

SPORT

Stanmore bombshell

Cricket club's captain is to leave, chairman and secretary are quitting

HARROW'S premier cricket club, Stanmore CC, has been dealt a triple blow with the news that club captain, Alistair Fraser, is leaving, while long serving club officials, chairman, Graham Pauncefort, and secretary, Peter Mullan, are both standing down from office.

Fraser's departure will be a particularly severe blow. He indicated at a recent Stanmore committee meeting that he would be joining Bryan Herts League club, Old Millhills. A sizable fee for his playing services was said to be on offer.

One of the leading players in the Middlesex County League, Fraser stood in as captain during Mike Stear's prolonged injury lay off in 1996 and led the club to triumph in the Ixet Trophy.

Appointed skipper for 1997, his outstanding form with both bat and ball kept Stanmore in contention for the league title for much of the season until they fell away in the latter stages, although they did win more silverware in the shape the Mayor of Harrow's Trophy.

Mr Pauncefort's resignation will end 25 years in high office with the club, 20 years as club captain, followed by five as chairman. And Peter Mullan will be quitting after a long spell as secretary.

But despite the three departures, Mr Pauncefort insists that the club is not in turmoil. "There has not been a bust up," he said. "Three people going at one time is obviously a shock to the system but no-one is indispensable and we'll get over it."

"From a personal point of view I've just had enough. My cricketing days are virtually over and one develops other interests. It's now time for the younger guys to do their bit for the club and shoulder some of the responsibility."

The posts of captain, chairman and secretary will be on offer at Stanmore's agm on December 19 but if they go unfilled it will not be looked on as a crisis. "There are still four months before the new season starts to sort it out," said Mr Pauncefort.

In the meantime it has been revealed that Stanmore's success in the Middlesex 20 Over Knockout Cup has been declared null and void after they admitted to having played two ineligible players in the final against Eastcote.

Towers' face table top Tigers task

BUDWEISER League leaders, London Towers, face a table top clash against Thames Valley Tigers at Wembley Court on Sunday, tip off 6.30pm. Tickets for the game are available from the Towers Hotline on 0990 232 023 or Wembley Box office on 0181

900 1234. A family ticket at £16 pays for two adults and two children. On Tuesday Towers are in European Cup action in Hove and next Thursday they return to Wembley to face Leicester Riders in the National Cup, tip off 8pm.



Canvey Cup prize fails to appeal as Wealdstone are hit for six

Wealdstone 2 Hitchin Town 6 SATURDAY'S biggest win of the season for Wealdstone was swiftly followed by their heaviest defeat on Tuesday as they slid, not entirely unhappily, out of the Guardian Insurance Cup, writes **John Comfort**.

Having inadvertently played the banned James Bush in the first game at Hitchin, Stones were found to be blameless and given the opportunity to contest this replay.

But with manager Gordon Bartlett barely able to scrape together a team and the unwanted

prospect of a trip to Canvey awaiting the winner, there was never much of this second chance.

They did shock the visitors by scoring after only 50 seconds. Lee Walker firing home from a Brian Jones free kick, but after the unmarked Andy Barr drove home a 15th minute equaliser and within a minute Nick Grime rode several poor challenges to set up Tony Clark to fire Hitchin ahead, the writing was always on the wall.

Two minutes before the break Noel Imber's clearance attempt crashed off Barr and back onto the

crossbar, with the Hitchin striker putting in the rebound to make it 3-1, and ex-Stone, Rudi Hall, got the visitors' fourth, four minutes into the second half, after Roy Marshall had lost possession.

Jon Bone netted a fifth from Hall's corner in the 74th minute and although Simon Garner blasted a good 20 yarder home to reduce the arrears, Hitchin had the last word, Clark completing the goal rush from Hall's cross with seven minutes remaining.

Wealdstone: Imber, Bowler, Sterling, McKay, Walker (Bissah), Marshall, Walton, Jones, Boreham, Greene, Garner. Other subs: Celarie, Bircham.



Collared! Harrow Borough's David Clarke gets to grips with Bath City's Paul Chenoweth in Saturday's FA Trophy clash which Borough lost by 3-1. Picture by Edmond Terakopian.

Bartlett signs three to ease selection problems

WITH selection clouded by a host of injury problems and suspensions, Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett has made three new signings.

