

SPORT

BATES IS LIONS' BEST
 IAN Bates is Wembley's Carlton Player of the Month for November.
 Ashley Cumberbatch was chosen to take the October award for the Lions.
 Defender Roy Marshall won the Carlton November award at Wealdstone - his third in a row.

BANG! BANG! BANG!
 VICTORY in last night's (Wednesday's) FA Trophy replay at Salisbury will give Harrow Borough an away tie at Hastings in the first round proper on January 18.
 If the replay ended in another draw, a second replay will take place this Monday evening, the venue to be decided by the toss of a coin.



Wealdstone's Tony Smith fires for goal in Saturday's derby game with Kingsbury Town.



The ball is in the net for Stones' opening goal in a 5-0 victory and the triumphant Smith wheels away to receive his teammates' congratulations.



Happy? Smith is just jumping for joy.

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Dowie in charge at the Borough

Coach takes over as Manoe calls it a day



Coach Bob Dowie - taking over the Earlsmead managerial hot seat.

WITH his side firmly rooted to the bottom of the ICIS League's Premier Division table, Harry Manoe has ended his three and a half year tenure as manager of Harrow Borough FC.
 He has been replaced in the Earlsmead hot seat by the club's player/coach Bob Dowie, brother of West Ham and Northern Ireland international striker Iain Dowie.
 Manoe's decision to quit, following a string of frustrating Borough performances that have instigated their slide down the Premier Division table, was made before Saturday's FA Trophy tie with Salisbury.

He said he felt he could no longer get the best out of the players and that it was in the club's best interests for him to hand over

By John Comfort

the managerial reins.
 "The club needs a new impetus," he said. The quality is there in the team but I can't get the players to give enough commitment when we need that bit of an edge to get results.
 "The last four games have pushed me over the edge and Saturday's game against Salisbury only confirmed what I already knew.
 "I'm not happy at leaving the club is the position they are in but Bob Dowie is taking over and I'd like to think he can do a good job and get them out of trouble."

Dowie, an experienced non-

league campaigner, has had previous managerial experience with Hendon, taking them to a healthy league position, and to a League Cup triumph, in a six months spell at Clarendon Road two years ago.
 He said he was "delighted" to be in charge.
 "I had agreed to come to Harrow as Harry's coach and as part of his management team I would happily have left the club with him. But he said he felt it was right for me to take over and I'm very pleased to do so.
 "Harrow is a big club and this is a great opportunity for me to show what I can do."

He said that changes would be made as the opportunity arises.
 "I'll say to the players no-one's place is safe. I'm looking to

strengthen the team to create a general feeling of competition so that when they play indifferently the team doesn't pick itself for the next game."
 He added: "I'm a winner, the winds of change are blowing and if the players don't want to win too, they won't be here for long."
 Dowie has already signed an as yet unnamed striker and has also sounded out Harry Redknapp at West Ham about a young centre half and Micky Adams at Fulham for a full back.
 He has also persuaded midfielder David Clarke to stay at Earlsmead. Clarke had indicated that he felt it was time to move on and was briefly put on the transfer list last week, but has now been taken off.



Harry Manoe - felt he could no longer get the best out of his players.

Banned Walters misses Wembley's big table top clash

WAYNE Walters is still suspended and misses Wembley's vital top of the table clash at Leatherhead on Saturday.

However, the Lions will be boosted by the return of fit-again striker Nelson Kumah who is added to Glen Charles' squad.

The injured Colin Day is doubtful for Harrow Borough's visit to Purfleet. Jason Court and Nko Ekoku are both carrying knocks but are expected to play.

Steve Newing continues his ban and misses Edgware's home game with Met Police.

Striker Lee Walker could be involved in Wealdstone's away game with Epsom after six weeks out with a knee injury.

Kingsbury Town hope to have defender Paul Tynan back for their home game with East Thurrock.

Crucial clash for Wasps

WASPS return to Courage League action on Saturday when they face Bristol in a crucial clash at Loftus Road.

At present Lawrence Dallaglio's men only trail Harlequins on points difference at the top of Division One but Quins face a difficult trip to champions Bath. Wasps therefore have a great chance of topping the table on Saturday night.

Bristol, who have yet to beat Wasps in the Courage League, have been real under-achievers and despite the presence of class players are struggling against relegation.

Simon Shaw would be the first name on any team-sheet. The massive 6ft 8ins lock forward has been making a great impression on England duty so Damien Cronin and Andy Reed will be in for a tough afternoon in the lineup.

Hooker Simon Mitchell has a great opportunity. He faces present England incumbent Mark Regan.

Bristol also have some class behind the scrum with Irish international fly half Paul Burke and ex England full back Paul Hull always ready to pounce.

Wasps coach Rob Smith, a Bristolian by birth, hates to lose this fixture and his players will be geed up accordingly. Smith admitted though: "After a couple of weeks off, most of the lads are bursting to get back on the pitch."

The England trio of Dallaglio, Chris Sheasby and Andy Gomarsall came away from Twickenham unscathed and will take their places. Fly half Alex King, who many pundits believe should have substituted for Mike Catt on Saturday, will have another chance to impress Jack Rowell.

Wasps' Pilkington Cup tie with Rugby on December 21 has been confirmed to take place at Sudbury.

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This week's soccer fixtures

Saturday December 7 ICIS League Premier Div: Purfleet v Harrow Borough. ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Met Police (White Lion ground, 3pm); Leatherhead v Wembley.	ICIS League Div Three: Epsom & Ewell v Wealdstone (Banstead FC, 3pm); Kingsbury Town v East Thurrock (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm). Middlesex County League Premier Div: Hanwell Town v Rayners Lane (2pm).	Monday December 9 Football Combination: QPR v Arsenal (Earlsmead, 7pm). Tuesday December 10 ICIS Associate Members Trophy: Wembley v Hertford Town (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).
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Kanukai retains his British Junior crown

HARROW School of Gymnastics ace, Kanukai Jackson, has become the British Junior Mens Champion for the second year running.
 He successfully defended his crown at the British Championships in Nottingham by winning five of the six individual golds, one more than last year. The discipline he added was the vault which he secured with his unique and quite explosive handspring double front salto.
 His mother Dagmar was at the Championships but said she found it very difficult to watch him. "I am so proud of him, he has trained so hard for this," she said.
 It was Kanukai's third British title in a row, having been British Youth Champion in 1994, and completed a British double for the Harrow club, following the success of Gaby Fuchs last month.
 In a men's international against France, Germany and Switzerland at Lilleshall at the weekend, Kanukai was the top placed British gymnast, finishing in 4th spot.

British champion, Kanukai Jackson.

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