

SPORT

SOCCER

Sorry start for Shields



Wembley's Sofiane Sardi hurdles a tackle against Worthing on Saturday.

Wembley 1 Worthing 3
THERE was no happy start to the managerial career of new Wembley boss Paul Shields.

By John Comfort
shot past airborne keeper John Keeley into the top left hand corner of the net.

ond half. Fleming's poor pass to Henry Clark was intercepted by Jason Reed who broke free for goal and drilled the ball past the helpless Miller.

Lane thwarted by harsh late penalty

Ealing Shamrock 3 Rayners Lane 3

THE points were shared in this game which saw some fine goals - and slack defending.

Shamrock settled quicker and opened the scoring when Collins was exposed by the pace of the home winger and his low cross was forced home at the near post.

10 minutes later it was 2-0 as Lane's offside trap failed and Randall was left helpless.

Lane survived a claim for a third goal as the ball went in through a hole in the net, and battled back to reduce the arrears when Bird's persistence unsettled the home defence, allowing Mitchell to score from close range.

In the second half Shamrock missed two golden chances offered them by the Lane defence and paid when the visitors equalised with a well struck shot from Bird.

Lane then took the lead when Webber picked out the strong run of Hordevin who stabbed the ball past the onrushing keeper and three points looked on the cards.

But a penalty harshly awarded against Woodward gave Shamrock a share of the spoils. Randall blocked the first shot but couldn't keep out the follow up effort.

Rayners Lane: Randall, Creegan, Warburton, Woodward, Collins, Mitchell, Hordevin, Bird, Bishop, Vann, Metcalfe. Subs: Mills, Webber.

Edgware get back on top

Marlow 1 Edgware Town 3
THE Wares returned to the top of the table with this fine win on Saturday over a Marlow side that were previously unbeaten at home in the league.

However, in the early stages, nobody could have foreseen this outcome as for the first 15 minutes Edgware were virtually under siege as Marlow camped in their half.

Andy Carter had to be at his brilliant best to keep his goal intact, one double save from Nelson being particularly impressive.

But the Wares weathered the storm and Steve Newing sent a low 25 yards drive past keeper Jackson and onto a post and they eventually took the lead in the 34th minute.

Playing neatly out of defence, Joe Sheridan sent a

By Tom Hooks

great pass to Joe Lyons who sped to the bye-line before sending over a beautiful cross.

Newing put the home defence under pressure and ended up in the back of the net with the ball but the striker had to concede it was a defender who got the last touch.

But right on the stroke of half time, Marlow managed to level the scores. A long clearance was misjudged by Gerry Brennan, allowing Nelson to run through and beat Carter.

Edgware were certainly the better team in the second half.

Fabio Valentini combined well with Lyons to set up Newing for a shot that was off target and Brennan brought a good save out of Jackson.

Lyons was a constant threat and one strong run brilliantly set up Newing but Jackson again made a super save.

Jackson's boot somehow kept out a goalbound shot from Lyons before Wares finally took a deserved lead on 85 minutes. Lyons found Glynn with a throw and he sped through the defence to smash in an unstoppable shot.

In the dying seconds Newing rounded off the scoring, his swirling corner crossing the line before Valentini followed up to make sure.

Although Nelson headed over Carter but off the bar in the dying seconds, Edgware already had the points in the bag.

Edgware: Carter, Smart, Sheridan, McCluskey, Hurd, Brennan, Lyons, Valentini, Devita (Finerty), Newing, Ash (Glynn). Subs: Finerty, Glynn, Murphy.

By Graham Smith

Wealdstone 1 Canvey Island 1

CHRIS Walton headed a dramatic last gasp equaliser six minutes into injury time to give Stones a point and keep their unbeaten home record intact on Saturday.

The home side were put under pressure from the start against a fine, strong and well organised Canvey side but Wealdstone's gallant defence, in which man of the match Roy Marshall was outstanding, held out until two minutes before the break.

