on Sunday September 17 and at home to Thames Valley Tigers on

Saturday September 23 at Wembley - a game that will be followed by a match between the world famous Harlem Globetrotters and a Kareem Abdul-Jabbar All Star team.

Although it is known that Americans Tony Windless and Danny Lewis have returned, Cadle has yet to announce his new signings for the season. But it is understood they are likely to make the Towers the strongest team, on paper in the league.

On the departures front, Ian Whyte has joined Leopards, while Andrew Bailey has gone to Worthing. Kenny Scott has been released.

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