

SPORT

SOCCKER

Moore's double boosts Stones after penalty shock



Wealdstone's Rudi Hall powers his way towards goal against Camberley.

Wealdstone 3 Camberley Town 1
 HAVING earned a Master's Degree in under-achieving last season, Stones fans could have been forgiven for thinking that more of the same was on its way when Steve Bircham needlessly handled in the area 20 minutes from the end of this League opener on Saturday to concede the penalty from which Paul Xibberas gave Camberley a shock lead.

Ironically it was perhaps the worst thing the visitors could have done!
 They had comfortably contained the home side up to that point but then Stones were forced to up their attacking efforts and the outcome was three goals in a remarkable 10 minute spell that turned the game on its head and sent Camberley packing empty handed.

In a mundane first half Stones had the pick of the scoring chances. Terry Hibbert was denied by Garrod's goaline clearance, keeper Grainger blocked Rudi Hall's close range header and Paul Sheldrick put the ball onto the crossbar with the goal at his mercy.

The second half lived up after Bircham's misdeedman - foolishly handling the ball away from Osikoya's throw in, when no danger threatened, to gift Camberley with a thoroughly undeserved lead.

By **John Comfort**

However, Bircham went amends as Wealdstone's efforts were finally rewarded 11 minutes from time. His corner produced a firm header from the impressive Roy Marshall that was blocked by Grainger and in the goalmouth scramble that followed, Fergus Moore was credited with forcing home the equaliser.

Two minutes later Stones were in front. Another Bircham corner found Fergus Moore at the far post and a powerful header crashed into the net.

A third goal followed a minute from time, and what a beauty it was! Terry Hibbert picked up the ball just inside his own half then delicately weaved his way past a string of hapless opponents as he powered into the Camberley area where he coolly rounded Grainger and fired home.

Victory could have been made even more emphatic in an eventual final minute with David Ross shooting against an upright and Moore putting a header onto the crossbar.

Wealdstone: Bonfield, Smart, Smith, Moore, Croad, Marshall, Hibbert, Hall (Tekell), Hammatt (Walker), Sheldrick (Foss), Bircham.

CYCLING

Denning cracks the '22' barrier

THE year's ambition was fulfilled for Kenton Road Club's Gary Denning when he beat 22 minutes in the last Lampard RC Thursday evening 10 mile time trial at Hatfield.

The time of 21.46 on a hot and windless evening was good enough for 4th place, and also gave him a new personal best time.

A steady improvement all season has seen Gary riding faster and faster. His pb at the start of '96 was only a modest 23.31.

Event winner yet again was Tony Gibb of Olympia Sports with a good 20.36.

Sunday saw Gary racing near Chelmsford in the Leo RC 30 mile time trial. This was his first race longer than 25 miles but it made little difference as he powered through to finish in 1.8.47 (26.2mph avg).

Off at 7.12am, Gary misjudged the distance to the race and also found all the parking spaces taken at the race hq. A frantic 15 minutes saw him arrive at the start line with just two minutes to spare, having had no warm up whatsoever!

Gino Goddard rode Sunday's 50 mile LVRC Sid Wightman Trophy Memorial Road Race, incorporating the LVRC over 60s Championships, at Maidstone.

On a scorching hot day a small group drifted clear of the bunch on the first lap dangling off the front by just a few seconds throughout the race. The bunch was unable to close the gap however and their lead rose to 25 seconds on the line. Gino came in 8th towards the front of the 25 strong bunch, contesting the uphill sprint at the finish.

Gerry Wallis packed with five of the six laps completed due to illness, while Bert Waugh, Doug Morbey and George Beretta all failed to start.

Brendan Heaslip competed in Sunday's 65 mile Morden CRC Road Race at Ellens Green near, Horsham, coming in 11th with the main field. Brendan featured in several abortive attacks at mid-distance and just missed the final move when six riders escaped in the last five miles.

Tomorrow (Friday) the memorial service for the Kenton's late president, Terry Cronin, takes place at St Peter's Church, Bushey Mill Lane, Watford, at 3pm. This will be followed by a private family service at West Herts Crematorium.

Edgware ten too good for Saints

Thomas wins it after Dale is sent off



Karl Thomas - hit winner for Edgware.

Chalfont St Peter 0 Edgware Town 1

EDGWARE opened their league campaign with a win over Chalfont that was much more convincing than the scoreline suggests, particularly as they played two thirds of the match with only ten men.

In the early stages Edgware promised much but without producing the vital breakthrough and indeed the first real threat to either goal came from a rare home attack but Gerry Brennan averted the danger.

John Coleman, with a good volley from a John Mangan cross, brought the first serious save from Lockey in the Chalfont goal then Brennan hit

By **Tom Hooks**

a fine 25 yard drive into the netting.

On the half hour with tempers becoming frayed in the hot conditions, Paul Dale made his first real impact on the game with a wild kick from behind on an opponent and was rightly sent off. But despite this setback, the pattern of Edgware domination was hardly interrupted with Karl Thomas causing Chalfont all sorts of problems.

However, it was not until five minutes into the second half that Wares scored the goal their superiority clearly merited. Coleman played the ball

down the right to Steve Newing who mesmerised his marker being putting a great cross to the far post where Thomas brought it under control before firing past the despairing Lockey.