Former Orient centre back Nathan Beckett has been signed from Berkhamsted, and central defender Matt Corbould from Boreham Wood. Ex-Stone, Kenny Gayle, has also rejoined the club.

With skipper Fergus Moore, Paul Lamb and Steve Bircham all suspended and missing Saturday's match at Leighton they could all be in contention for places.

David Clarke starts a three match ban on Saturday, and misses Harrow Borough's tough trip to Sutton.

With Gary Issott back in action after his knee surgery, only Nko Ekoku is now sidelined, following his arm operation.

Wembley look for much needed league points at Whiteale on Saturday.

The Lions will be boosted by the return of both Carlton Mitchell and Craig Elliott af-

ter serving suspensions.

Manager Paul Shields has strengthened his squad by signing keeper Lee Ward from Berkhamsted and ex-Welling striker, Davis Haule.

Having lost top spot to Canvey, Edgware will be anxious to try and make amends with a good result at home to Windsor.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday December 6	
Ryman League Premier Div:	Sutton Utd v Harrow Borough
Ryman League Div One:	Whiteale v Wembley
Ryman League Div Two:	Edgware Town v Windsor & Eton (White Lion ground, 3pm); Leighton Town v Wealdstone
Ryman League Div Three:	Tring Town v Kingsbury Town
Middx County League:	Rayners Lane v North Greenford Utd (Lucas Av, 2pm)
Tuesday December 9	
Ryman League Div One:	Grays Ath v Wembley (7.45pm)

The latest soccer league tables

RYMAN LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Dagenham	20	14	4	2	43	17	46			
Sutton Utd	18	10	5	3	38	21	35			
Kingsbury	19	9	7	3	35	21	34			
Harrow	18	10	1	7	27	24	31			
Boreham W	17	8	4	5	36	22	28			
Rushell	17	7	6	4	25	23	27			
Orford	17	7	5	5	30	34	26			
Hydrus	16	8	1	6	32	27	25			
St Albans	16	7	5	4	21	24	24			
Waltham H	15	7	3	5	24	30	24			
Aylesbury	15	7	3	5	23	32	24			
Hendon	17	6	5	6	31	25	23			
Bromley	16	5	7	6	24	23	22			

Division One										
Dulwich H	18	5	6	7	30	28	21			
Chessham	19	5	9	5	35	20	21			
Carshalton	14	5	4	24	25	20	20			
Graysand	18	6	7	10	34	23	20			
Brighthelm	19	6	1	12	25	19	19			
Yeading	14	4	6	8	21	27	18			
Basingstoke	13	4	4	5	16	25	18			
Orford	18	2	4	12	15	44	10			
Division Two										
Grays	18	17	5	1	45	18	41			
Leatherhead	19	13	4	5	37	23	37			
Hampden	20	11	4	5	33	24	34			
Mastenhead	17	10	6	1	24	17	31			
Chertsey	20	8	5	7	43	39	29			

Division Three										
Worthing	17	9	2	6	33	32	29			
Windsor	15	4	1	10	34	12	26			
Romford	14	8	2	4	33	21	26			
Uxbridge	16	7	1	8	26	25	25			
Uxbridge	16	7	1	8	26	25	25			
Staines	16	7	1	8	22	27	22			
Wokingham	16	6	3	7	22	17	21			
Whiteale	16	5	4	7	19	26	19			
Barton	17	4	6	7	20	31	18			
Croydon	15	4	5	6	19	28	17			
Wokingham	17	4	5	8	22	32	17			
Windsor	15	4	7	7	17	29	16			
Berkhamsted	16	4	2	12	27	14	14			
Thames	16	2	4	10	40	10	10			
Hungerford	18	6	2	10	25	17	21			
Molesey	17	1	4	12	13	36	7			

