

SPORT

Steve joins Barry at Brum

19 year old winger Steve Barnes, who lives in Earlsmead, South Harrow, has been signed by Birmingham City boss Barry Fry in a £40,000 deal with Football Conference club, Welling United.

Barnes, the son of Harrow Borough member Les Barnes, was originally signed by Chelsea on schoolboy forms, but joined Welling after being released by the Premiership club.

Tekell ends cup struggle for Stones

Brimsdown Rovers 0 Wealdstone 1

STONES were made to struggle by a brave Brimsdown side reduced to ten men in this Middlesex Charity Cup match on Tuesday before a Lee Tekell goal with five minutes remaining saw through to the second round, writes Graham Smith.

The first half was quite uneventful apart from the sending off of the home side's Franklin in the 39th minute for taking a kick at John Shanahan after tangling with the Stones defender.

Early in the second half Rob Wild kept the visitors in the game when he saved well from Saldiry, but then Stones' gradually got off top and Marvin Hall had a shot cleared off the line.

However, with the crowd expecting extra time, and the possibility of penalties, Stones notched their winner when Henry Clark found Gavin Hart whose perfect pass allowed Tekell to hit a glorious left foot shot past keeper Spring.

WEALDSTONE'S FA Vase tie against Hampton has been set for Sunday October 29 at the White Lion ground, kick off 3pm.

Borough land £24,000 grant

Big financial boost signals green light for new stand

HARROW Borough FC breathed a huge sigh of relief this week following the news that they have been awarded a Football Trust grant to help them finance the cost of a new stand at their Earlsmead ground.

The non-repayable grant is for 50 per cent of the outlay and Borough will therefore receive £24,000 - the biggest amount offered by the Trust to any club in the ICIS League.

That, together with the £15,000 already in the club's 'New Stand Fund' means that they will now only need to obtain a modest £9,000 bank loan to pay off the £48,000 quoted for the job.

Borough chairman, Martin Murphy, is now awaiting a

By John Comfort

starting date from Stadia Construction Ltd, the company contracted to put up the new structure.

Work is expected to start within the next two weeks and be completed by December 20 - just 11 days before the ICIS League's deadline of December 31 set for new ground grading requirements.

If Borough do not have a stand capable of holding at least 282 people by that date, they will face compulsory relegation to Division One at the end of the season.

Said Mr Murphy: "Everybody at the club is over



Borough chairman Martin Murphy (right), Dennis Law (centre) and Jamie Bruce of club sponsors, Don Bruce Bookmakers, at Friday's sportsman's dinner.

the moon at the grant we've been given. It's just like winning the lottery.

"Now it's all systems go. I'll be delighted when I get the phone call from Stadia Construction to say they can start and when it's finally up I know I'll be very relieved. It's

just been unbelievable from day one!"

While the new stand, which will hold 312 and will also have four disabled bays, is being erected, the club will have to provide temporary seating for 100 people. This will be housed under the covered

terracing on the stand side of the ground.

Former Manchester United and Scotland soccer star Dennis Law was the guest speaker at a sportsman's dinner at Earlsmead on Friday night which helped to boost the New Stand Fund.

Glen set to ring changes for Trophy clash

IN the wake of their FA Cup demise at Bracknell, heads could roll when Wembley visit Bilericay in the FA Trophy on Saturday.

Manager Glen Charles is certain to make changes after one of their poorest performances of the season.

Keeper Kevin Beckles could win back his place from Jeff Fanner, while Darren Barry, unavailable for the Cup match, looks set for a recall.

If fit after injury, Robert Hollingdale is likely to return at full back.

Definitely out is Ian Bates, who starts a suspension.

If the match ends in a draw the replay will be at Vale Farm on Tuesday evening.

Harrow Borough face Marlow in the Trophy.

Jason Court, who suffered an ankle injury against Yeading, is added to their injury list. Frank Appiah and

Paul Fishenden are doubtful.

If a replay is required it will take place on Tuesday. Otherwise, Borough are likely to play a friendly at Earlsmead on Wednesday against opponents yet to be confirmed.

Wealdstone have a clean bill of health for their home league game with Horsham.

Disappointed that early season form has not been maintained, Gordon Bartlett has had talks with a couple of players and new signings are imminent. "The honeymoon period is over" he said.

Edgware Town visit Met Police plagued with injuries to central defenders.

John Mangan and Mark White are already sidelined and Dave Sue, who has rejoined the club from Harrow, suffered a dead leg in first game back against Banstead.

Rayners Lane visit Clansfield in the League Cup, boosted by the return of Matthews, Metcalfe and Horden.

However, Oriot is doubtful with a thigh strain.

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Soccer fixtures
Saturday October 14
FA Trophy 1st qualifying round: Bilericay Town v Wembley; Harrow Borough v Marlow (Earlsmead, 3pm).
ICIS League Div Two: Met Police v Edgware Town.
ICIS League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Hornchurch (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm); Wealdstone v Horsham (White Lion ground, 3pm).
Hellenic League Cup: Clansfield v Rayners Lane.
Tuesday October 17
ICIS League Div Two: Tilbury v Edgware Town.
ICIS League Div Three: Flackwell Heath v Wealdstone.

Bartlett is League's Manager of Month

WEALDSTONE boss, Gordon Bartlett, has won the ICIS League Division Three William Hill Manager of the Month award for August/September.

Bartlett, who won several of the awards while at Yeading, wasn't too sure that he deserved it for an opening spell of results that included a 9-1 league win over Cove and a 10-0 FA Vase success against East Ham. He said: "Anything is gratefully received and it's nice to win it, but looking at what we've achieved I don't think it warrants manager of the month. At the moment I'd prefer to be in Peter Lawrence's shoes."

Ex-Harrow boss Lawrence is now in charge at Leighton, who lead the table, eight points ahead of Stones, who are in 15th place, having played only three games.

Stones have also snapped up the League's Mitre Goalscoring award for August/September, averaging 4 goals per match.



● Gordon Bartlett.

Hurlock is Borough hero

Yeading 1 Harrow Borough 2
JOHN Hurlock was Borough's two goal hero on Tuesday night as they came from behind to beat neighbours Yeading at the Warren, writes John Comfort.

The visitors went behind after 14 minutes when the unmarked Richard Gell sent a looping header from a Phil Dicker cross over the stranded David Hook into the net.

However, six minutes later superb work by Lee Enderby set up the equaliser. His mazy run ended with a shot which was blocked but Hurlock followed up to exertedly drill home the loose ball.

Ex-Borough striker Richard Evans put a header onto the bar and had another tipped over

by Hook but in first half injury time it was the visitors who struck what was to prove the telling blow of the match, Hurlock shooting home from Mark Xavier's low cross.

Borough had the better of the second half but were unable to add to their lead. Xavier was twice put clear but miskicked his first effort and was forced wide and away from danger by keeper Honey on the second occasion.

Enderby later curled a shot onto the bar, but in injury time it required a goaline clearance from Iain Williams at the other end to deny Yeading an equaliser.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Clarke, Williams, Co (Robinson), Seabrook, Hurlock, Biggins, Palmer, Ekoku, Xavier, Enderby. Other subs: Appiah, Goodsted.

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