Edgware didn't rest on their laurels. Thomas and Newing both went close and on 70 minutes, Coleman headed home from a free kick but was adjudged to be offside.

A fine performance from Edgware with the defence, notably Paul McCluskey and the rejuvenated John Mangan, playing particularly well.

Edgware: Carter, Brenna, Mangan, Shanahan, McCluskey, Dale, Thomas, Lough (Instone), Coleman, Newing, Hurd (Other subs: Hutchinson, Kirby).



Camberley keeper Grainger keeps out a close range header from Wealdstone's Rudi Hall.

Nothing goes right for Borough

Dagenham & Redbridge 3 Harrow Borough 1

ARRIVING just 25 minutes before kick off due to heavy traffic en route, a depleted line up caused by injuries suspension and unavailability, and a pitch that could have done with a good mow, all contributed to Harrow's disappointing defeat at Dagenham on Saturday.

Borough had to weather early pressure from their ex-conference hosts which was aided by slack defending by the visitors. David Hook saved Davidson's shot while Dave Clarke had to clear Paul Benning's misplaced header to keep Borough level.

However, Dagenham took the lead after 22 minutes when

By **Tony Booth**

the Borough defence allowed Stimson's long throw to bounce through to Davidson who stabbed the ball into the roof of the net.

Borough responded with Clarke's free kick forcing a save and Chris Metcalfe shooting just wide then Mark Xavier volleyed a Clarke cross goalward only for Gothard to save well.

After 29 minutes the visitors equalised. Benning's deep cross left the home defence flat footed and Gary Issott powered home a fine header.

Efforts from Metcalfe and Xavier came close to putting Borough in front, but

Dagenham gained the initiative before the break and restored their lead when another long throw in from Stimson was headed down by John Parratt to shoot home.

Dagenham made it 3-1 12 minutes into the second half when Stimson and John carved out the chance for Broom to round Hook and net.

Davidson volleyed onto the bar and Stimson shot wide after rounding Hook in the one way traffic that followed but in the closing stages Borough bounced back and only a goaline clearance by Conner prevented Metcalfe giving them a second goal.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Clarke, James, Court, Appiah, Benning, Jones (Robinson), Metcalfe (Hurlock), Xavier, Issott (McKay).

Kingsbury get off to winning start

Southall 0 Kingsbury Town 2

KINGSBURY made a winning start to the new season with this comfortable success over Southall on Saturday.

They were in charge from the off and home keeper Kenny Lavender kept his side on level terms, blocking Mitchell Morris's shot when the Kingsbury midfielder got clear and then keeping out a Damian Gillespie effort following a good build up involving Scott Dowle and Jeb Hughes.

But Kingsbury weren't to be denied and they took the lead after 40 minutes when Niall O'Rourke netted after good work from Hughes and Dowle.

Two minutes later it was 2-0. Dowle played a good one-two on the left with the overlapping Jason Zazzera who went clear and cut in to beat Lavender with a good near post shot.

Early in the second half two good saves from Kingsbury's Steve Hilton prevented John Zneimer from getting Southall back in contention and the home strasser was also just off target with another effort.

But Town weathered the storm, regained the initiative and came close to a third goal when Hughes headed just wide from a Sean Loughlin cross.

Kingsbury: Hilton, Loughlin, Zazzera, Tynan, Stewart, Ash, N O'Rourke (D O'Rourke), Morris, Hughes, Dowle (Harrison), Gillespie. Other subs: Gower.

Beckles stars as depleted Lions roar home

Wivenhoe 0 Wembley 2

THANKFUL that they got this arduous trip to Wivenhoe off the way so early in the season, Wembley returned home from deepest Essex on Saturday highly delighted by the acquisition of three points to start their ICIS Division Two campaign rolling.

Producing a workmanlike performance on a dry, straw-like surface, the Lions fully deserved their victory.

And what pleased manager Glen Charles most was the fact that with several players missing, this was achieved with a below-strength line-up.

By **Richard Markiewicz**

Wembley were also indebted to goalkeeper Kevin Beckles for making two excellent saves at the start of the first half to prevent the home side from establishing an early advantage.

The visitors however, quickly retaliated. A Paul Shields header from a Robert Hollingdale free kick struck a post soon after and gradually the visitors began to take control of matters.

They took the lead in the 23rd minute with a neatly conceived set-

piece, Shields heading Eddie Mee's long throw into the goalmouth for Keith Boreham to knock the ball back into the path of skipper Ian Bates who volleyed sweetly into the net from the edge of the area.

17 minutes later, producing an almost identical move, Wembley went further in front, Sofiane Sardi doing the honours this time with a rasping drive.

The Lions, however, lost their way slightly at the start of the second half.

Another fine Beckles save and a Hollingdale goaline clearance maintained their two goal lead during a

brief spell of Wivenhoe pressure.

But again Wembley hit back. Hollingdale appeared at the other end of the field but saw his low angled strike pushed aside by the fully stretched keeper, while a goalbound effort from substitute Andy Smith was deflected wide.

The visitors then had to endure a late Wivenhoe rally, but it came too late to affect the outcome as the points were safely enconced in Wembley's bag by that stage of the proceedings.

Wembley: Beckles, Cumberbatch, Fahy, Walters, Shields, Haughe (Smith), Sardi, Bates Boreham, Mee, Hollingdale. Other subs: Maynard, Walsh.

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