SPORT

McGleish going?

Edgware boss says 'I've had enough'

By John Comfort

EDGWARE Town FC boss Jock McGleish dramatically tendered his resignation to club chairman Michael Flynn on Tuesday night after his side's 3-2 ICIS League defeat at the hands of Ware.

McGleish, who took over from Brian Rider towards the end of last season, has been less than happy with both the performances and commitment of some of his players and Tuesday's loss - which gave lowly Ware their first points of the season - was clearly the last straw.

After the game he stormed out of the dressing room, tendered his resignation in a brief meeting with the chairman, then promptly left the ground.

Said Mr Flynn afterwards: "He tendered his resignation and I told him not to be so silly but he said he could because he's not under contract."

A meeting between the two, arranged for tonight (Thursday) will finally settle the situation. Afterwards the chairman will be seeing McGleish's assistant, Peter Grant.

"I shall be meeting Jock and the position will be clarified once and for all," he said.

"But at this moment in time I will be expecting Peter Grant to be taking charge of the team for Saturday's game."

If the two agree that McGleish's position has now become untenable, Grant could well end up getting the job permanently.

Jock McGleish was unavailable for comment when the Observer went to press.

● Jock McGleish.

Wares blunder to defeat

Ware 3 Edgware Town 2

DEFENSIVE blunders in the last five minutes saw sad Edgware concede the points to lowly Ware on Tuesday night.

They made a dream start with Peter Petrou shooting in off a post in the 3rd minute, but only a series of excellent saves from Andy Hopping kept them in front before Ware finally drew level with a 35th minute penalty by McGill.

Petrou had a shot cleared off the line and Eugene Flynn's close range effort was blocked but generally it was Ware who looked the better side and it was against tye run of play when Flynn's great run set up Steve Newing to put Edgware ahead after 80 minutes.

However, bad defensive errors then let in Miles and Gunning for the goals which saw Ware to their first win of the season.

Edgware: Hopping, Alger, Sheridan, Finnerty, White, Brennan, Valenti (Flynn), Coleman, Petrou, Newing, Ahmed (Herd). Other sub: Dale.

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Law is guest speaker at Borough dinner

FORMER Manchester United and Scotland star Dennis Law, now a tv soccer pundit, will be the guest speaker at a Sportmans Dinner to be held at Harrow Borough FC on Friday October 6.

Tickets for the evening, which includes a three-course, a comedian, and Dennis Law, are limited, and are priced at £25 each.

Tables for 6-10 persons are also bookable.

Contact the club on 422-5221 to book tickets and make table reservations.

Stones make it a Gray Cup day for Premier rivals

Wealdstone 4 Grays Ath 3

SUPER Stones were at their scintillating best on Tuesday night as they pulled off a magnificent upset by dumping Premier Division Grays out of the FA Cup in this first qualifying round replay, writes **John Comfort.**

After his side had hung on grimly in the last 15 minutes to secure a trip to Hertford in the next round on September 23, manager Gordon Bartlett said: "It was an excellent performance. We dug in, showed great character and played some very good football."

Certainly it was one of the club's best results for many years in a game that was as thrilling as the final scoreline suggests.

Paul Bhatia's foolish late challenge on Barry Roberts led to Grays opening the scoring on 18 minutes. Peter Hickles' free kick was half cleared to Richard Cherry and he blasted the ball past Rob Tenkorang from 18 yards.

Four minutes later Troy Birch fired home the equaliser after great work by Mark Ivers on the right and within three minutes Stones were in front when Chris Walton's quickly taken free kick found Rod Brathwaite whose cross was cracked first time past keeper Marsh by the sharp shooting Paul Sheldrick.

Grays were back on terms six minutes into the second half after the home defence failed to clear a Wallace cross and Cherry fired past Tenkorang, but it took Stones a mere 30 seconds to regain the lead. Marsh clumsily dropped a Walton corner and Brathwaite blasted the loose ball home.

The visitors should have been dead and buried after 69 minutes when Neil Yates put Sheldrick away on the right and he cut in to curl a superb shot past Marsh's dive into the corner of the net to make it 4-2.

But after Bhatia miskicked in attempting to clear a Hickles cross and allowed Wilson the chance to reduce the deficit on 76 minutes, Stones were forced to endure a desperate backs to the wall finale. However, they held on to savour a stunning success.

Wealdstone: Tenkorang, J. Moore, E. Moore, Bhatia, Croad, Brathwaite, Walton, Yates, Ivers (Shanahan), Sheldrick, Birch.

Borough get green light

HARROW Borough's ICIS League Premier Division status has suddenly begun to look more secure following the decision last Thursday by Harrow Council's planning committee to grant them permission to erect a new stand at their Earlsmead ground.

