

# SPORT

## League lining up new sponsors

ISTHMIAN League officials have meetings arranged with several potential new sponsors and it is hoped that they will soon strike a deal to replace ICIS, who were dramatically ditched last week.

At an extraordinary general meeting of the League at Hendon on Monday, clubs were able to air their views on the decision to dump of ICIS, made because the league claimed they had failed to comply

with their sponsorship obligations. A motion to change the League's title back to 'the Isthmian Football League' received unanimous support from the clubs and was passed with only one abstention.

## Dowie delight as Xavier strike wins it for Boro'

**Harrow Borough 1 Boreham Wood 0**  
BOROUGH manager Bob Dowie declared himself to be "far happier" with Tuesday night's Isthmian League Premier Division success after two disastrous results against Kingstons and Margate, writes Tony Booth.



Back with a goal - striker Mark Xavier.

"The players were really committed and showed that they wanted to win," he said. Changes were in abundance after Borough's dismal FA Cup exit, with no one being able to take their place in the team for granted.

Skipped by Jason Court, the defence looked more secure with both Paris and Alexander making telling interceptions.

The midfield quintet were notable for increased mobility on the wings with Clarke and Ekoku both threatening with pacy runs. John Hurlock worked diligently to nullify the danger posed by Marshall, whilst Butler and Metcalfe provided the creative element.

In attack Rutherford kept Boreham Wood busy with his bludgeoning style, while Hooper kept an eye open for goal chances.

In truth though, almost anything had to be an improvement on Saturday's Margate debacle and the visitors played their part in a game that saw play swing swiftly from end to end.

In a goalless first half it was Boreham Wood who went closest to scoring when David Hook was beaten by

Daly's header but Metcalfe was on the line to head the ball up and over his own crossbar.

A single goal always seemed sufficient to settle it and it was Borough who claimed it with three minutes remaining.

Clarke set off on a direct run for goal from his own half and, after racing past several opponents, he astutely laid the ball off to substitute Mark Xavier who marked his return to the team after injury with a clinical finish from 12 yards.

A minute later Clarke almost doubled the score from the same spot, only to fire into the side netting - but enough had been done.

**Harrow Borough:** Hook, Clarke, Ekoku (Webster), Court, Alexander, Hooper, Hurlock, Metcalfe, Rutherford, Hooper (Xavier), Butler. Other sub: Gavin.

## Lyons roars in with a two-goal blast

**Edgware Town 3 Egham Town 1**  
JOE Lyons showed his wayward forwards the whereabouts of the net on Tuesday with a super two goal salvo that secured victory for Edgware and second place in the Isthmian Division Two table, writes John Comfort.

Against lowly, winless opponents, who traditionally prove to be one of their bogey sides, the Wares had looked likely to drop a point after Peter Sutton's 25th minute opener, scored after Graham Ash had nodded a Steve Newing corner across goal, was cancelled out by Mark

Harewood in the 41st minute, courtesy of some appalling defending by the home side.

But 16 minutes into the second half, 19 year old full back Lyons, the target of several Football League clubs, set off on a powerful run from his own half that ended in the Egham area with a blistering low drive into the net to restore Edgware's lead.

Eight minutes later he fired in his second after keeper Trent Phillips had blocked Sutton's close range shot, and only a brave save by the keeper denied

Lyons a hat-trick after another surging run that began on the edge of his own area.

Edgware should have won by a hatful but squandered a catalogue of chances with Sutton and Newing being the prime offenders.

Newing contrived the miss of the match when, with the goal at his mercy, he managed to find the lone defender on the line, Araguez, who headed clear.

**Edgware:** Carter, Smart (Finnerty), Lyons, McCluskey, Hurd, Brennan, Sheridan, Davita, Sutton, Newing, Ash (Glynn). Other sub: Murphy.



Joe Lyons.

# Greene on his way?

## New Stones star set to head home

STRIKER Dennis Greene could finally be winging his way to Wealdstone.

Manager Gordon Bartlett's star signing from Harlow Town has been playing for Hakka FC in the Finnish League during the summer. They clinched the championship with a 4-1 win in their final game last week and hopefully Greene is set to return to England after playing in a cup match this weekend.

That, and international clearance, will prevent him from making his debut in Wealdstone's FA Vase tie at Harefield United on Saturday, but there is a slim chance that he could be back in time to make the line-up for Tuesday's league clash at Hungerford.

Even without Greene, Stones will be red hot favourites on Saturday to account for a Harefield side that is now playing in the Spartan South Midland League. Paul Lamb, who is suffering from a virus, is the only doubtful starter for Bartlett's team.

Any replay will take place at the White Lion ground on Wednesday, kick off 7.45pm.

In an attractive FA Vase derby clash on Saturday, Edgware will be fully expected to dispose of neighbours Kingsbury, despite being depleted by injuries.

Karl Thomas, John Coleman and Danny Kirby are all likely to be sidelined for several weeks while Mark Ivers is also injured - but he would have missed this game anyway as he is away on holiday.

Manager Jock McGeish has added to his squad with the signing of midfielders Graham Ash, ironically from Kingsbury, and Danny Davita from Boreham Wood. Both are likely to be in his line up.

