

SPORT

Wembley hit by suspensions

THE team selection of Wembley manager, Glen Charles, for Saturday's home game with Bracknell, will be hampered by four suspensions. Ian Bates, Jon-Barrie Bates, Les Thompson and Carlton Mitchell are all serving bans.

Keith Boreham has an ankle injury and is also likely to be missing.

Steve Jones has been released by the Lions and has joined Egham Town.

The holidaying Anthony Whytock will miss Edgware Town's visit to Egham on Saturday but both Seamus Finnerty and Carl Lindo could be in contention for places after recovering from injury.

However, John Mangan and John Coleman are still sidelined by injuries.

A knee ligaments injury keeps keeper Steve Davis out of the Kingsbury Town side to visit Hertford.

Alex Butcher will again deputise.

Rayners Lane are away to Ostley on Saturday, the first of three games that they will be without Tom Metcalfe, who is away on holiday.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday March 29
 ICIS League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Boreham Wood (Earlsmead, 3pm)
 ICIS League Div Two: Wembley v Bracknell Town (Vale Farm, 3pm); Egham Town v Edgware Town.
 ICIS League Div Three: Hertford Town v Kingsbury Town.
 Middx League: Osterley v Rayners Lane.
Monday March 31
 Middx Senior Cup Final: Staines Town v Yeading (Earlsmead, 3pm).
 ICIS League Premier Div: Enfield v Harrow Borough (3pm).
 ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Wembley (White Lion ground, 3pm).

Dowie is dismissed in derby debacle



Bob Dowie - dismissed from the dugout.

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HARROW Borough had manager, Bob Dowie, dismissed from the dugout in a stormy finish to Saturday's derby clash at Hendon.

Dowie was furious over an incident late in the game when striker Ian Rutherford was clearly struck by a Hendon player, which resulted in an ugly melee of players from both sides.

When the dust settled and referee Chittenden failed to send off the offender, Dowie expressed his feelings to an assistant referee and was promptly given his marching orders as a result.

"He pretended he hadn't seen it," said an angry Dowie. "The officials must have been the only people in the ground who didn't."

Despite the 2-1 loss to their fellow strugglers, Dowie is confident that Borough will still retain their Premier Division status. "We won't go down," he said, "we've got too

many good players here for that to happen."

Borough have put striker Mark Xavier on the transfer list. Xavier, the ICIS Premier Division's top scorer last season, has had only limited first team opportunities since returning after a broken arm injury as month ago. The club are seeking an appropriate fee for him.

Borough have signed Ricky Antoine, a right sided midfielder, from Dulwich Hamlet, and he will be in contention for a place in the side to face Boreham Wood on Saturday.

Borough have made an offer for Bishops Stortford striker, Scott Forbes.

WEALDSTONE 4 East Thurrock 1
 WEALDSTONE seem determined to win the ICIS League Division Three title the hard way, writes John Comfort.

On Tuesday they gave away an own goal, then missed a penalty, before finally getting their act together in the final half hour to secure their 13th straight home League win and three more vital points.

In the first half Stones were an ab-

Edgware take a five-goal tanning

LEATHERHEAD 5 Edgware Town 1
 EDGWARE let slip a promising start against league leaders Leatherhead on Tuesday and ended up being tanned by the Tanners, writes Tom Hooks.

Skipper Paul McCluskey gave the

Wares a 5th minute lead, superbly heading home a Steve Newing corner at the far post, and with Leatherhead clearly rattled, further reward was expected as they continued to press forward.

But on 20 minutes Kevin Randall

needlessly pulled down Webb as he attempted to clear a through ball, and conceded a penalty which Steve Lunn converted to put the home side level.

Five minutes before the break a scrambled cross was turned in by Paul

Reed and Leatherhead had a flattering 2-1 lead.

With Lunn causing all manner of problems, under strength Edgware were outplayed in the second half.

Reed got his second goal after 66 minutes and Ray Arnett grabbed a brace to complete the rout.

Edgware: Carter, Randall (Finch), Lyons, Hurd, McCluskey, Brennan, Flynn, Ivers (Valenti), Thomas, Newing, Kirby (Murphy).

Tough tie for Stones in Trophy semi

WEALDSTONE have been drawn away to Second Division leaders Leatherhead in the semi final of the Associate Members Trophy.

The tie is scheduled to be played on Thursday April 17.

Stones, who have no games over the Easter holidays, strengthened their squad on Tuesday with the signing of striker Stuart Miller from Epsom.

Simon Garner has returned to the club, just seven days after leaving to join Premier Division Dagenham and Redbridge.