To comply with new ground grading requirements, Borough have to have a stand capable of accomodating at least 282 people by December 31 - or they face relegation from the Premier Division, regardless of their final league position at the end of the season.

Initial estimates of the cost of replacing the old dilapidated stand, which has become an eyesore in recent years and only holds 150, suggested that the club might have to find in excess of £85,000. Club chairman Martin Murphy recently managed to obtain a more acceptable quote of £48,000 for the new structure - but everything still hinged on the planning permission.

Said Mr Murphy after the council had given Borough the green light: "I'm absolutely delighted, it's a great relief and a weight off my mind. I've had a lot of sleepless nights over this. It's something that we had to get done, but now we can get on and do it."

Demolishing the old stand will begin next month. It is expected that it will take from 4-6 weeks to erect the new stand.

While building work takes place the League has ruled that the club must provide temporary seating for at least 100 people. That is likely to be sited under the covered terracing at Earlsmead.

Borough's 'new stand fund' currently stand at just over £18,000. A bank loan has been negotiated to cover the rest of the cost of the project.

Fund raising will still continue however. A sportsmans dinner on October 6 at which Denis Law is the guest speaker, and a quiz night on October 13, are the next scheduled events.

It's touch and go for the Towers in Europe

LONDON Towers' first venture into Europe was far from impressive and although they hold an 11 point advantage going into the second leg of their Korac Cup tie with Paris St Germain, scheduled for last night, it will be touch and go whether it is enough to see them into the next round, **writes John Comfort.**

With several new faces in their line-up, it will clearly take time for Kevin Cadle's team to gell, and that was more than apparent in the early stages which saw Towers wasteful on offence and far from solid in defense.

They got their act together midway through the first of the two 20 minute halves, took the lead for the first time and built up a 36-28 half time lead which appeared to be a sound platform for a substantial first leg advantage.

But although they opened up a 15 point gap midway through the second half, they then returned to their earlier complacency. Missed baskets and a series of turnovers allowed the French team back into contention and had their shooting been better, particularly from the line, it could have been decidedly closer than the final 68-57 scoreline.

Tony Windless led the scoring for the Towers with a 21 point haul, while Danny Lewis hit 10. Other points came from Andy Gardiner 9, Neville Austin 7, Steve Bucknall 7, Martin Henlan 6, Joel Moore 5, Mark Hubbard 3.

Towers opened their Budweiser League programme in winning style on Saturday, but had to go to overtime to defeat Derby by 94-92.

They led 43-29 at half time and were still comfortably clear at 61-48 going into the last quarter. But an awesome 15-0 run by Derby turned the tide and Towers had to slot two free throws in the final 30 seconds to take the match into overtime. But in the extra period London quickly went five points clear and Derby were unable to pull back.

Windless again led the scoring for Towers with 25. Bucknall landed 20 points and Austin 16.

This Sunday the Towers visit league champions, Sheffield Sharks, tip off 6.15pm.

Town let win slip away

Kingsbury Town 1 Lewes 1

TOWN took their first point of the season on Tuesday night - but they really should have got all three.

They took the lead after 35 minutes when John Kenny fired home after good work by Steve Ford, but they were then made to pay for a succession of missed chances, the best seeing Ford have a shot cleared off the line and Dennis O'Rourke hitting the bar.

In a rare attack Brown headed home in the 87th minute to give Lewes a point they hardly deserved.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, D. O'Rourke, Gillespie, Zazzera, Stewart, Victor, Ford, Kenny, Hughes, Kumah, N. O'Rourke. Subs: Simpson, Duru, Loughlin.

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Lions duo back in contention

FIT again Steve Lawrence and Youssef Sakhraoui, back after suspension, are both available for selection for the **Wembley** side to face Chesham at Vale Farm on Saturday.

After their first win of the season in the FA Cup, the Lions will now be seeking their first league points.

Lions skipper Steve Daly has been invited for a five day trial with Endsleigh League club, Crystal Palace.

After missing the midweek cup win over Grays, Steve Fraser is available for **Wealdstone's** League visit to Harefield.

Keeper Rob Tenkorang took a knock against Grays but is expected to be fit.

Harefield have conceded five goals in each of their last two games. The prediction of optimistic Wealdstone chairman Paul Rumens? A 4-0 win.

Harrow Borough visit Wealdstone's FA Cup victims, Grays, boosted by the return of Eche Egbe. Dave Sue, Dave Clarke and Frank Appiah are doubtful. Chris Metcalfe, having recovered from a broken toe, now nas a knee injury.

