

SPORT

Henderson is in line for his Wasps debut

NEW signing Rob Henderson is set to make his debut for Wasps at West Hartlepool on Saturday.

The Irish international completed his move with the consent of London Irish last week and has signed a four year

contract as a full time professional. His inclusion will do much to stiffen Wasps' midfield as they bid to regain top spot in the Courage Division One.

Alex King and Andy Reed, who both missed the Cup defeat at Saracens a

fortnight ago, will be back in action having come through international duty unscathed at the weekend.

Wasps will be favourites to beat struggling Hartlepool although they did suffer a shock loss there two years ago.

Snooker ace to visit Hills

SNOOKER star Peter Ebdon, the beaten finalist in the last year's World Championships, will be making a guest appearance today (Thursday) at William Hill's recently refurbished betting office in the High Road, Wembley.

Ebdon, who will be at Hill's at midday, is currently contesting the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre.

As official bookmakers to the WPBSA, William Hill are represented at the Centre, where full betting facilities are available throughout the tournament.

Stones could be shut down!

Deadline is set for final decision on club's future

By John Comfort

WEALDSTONE FC are prepared to take the drastic step of ceasing the club's playing activities in six months time to preserve their dwindling finances if they have no firm goal in their search for a new ground.

At the club's agm last Thursday members voted for the board to pursue all possible relocation avenues until that deadline when an extraordinary general meeting will be convened to make a final decision on the way forward - if indeed there is one - with the shut down option an unpalatable, but feasible, alternative.

Significant interest being earned on the club's funds is helping to keep their head above water but while considerable savings had been

achieved to trim the previous year's massive loss of £222,428 down to one of £93,116 for the year ending July 1996, it is recognised that their finances won't last forever without their own ground and that the playing site is the biggest drain on them.

Ceasation for a likely two year period would ensure that relocation efforts could continue on a stable financial base.

Wealdstone general manager Kip Hewitt, the man spearheading the club's new home drive said: "To stop playing football for two years would be a bitter pill to swallow, but our

biggest expense is the players and management. Without that we could continue on the interest that we're earning but we can't when we're down to our last £100,000."

However, he said he was "still confident" that a new ground could be found before the deadline and Prince Edward Playing Fields in Canons Park has re-emerged as the most likely spot - two months after Wealdstone's plans for the site were rejected by the Sports Council.

An agreement between the Sports Council and site owners, Camden Council, for the London Playing Fields Society to run the complex has collapsed and the ground has been closed.

Wealdstone's plans are now being reconsidered and a scaled down version could yet win approval.

Mr Hewitt has talks pending on Prince Edward and is also in negotiations over a further site in Brent for which a provisional planning proposal is likely to be submitted within two months. A third, as yet unnamed, site is also being investigated.

Additionally, Wealdstone have been offered the chance of a link up with another nearby club that is moving soon to a new ground.

The offer, revealed by vice chairman Nick DuGard at the agm, received a mixed reception from members, but they voted to keep that option open.

Borough on a roll

HARROW Borough FC are holding a high rollers fun casino night in their Earlsmead clubhouse on Friday February 14.

Tickets for members and guests, are priced at £7, which includes a supper and £50 worth of fun money.

For further details and tickets, contact the club on 422 5221.

McDade is honoured

HARROW Borough's Andy McDade was physio for the ICS League XI in their representative match against the Combined Services which was staged at Hendon FC last night (Wednesday).

Award for Walters

CENTRAL defender, Wayne Walters, has won Wembley's Carlton Player of the Month award for January.

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Garner signs on

WEALDSTONE have made their biggest signing for many years with the capture of former Blackburn Rovers striker, Simon Garner.

Garner, who holds the Blackburn scoring record, of 168 goals in his spell at Ewood Park from 1978-1992, has since been with West Bromwich, was last season with Wycombe Wanderers and started this season with Woking.

Stones boss Gordon Bartlett signed him on Thursday in time for him to make his debut for the club in Saturday's 2-0 win at Hertford Town.

"With his experience and goalscoring ability, he will be a useful acquisition although it will take him a few games to get to full match fitness," said the Stones boss.

Bartlett has also added to his squad by signing former Harrow Borough centre back Mark Weedon from Leighton.