Division Two										
Canvey Is	16	11	4	1	44	12	37			
Edgware	18	10	7	1	39	23	37			
Windsor	11	3	6	4	17	26	16			
Met Police	16	11	3	2	31	14	36			
Bedford	18	8	7	3	21	10	31			
Tooting	18	9	4	5	29	22	30			
Wealdstone	15	8	2	3	32	19	29			
Chapel	19	7	5	7	29	26	28			
Marlow	18	6	4	6	35	34	28			
Barking	18	3	7	29	34	27	24			
Hungerford	18	6	5	7	31	28	25			
Northwood	17	7	2	8	17	29	23			
Stricknell	19	5	6	8	32	42	21			
Windsor	18	5	3	10	36	20	20			
Leighston	15	6	2	7	16	26	20			
Hitchin	17	4	7	6	28	19	19			
Barnet	16	5	4	7	24	27	19			
Widham	16	3	6	7	24	28	15			
Hemel Hempstead	17	3	11	21	35	12	12			
Tilbury	17	1	7	9	21	36	10			
Lowes	17	2	11	12	46	8	8			
Chessnut	19	1	3	15	19	46	6			

Division Three										
Hertford	14	11	2	1	6	36	41	35		
Ford	13	8	3	2	31	27	27			
Harrow	13	7	6	1	27	17	27			
E.Thurrock	13	9	0	4	25	16	27			
Ware	13	8	2	3	25	14	26			
Hemel H	14	7	4	3	35	16	25			
Clapton	13	8	1	4	21	15	25			
Hornchurch	17	6	4	7	27	30	22			
Croydon Ath	16	6	2	8	25	23	20			
Flackwell H	12	5	3	4	18	18	18			
Epsom	14	5	3	6	25	27	18			
Camberley	12	4	5	3	28	16	17			
Dorking	14	5	2	7	25	38	17			
Tring	14	4	4	6	17	24	16			
Aveley	12	4	3	5	19	17	15			
Corinthian C	13	4	3	6	25	27	15			
Wingate & F	12	4	3	5	14	23	15			
Kingsbury	15	3	1	11	33	10	10			
Lowes	14	2	1	11	12	37	5			
Southall	15	1	1	13	11	31	4			

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Borough brush aside Barton cup challenge

Barton Rovers 0 Harrow Borough 2 BOROUGH were comfortable winners of Tuesday night's Full Members Cup 2nd round tie at Sharpshoe Road, writes **Tony Booth**.

A bumpy, sloping surface, frozen surroundings and spirited Division One opposition were a good test - and one which

Borough passed well. Barton failed to trouble the visitors with a direct shot at goal in the first half, but the hosts did their best to disrupt Borough's efforts.

Early on Kenny Webster had a free kick held, Ian Rutherford's close range shot was blocked by the keeper and Darren Coleman put a shot past a post.

In a hectic spell just before the interval, shots from Webster and Pat Gavin were saved while Gavin and Jon-Barrie Bates were off target.

Borough finally took a deserved lead after 48 minutes. Barton had just had an escape when Ian Rutherford's cross shot flew past the far post but when Gavin laid the ball back to

Webster, the full back was felled by Turner. Webster punished the foul with a well taken penalty.

Bates, then David Clarke, almost doubled the lead with long range shots before Borough clinched the match in the 62nd minute when Gary Issott's corner was met at the near post by Coleman who powered a header into goal.

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Beaten, but gallant Wembley get a big boost to their confidence

Yeading 3 Wembley 2 ALTHOUGH struggling Wembley will be disappointing with the result against Yeading in the Full Members Cup on Tuesday, their gallant performance should provide a sufficient boost to their flagging confidence, writes **Richard Markiewicz**.

The Premier Division hosts took the lead in the 4th minute through Richard Gell, who needed three attempts before eventually planting the ball past Wembley's debutant keeper, Lee Ward. Yeading then created nu-

merous opportunities to have wrapped up this second round tie by half time, but failed to find the target.

Wembley, meanwhile, kept plugging away and eventually sprung a surprise with a 64th minute equaliser.

The Yeading defence was undone by Shaun Fleming's marvellous far post cross and the onrushing Hank Altink scored with a first time strike.

For a brief period the Lions had the home side on the rack but the stalemate remained to the final whistle and the tie went into extra time where

Wembley took the lead after just three minutes.

Keeper Danny Honey failed to gather another dangerous Fleming centre and Les Thompson stabbed in the loose ball.

Wembley's advantage, however, was short lived as Andre Delisser's glancing header made it 2-2 five minutes later.

Although Wembley substitute David Haule almost restored the lead with a close range header which produced a fine save from the flying Honey, it was Yeading's re-

placement, Ross Pickett, who produced the decisive strike, capitalising on a defensive error to score four minutes from time.