Darren Bonfield, in for flu victim Noel Imber, tipped a harmless effort from Donovan onto the bar but the rebound came to Liddle who fired into the unguarded net.

Wealdstone came more into the game in the second half although their passing left a lot to be desired.

Keith Boreham had the ball in the net in the 49th minute but it was disallowed for a foul on the Canvey keeper.

At the other end Bonfield saved well from Lamb.

Wealdstone's best effort of the half came from Steve Bircham, whose good strike received a good save.

But with the 90 minutes up, the home side threw everything into attack and even Bonfield went forward for free



Chris Walton - late equaliser for Stones.

kicks and corners.

Six minutes into injury time battling Stones finally got their reward. Substitute Stan Bowder found in form Walton with a well placed free kick and the diminutive midfielder flicked a delicate header over the Canvey defence and past the helpless Harrison.

Referee Patterson from Sandhurst only gave Canvey time to restart the game before blowing the final whistle. The visitors were far from being pleased while Stones were decidedly happy at a very useful point gained at the expense of the best side they have played so far this season.

Wealdstone: Bonfield, Lamb (Galtway), Storing (Hibbert), Moore, Waugh, Marshall, Walton, McKay, Boreham, Jones (Bowder), Bircham.

Gavin's double puts Boro third

Bishops Stortford 1 Harrow Borough 2
BOROUGH soared to third place in the 15thman Premier Division at a wet Rhodes Avenue on Saturday when two late goals from Pat Gavin gave them the result that their superiority throughout thoroughly deserved.

Harrow opened well with Darren Coleman heading over from David Clarke's free kick. Mark Xavier shooting just wide and Stortford keeper King making an excellent double block from Steve Butler and Gavin.

At the back the central unit of Jason Court, Coleman and Alan Paris looked to be handling the home threat with ease, but it was Stortford who took the lead with an extraordinary 26th minute goal. David Hook came out of his penalty area to deal with an innocuous loose ball but lost his foot-

By Simon Grigor

ing completely on the slippery surface. Stortford's Cooper was first to the ball and deftly chipped it over the retreating keeper and into the goal.

Borough were briefly stung by this shock, but before half time had regained the initiative with King again forced into a fine save by Butler.

Manager Bob Dowie no doubt used his half time chat to encourage his team and the second half saw a constant bombardment of the home goal with Clarke and James overlapping to good effect, while John Hurlock's foraging and Chris Metcalfe's astute passing took over the midfield.

Within minutes of the restart a home defender had cleared desperately from Metcalfe's cross with King

beaten and a clever run by Xavier saw a defender and the keeper beaten only for his shot to rebound off the post.

Xavier had an angled shot fly across goal, then King did well to palm away a cross by James before an almighty scramble saw Clarke and Butler's goalbound shots blocked.

Metcalfe's shot and Gavin header both went the wrong side of the post and another goalmouth scramble saw Xavier's shot blocked and Hurlock's follow up go just wide.

Hook made a full length dive to cut out a rare home attack before Borough equalised in the 84th minute.

Clarke's long throw was half cleared by the home defence but Metcalfe got the ball back to him with a clever header and Clarke then hit a lovely looping cross to the far post where Gavin rose high above his

marker to bury a header in the net.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Harrow start title defence on a winning note

HARROW Athletic Club made a winning start to their defence of the Chiltern Cross Country League, winning three of the four age groups in the opening fixture at Watford on Saturday, writes Tony Bush.

Nigel Flint produced a great run to finish 4th out of more than 160 runners in the senior/junior race. Laurence Rudge continued his good start to the season, placing 17th, just ahead of 800m specialist Alan Way whose 18th spot was his best ever.

Harrow won the team event by 67

points from nearest rivals Milton Keynes. A marshalling blunder meant the under-17 athletes ran the six miles senior course instead of a four mile circuit. This did not faze Abdi Jama who took 2nd spot behind South of England champion Chris Bolt.