Stones ban ex-director

'I was wrong' says Hobbs after being caught in crowd trouble

FORMER Wealdstone FC director, Les Hobbs, has been banned by the club from home games for a year in the wake of crowd trouble at the recent match against Lewes at the White Lion ground.

Mr Hobbs, a director and trustee of the club when, under the chairmanship of Alan Clifton, Stones sold their Lower Mead ground to Tesco in 1991, was informed of the ban in a letter from Wealdstone's administration manager, Layne Patterson.

The game against Lewes, which Stones narrowly won 2-1, was marred by the sending off of popular skipper, Fergus Moore, in the closing minutes.

There were ugly scenes at the final whistle as a group of irate supporters vented their anger on referee, Mr N.Roper of Dorking, and his assistants.

By John Comfort

Mr Roper later informed club officials that he would be making a report on the incident to the Football Association. He indicated that as well as being verbally abused, he had also been spat at.

The club is still awaiting a copy of his report but fully expect, as they were warned by the FA following crowd problems earlier in the season, to face a hefty fine, or even heavier punishment.

71 year old Mr Hobbs, a Wealdstone supporter for 55 years, and a severe critic of the handling of club affairs by the board of directors in recent years, said that he would not be contesting his ban.

He admitted his involvement in the

crowd trouble, but denied that he had spat at the referee.

"It's all my own fault, I was totally wrong," he said. "I did shout abuse at the referee but the spitting bit wasn't me."

"It takes a lot to make me snap, it's not in my nature, but the referee was diabolical and it was something that just happened on the spur of the moment. It's the first time in 55 years I've done anything like this. I've had an absolutely blameless record."

In their match programme for Tuesday night's game against East Thurrock, the Wealdstone board of directors warned that they would not tolerate any further crowd problems and that any further incidents would result in bans for those involved.

The game passed off without incident.



High kicking action from Harrow's Mark Xavier and a Hendon defender in Saturday's derby game.

Nightmare start but Wealdstone get it right in end

absolute nightmare and when Roy Marshall headed a harmless through ball beyond the advancing Darren Bonfield and it crossed the goaline to put Thurrock ahead, another blip to follow Saturday's dismal draw with Southall looked decidedly on the cards.

Things did improve after the break and Stones had the chance to level after 57 minutes when the classy Simon Garner was brought down in the area

by defender Steve Morgan. But Bryan Hammatt missed his second successive spot kick, putting it too close to keeper Lee Grant who saved with comparative ease.

However, Hammatt took just two minutes to make amends as Garner broke clear and set him up to fire in the equaliser.

On 69 minutes Hammatt scored again, delicately touching home a pinpoint cross to the far post by Ian

Waugh, and when Terry Hibbert made it 3-1, scoring at the second attempt from a Tony Smith cross 10 minutes from time after Grant had block his initial strike, the contest was over.

The impressive Paul McKay completed the scoring in the final minute, firing in off the post after a neat one-two with Hammatt.

Wealdstone: Bonfield, Kelly (Keen), Smith, Moore, Waugh, Marshall, McKay, Hibbert, Walton, Garner, Hammatt. Other subs: Weedon, Sheldrick.

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Treble takes Towers back in the title hunt

ANOTHER week of twists and turns has left the Budweiser League title hanging in the balance and London Towers are back in the hunt after following up their three successive defeats with a fine run of three victories.

Last Wednesday's 79-78 success against the Sharks was their first ever win in Sheffield. Trailing by a point in the dying seconds, Danny Lewis came up with a steal and calmly ran the length of the court to notch the winning basket.

On Saturday Towers had an easy 113-88 win away to basement boys, Hemel and Watford Royals. Two 6-0 bursts gave the Towers an unassailable 36-21 first quarter lead and they never looked back with 16 points from Martin Gottfried sealing a comfortable victory.

Unhappy Royals had centre Kelvin Robinson foul out and coach Vince Macauley-Razaq ejected following a double technical.

At Wembley on Sunday Towers led throughout and looked to be coasting to victory against Derby Storm when they took a commanding 73-62 advantage into

the last quarter.

But Derby had other ideas. They held the Towers offence to just six more points, edged to within a point at 79-78 and, had Curtis Robinson's last-gasp shot on the buzzer not come back off the rim, would have snatched a remarkable win.

Tony Windless led the scoring for Towers with 21 points, while Karl Brown notched 18.

That win, coupled with the 80-79 success for Chester Jets against league leaders Leopards, means that four teams are now level with eight losses - and Kevin Cadle's champions are one of them.

This Saturday Towers are away to Leicester, tip off 7.30pm, and on Sunday they play Crystal Palace on Wembley Hall 1, tip off 5pm.

Admission is £6 for adults and £4 for children when booking in advance, £1 more on the door. For a family of four booking in advance the price is £14 if you use the special coupon below.

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