Kingsbury are also plagued by injuries. Darren Barry and Vernon Nelson being the most notable.

If a replay is required it will take place at Silver Jubilee Park on Tuesday, with Edgware's scheduled league game against Chalfont being postponed.

After a lively return from injury against Boreham Wood, that was marked with a decisive goal, Mark Xavier can be expected to start for Harrow Borough in their league game at home to in-form St Albans.

Doubtful is Nko Ekoku, who suffered a nasty head injury against Wood, and Darren Coleman, who has a back injury.

Wembley will again be without the suspended Dean Ross for their league visit to Leyton Pennant.



Dennis Greene (right) signing for Stones with club chairman, Paul Rumens.

## Imber contract signing puts question mark over Bonfield

The future of goalkeeper Darren Bonfield has been put in doubt with Wealdstone's signing of Noel Imber on a contract.

Imber, who was formerly with Chelsea, and had a month on loan at Harrow Borough last season, initially joined Stones on a

short term basis when Bonfield suffered an ankle injury earlier in the season.

But he has been particularly impressive and now he has committed his immediate future to Stones, Bonfield's regular place is in serious jeopardy.

## Soccer fixtures

<b>Saturday October 4</b> FA Vase 2nd qualifying round: Edgware Town v Kingsbury Town (White Lion ground, 3pm); Harefield Utd v Wealdstone. Isthmian League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v St Albans (Earlsmead, 3pm). Isthmian League Div One: Leyton	<b>Tuesday October 7</b> Isthmian League Div One: Maidenhead Utd v Wembley (7.45pm). Isthmian League Div Two: Edgware Town v Chalfont St Peter (White Lion ground, 7.30pm); Hungerford Town v Wealdstone (7.45pm).	<b>Pennant v Wembley</b> <b>WEALDSTONE FC BLUE RIBBON LOTTERY</b> Week 17 £50 2046; £50 2-04-048; £55 A-10-842; £75 M-01-695; £150 M-01-261.
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## Boreham double boosts Stones

**Tilbury 1 Wealdstone 2**  
STONES achieved their first away league victory of the season on Tuesday night, thanks to two goals from striker Keith Boreham, writes Graham Smith.

The visitors took the lead in the 15th minute when a fine tackle from Dominic Sterling gave him the chance to beat the Tilbury offside trap with a long pass that found Keith Boreham and he hit a glorious 18 yard shot past Boxall.

Boreham should have stretched the lead 11 minutes later when he had an easier chance from a Steve Bircham pass, but he shot wide.

Stones had a let off eight minutes before the break when Roy Marshall had to clear off the line after a mix up in defence, but two minutes before the break Tilbury did draw level with a headed goal from Harrison.

However, Wealdstone took only a minute of the second half to restore their lead.

Brian Jones was fouled in the box by Hancock and Keith Boreham fired in the resultant spot kick.

Soon after, an excellent shot from Jones was tipped over by Boxall, but at the other end Stones had another lucky escape when a Mallins put a free header just inches over the crossbar.

Later, Boreham was unlucky not to get his hat-trick when his effort hit a post.

**Wealdstone:** Imber, Bowder, Sterling, Moore, Waugh, Marshall, McKay, Lamb (Walton), K Boreham, Jones (Hibbert), Bircham. Other sub: G Boreham.

## Spartans send sad Kingsbury crashing

**Brimmsdown Rovers 3 Kingsbury Town 1**  
KINGSBURY'S poor record in recent seasons against Spartan League clubs was maintained on Tuesday night when they tumbled out of the Middlesex Senior Cup at Brimsdown.

They could have had the game sewn up before the break but both Jeb Hughes and Tyrone Jones squandered great chances after being put clear with only the keeper to beat.

Brimmsdown took a stranglehold in the second half with two goals from Micky Kavanagh and one from Des Thomas and the issue was already beyond doubt when Hughes eventually pulled one back for Kingsbury with just four minutes remaining.

**Kingsbury:** Penman, Page, Hamilton, Perez, Loughlin, Ryan, Pashias, Morris, Hughes, Jones, Jackman. Subs: Kenny, Dunning, Sonenthal.

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## Injuries take their Euro Cup toll on Towers

EXIDE London Towers' hopes of following up last week's success against Milan with another European Cup upset were scuttled by injuries in Belgrade on Tuesday night.

With James Hamilton, Karl Brown and Neville Austin all on the sidelines, their depleted side lost 76-65 to the Yugoslavs. They trailed 38-29 at half time and never looked likely to recover in the second half.

American guard Danny Lewis was their top scorer with 21 points. He played throughout the 40 minutes, which was an indication of Towers injury problems.

Even veteran forward Roger Duhaney, who normally spends most of his time on the bench, was on court for 39 minutes.

Towers are away to Birmingham Bullets in the Budweiser League this Saturday, tip off 7.30pm, and on Tuesday return to European Cup action at Wembley Exhibition Hall 2 against Hungarians Danone Honved, tip off 8pm.

Admission is £6 for adults and £4 for children in advance, £1 more on the door. A family ticket for four is £16, or £18 on the door. Tickets are available from the Towers hotline on 0171 722 6677 or Wembley box office on 0181 900 1234.



Danny Lewis - on court throughout.

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