Borough cup hopes over for the season

BILLERICAY Town 2 Harrow Borough 1

BOROUGH'S interest in cup competitions for the season ended at New Lodge on Tuesday when they were edged out of the Isthmian Full Members Cup by Division One promotion candidates Billericay, writes Tony Booth.

Despite hurried preparation for the match caused by traffic hold ups on the M25, Borough more than held their own in the first half. Issott and Markman both went close, while Jones hit the bar with an angled drive.

But it took a magnificent save by David Hook in the 12th minute to keep his side level, brilliantly turning away a close range shot from Dickens.

The hosts had a good spell at the start of the second half and took the lead after 64 minutes when Howard's free kick was headed powerfully home by Moore.

But Borough bounced back and netted a

73rd minute equaliser. David Clarke's pass sent Dwan Clarke speeding away from the defence and he crisply drove a 25 yard shot into the corner of the net past the diving Root.

Two minutes later a great run by Jones from halfway saw him outpace three defenders then round the keeper only to have his angled shot hacked off the line by Moore.

However, with 11 minutes left it was Billericay who netted the decider, Hazle's cross being fired in at the far post by Hooker who had only been on the pitch for a minute as a substitute.

Despite frantic attacks in the closing stages Borough were unable to draw level and made their exit from the last cup competition in which they held an interest.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Issott, Kelly, Court, Metcalfe (David Clarke), Webster, Butler, Jones, Dwan Clarke (Dowie), Markman, Keown (Rutherford).



Harrow Borough's Kenny Webster and Jason Court combine to shut down a Grays opponent at Earlsmead on Saturday. Report and more pictures - page 111.

Edgware book a County Cup derby date with Wembley

Edgware Town 4 Hillingdon Borough 0

THE scoreline might appear impressive, but the performance certainly wasn't as Edgware won this Middlesex Senior Cup replay on Tuesday to set up a derby date at Wembley in the next round, writes John Comfort.

The margin of victory certainly flattered Wares and did nothing to reflect the brave effort put in by the visitors over the 90 minutes.

John Mangan thumped home a header from a Steve Newton corner to give Edgware the lead on 31 minutes but Andy Carter, who had earlier tipped over a close range header

from Colin Miller, was required to superbly turn over a rasping 35 yard drive by Peter Sobjagar to keep the home side in front.

Hillingdon pressed strongly at the start of the second half and only an amazing goaline clearance by Steve Hurd kept out a shot from Mark Hunt who had the goal at his mercy.

Edgware badly needed a second goal and it came after 68 minutes when a Eugene Flynn shot cannoned back off a defender into the path of Carl Lindo who turned and blasted home the loose ball.

Hillingdon's ill luck continued when a Steve Payton Free kick thumped the crossbar before two

goals in the last four minutes finally killed them off with Borough defender Paul Harris heading a Damian Peti cross into his own net and then Lindo heading home a John Coleman centre.

Edgware: Carter, Lyons, Mangan, Finnelly, Hurd, McCuskey, Valenti (Coleman), Newing (Flynn), Ivers, Lindo, Kirby (Peti).

Charles boosts Lions squad with three signings



Glen Charles - busy with new signings.

GLEN Charles has been busy reinforcing his Wembley squad with three new signings.

Ex-Lion Steve Sailsman re-joins the club from Fleet Town, striker Anthony Carr has signed from Brook House, and he has also enlisted the services of Gary Boreham, brother of Keith, who was formerly with Windsor and Eton.

All three will be in the squad for Saturday's visit to Banstead.

Harrow Borough, looking for vital league points at Bromley, will be without the injured Chris Metcalfe and Darren Keown and the suspended Nd Ekoku.

New signings, Damian Markman from Wycombe and ex Slough youth player Dwan Clarke, are added to the squad.

Banned Karl Thomas and John Shanahan both miss Edgware's visit to Horsham although Thomas will be back for Tuesday's Middlesex Senior Cup clash at Wembley.

Manager Jock McGleish has strengthened his squad with the signing of striker Kevin Randall from St Albans.

Wealdstone's meet Met Police in the Associate Members Trophy tonight (Thursday) without striker Lee Walker, who broke a bone in his foot against Hertford and

could be out for a month, while Chris Walton is also doubtful through injury.

On Saturday they are at home to Tring in the league and will be without Ian Waugh and Steve Bircham, who are both suspended.