Adam Bowden and Damian Nevins ran well to finish 4th and 5th respectively while Robert Fisher's 10th spot was enough to clinch a 50 points team victory.

The current crop of under-13s athletes could be Harrow's best ever. Craig Turner,

Gary Harrison, Stuart Spencer and Leon Saunders took the first four places, the first time this has been achieved in 24 years of Chiltern League competition. This gave them an easy team victory.

Peter Norris headed the Harrow squad in the under-15 race, finishing 4th. Harrow took 2nd team spot.

Senior/junior: 4 Noel Firth, 12 Laurence Rudge; 18 Alan Way, 24 Mike Barton, 27 Sean Hunt, 31 Gordon Taylor, 32 Mike Lapsley, 34 Graham Edmunds, 42 Chris Flint, 50 Detroy Simon, 52 Mark Cousins, 55 Matthew Nicholls, 56 Graham Sillitoe, 61 Steve

Hartley, 70 Rainer Gordon, 71 Geoff Thompson, 80 Alan Thompson, 82 Mark Smith, 86 Mike Kelly, 144 David Moran, 159 Terry Sparks. Teams: Harrow 1st.

Under-17: 2 Abdi Jama, 4 Adam Bowden, 5 Damian Nevins, 10 Robert Fisher, 15 Mark McIntosh, 17 Chad McLeod, 26 Anthony Downing, 27 Mark Moran, 31 Mohammed Rahim. Teams: Harrow 1st.

Under-15: 4 Peter Norris, 14 Michael Stratton, 15 Andrew Francis, 22 Tim Steere, 24 Paul Cousins, 30 Shamsher Patel, 31 Chris McManan, 34 Sean Cullum, 37 Gregory Mitchell, 38 Ryan O'Connor. Teams: Harrow 2nd.

Under-13: 1 Craig Turner, 2 Gary Harrison, 3 Stuart Spencer, 4 Leon Saunders, 10 Matthew Barrett, 15 Chris Lacey, 19 Samuel Bradley, 21 Tom Nubney, 28 Robert Love, 37 James Low, 38 Meyrick Wallace. Teams: Harrow 1st.

JUNIOR SOCCER Flynn hat trick sends Salvos through

OLD Salvatorians found winning form on Saturday, beating Parkfield 5-2 in the Cup. Eugene Flynn scored a hat-trick and other goals came from Graham Chic and Gareth Taylor.

Other results: Kingsborough Res 2, Salvatorians Res 1; Salvatorians 3rd 1. Bostree Park drew 2-2 with Harrow Town in the Harrow Challenge League. William Hall and Dave Chic scoring.

Harrow Hill Rovers had Andrew Sprender sent off as they lost 3-1 after extra time to Northfield CAV in the Middlesex Cup. Goals from player/manager Steve Frimley, 2, Jay Warren, 2, and John White gave Harrow Hill Rovers Sunday a 5-2 Hayes League win over Technicolor.

In the Old Boys League, Old Manorians lost 2-6 to Buckwellians, both goals coming from Charlie Kane.

Other results: Manorians Res 0, Alportians Res 3; Manorians 3rd 2, Manorians 3; Manorians 4th 4 (Nicholas 2, Shane, Johnson), Chigwellians 4th 0, Alportians 4th 0, Manorians 5th 1 (Humble), Manorians 6th 5 (Rodríguez), 2 Patterson, Davenport, Ford, Salvatorians 8th: Manorians 7th (Gonway), Alportians 5th 2.

Sudbury Court came back from a goal down to beat Priory 3-1 in the London Commercial League, goals coming from Nagle, 2, and Williams.

Sudbury Court II lost 2-3 to M & J Sports. Adams and Ryder scored their goals.

Other results: Sudbury Ct III 4 Ojo, 2, Kugler, Bogie, Taywood II 1, Sudbury Ct IV 3 (Jones, Khan, o.g.), Abbey National 0.

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