The latest League tables

ICIS LEAGUE

Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Enfield	7	5	2	0	19	5	17
Dulwich Hamlet	5	5	1	0	17	5	16
Carshalton	6	4	1	1	11	7	13
Aylesbury Utd	5	3	2	1	13	6	11
Hayes	5	3	2	0	9	4	11
Yeovil T	5	3	1	1	10	6	10
Chertsey T	5	3	1	1	21	10	10
St Albans City	5	3	0	2	12	5	9
Yeading	7	2	3	2	7	8	9
Sutton Utd	5	2	2	2	9	9	8
Harrow Boro	4	2	1	1	10	8	7
Kingstonian	5	1	4	1	8	6	7
Basingstoke	5	1	2	2	6	5	5
Boreham Wood	5	1	2	2	4	7	5
Grays Ath	5	1	2	3	6	10	5
Bishops St	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
Walton & H	5	1	1	4	5	12	4
Worthing	5	0	3	2	6	11	3
Purfleet	4	0	2	2	3	8	2
Hendon	5	0	2	3	3	9	2
Hitchin	5	0	2	3	5	15	2
Molesey	6	0	1	5	4	17	1

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Heybridge Swi	6	5	1	0	17	7	16
Wokingham T	6	5	1	0	14	6	16
Ruislip Man	6	4	1	1	10	8	13
Marlow	5	3	1	1	15	8	10
Bognor Regis	4	3	0	1	11	7	9
Whyteleafe	6	2	2	2	10	9	8
Aldershot T	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Billericay	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Oxford C	4	2	1	1	8	10	7
Basingstoke T	4	2	0	2	10	8	6
Leyton Pan	4	2	0	2	10	7	6
Barking	3	1	1	1	5	4	4
Uxbridge	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Tooting & Mitch	4	1	1	2	5	8	4
Maidenhead	4	1	1	2	4	8	4
Thame	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Chesham Utd	3	1	0	2	4	6	3
Barton R	4	0	2	2	3	10	2
Staines	4	0	2	2	5	11	1
Berkhamsted	4	0	2	2	1	7	1
Abingdon Town	4	0	0	4	5	10	0
Wembley	4	0	0	4	1	8	0

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Met Police	3	2	1	0	6	3	7
Cheshunt	5	2	1	2	7	10	7
Collier R	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Leatherhead	4	2	0	2	8	5	6
Witham	3	2	0	1	4	1	6
Wealdstone	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Banstead Ath	3	1	2	0	3	1	5
Chalfont St P	2	1	1	0	7	1	4
Canvey Is	2	1	1	0	4	0	4
Edgware Town	3	1	1	1	5	5	4
Tilbury	3	1	1	1	5	6	4
Sutton Walden	3	1	0	2	8	5	3
Bracknell	1	1	0	0	4	1	3
Croydon	1	1	0	0	3	2	3
Dorking	3	1	0	2	4	11	3
Hampton	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hemel Hemp	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
Hungerford	3	0	1	2	3	8	1
Egham Town	4	0	1	3	3	9	1
Newbury T	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ware	3	1	0	2	7	9	3
Bedford T	2	0	0	2	0	6	0

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Leighton	4	3	0	1	10	3	9
Rickmansw Hth	3	3	0	0	4	0	9
Windsor	3	2	1	0	11	5	7
Horsham	3	2	1	0	9	4	7
Northwood	3	1	2	0	7	4	5
Harlow	4	1	2	1	8	8	5
Wealdstone	2	1	1	0	10	2	4
Tring Town	3	1	1	1	4	3	4
Camberley T	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Hornchurch	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Wingate & Finch	4	1	1	2	4	6	4
Southall	4	1	1	2	2	8	4
Lewes	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
East Thurrock	3	1	0	2	4	3	3
Clapton	2	1	0	1	3	2	3
Anstey	2	1	0	1	2	2	3
Cove	3	1	0	2	3	12	3
Epsom & Ewell	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Kingsbury T	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Hertford Town	3	0	1	2	3	7	1
Harefield Utd	3	0	1	2	3	10	1

Saturday September 16

ICIS League Premier Div: Grays Ath v Harrow Borough.

ICIS League Div One: Wembley v Chesham Utd (Vale Farm, 3pm).

ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Canvey Island (White Lion ground, 3pm).

ICIS League Div Three: Harefield Utd v Wealdstone; Southall v Kingsbury Town (at Tring).

Reliente League: Rayners Lane v Hallen (Lucas Ave, 3pm).

Tuesday September 19

Middx Senior Cup: Hanwell Town v Rayners Lane.

ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Collier Row (White Lion ground, 7.45pm).

ICIS League Div Three: Aveley v Kingsbury Town.

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