Kingsbury again expect to be hit by injuries for Saturday's home game with Epsom with Steve Davies and Graham Ash doubtful and Jeb Hughes definitely out. But Paul Tynan and Niall O'Rourke could return.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday February 6
Associate Members Trophy: Wealdstone v Met Police (White Lion ground, 7.45pm).

Saturday February 8
ICS League Premier Div: Bromley v Harrow Borough.
ICS League Div Two: Banstead Ath v Wembley; Horsham Town v Edgware Town.
ICS League Div Three: Kingsbury v Epsom v Ewell (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm); Wealdstone v Tring Town (White Lion ground, 3pm).

Middle County League: Rayners Lane v Willesden Constantine (Lucas Ave, 2.15pm).

Monday February 10
Football Combination: QPR v Millwall (Earlsmead, 7pm).

Tuesday February 11
Middle Senior Cup: Wembley v Edgware Town (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).
ICS League Premier Div: Dulwich Hamlet v Harrow Borough.

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Enfield.	23	16	5	2	51	17	53
Dulwich Ham.	24	12	7	5	41	28	41
Sutton Utd.	21	11	7	3	44	32	41
Dagenham.	21	11	6	4	33	15	39
Oxford C.	24	11	5	8	48	43	38
Aylesbury Utd.	23	10	6	7	27	36	36
Purfleet.	25	10	6	9	36	32	34
Heybridge Sw.	23	10	4	9	31	40	34
Yeading.	21	8	7	6	32	25	31
Kingsdown.	25	9	4	12	47	48	31
Carshalton.	24	7	7	10	29	36	28
St Albans C.	20	7	5	8	36	33	26
Boreham Wtd.	21	8	2	11	23	34	26
Hitchin T.	26	7	5	13	29	41	26
Bishops Cleeve.	23	7	4	12	21	36	25
Staines T.	23	7	3	13	27	37	24
Bromley.	19	6	5	8	30	29	23
Harrow Boro.	24	5	8	11	32	40	23
Hendon.	21	4	9	8	25	31	21
Grays Ath.	21	4	5	12	23	36	17
Chersey T.	25	4	4	16	25	55	17
Leatherhead.	23	15	4	9	60	25	50
Wembley.	25	14	6	5	62	31	48
Bedford T.	24	13	4	7	43	23	43
Wivenhoe T.	25	13	4	8	46	33	43
Windsor & E.	26	11	9	6	41	40	42
Horsham.	20	12	5	3	40	22	41
Barking.	22	11	7	4	32	24	40
Leighton T.	25	10	8	7	38	30	38
Edgware T.	22	9	10	3	43	25	37
Met Police.	23	11	4	8	42	30	37
Chalfont St P.	24	8	9	7	33	33	33
Collier Row.	17	8	8	1	36	19	32
Hungerford.	26	8	10	45	49	32	32
Bracknell T.	23	9	4	10	47	40	31
Banstead Ath.	19	9	2	8	36	29	29
Tilbury.	23	8	4	11	42	28	28
Wyham T.	25	8	4	13	27	41	28
Dorking.	24	8	4	15	28	55	19
Chesham.	25	5	1	19	23	60	16
Egham T.	25	4	4	17	25	64	16
Ware.	21	3	5	13	19	37	14
Hemel Hemp.	25	2	5	18	13	68	11
Weststone.	17	15	0	2	40	12	45
Brantham T.	16	12	2	2	50	14	38
Northwood.	16	9	7	0	40	19	34
Harrow T.	16	10	1	5	34	31	31
Aylesbury.	17	9	2	6	38	27	29
E Thurrock.	17	9	1	7	31	29	28
Camberley T.	19	8	3	8	34	28	27
Hertford T.	18	8	3	7	39	37	27
Wingate & Fen.	17	7	3	7	26	30	24
Kingsbury T.	17	7	1	9	26	32	23
Leaves.	18	6	3	9	24	36	21
Epsom & E.	16	9	3	8	35	30	18
Clapton.	16	5	3	14	20	18	18
Hornchurch.	15	2	11	14	33	17	18
Tring T.	17	5	1	11	19	36	16
Flixwell H.	18	3	4	11	13	43	13
Southern.	19	3	1	15	16	46	10