

SPORT

Towers look good as flight of Eagles is halted

EXIDE London Towers gained revenge for their two recent defeats at the hands of Newcastle Eagles when they put the brake on their rivals' 13-match winning streak at Wembley on Tuesday night, beating them 92-74 in the first leg of

their Uniball Trophy semi-final. Keith Robinson top scored with 23 points and Danny Lewis landed 20 as the trophy holders secured a handy 18 point lead to take to Newcastle for the second leg next Friday.

The win over Newcastle shrugged off the bitter disappointment of Sunday's performance by Kevin Cadle's team who suffered a shock loss to bottom of the table Watford Royals in the Budweiser League.

Cup withdrawal anxiety at Boro'



Jason Court - latest Borough departure.

HARROW Borough were facing the prospect of possibly having to withdraw from the Middlesex Senior Cup because of a lack of eligible players, following the half time abandonment of their quarter final tie with Brimsdown Rovers on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

With a number of players leaving the club following the departure of Bob Dowie as manager, the Earlsmead outfit were only just able to scrape together a team for the game. But now Jason Court has joined the exodus and Steve

Butler is also expected to leave.

If Borough suffer any injuries at Chesham on Saturday they will not have enough eligible players for Tuesday's rematch with Brimsdown and would not be able to sign any because of the competition's seven day eligibility rule.

Said Borough's football director Peter Rogers: "At the moment we are obviously preparing to play the game and all being equal we should certainly have 11 players. But we will have to look at the situation at the weekend. If

we get any injuries against Chesham there could be a problem."

Borough have signed centre half Martin Beard from Carshalton and midfielder Jeremy Lord to boost their squad but although they will both be for the league game at Chesham, neither will be eligible for the Cup match with Brimsdown.

Borough were leading 2-0 against Brimsdown on Tuesday when referee Mick Robinson decided, somewhat belatedly in the opinion of many, to call a halt as players constantly slid and fell

on the frostbound Earlsmead pitch.

The Borough goals both came within the space of a minute, Nko Ekoku set up the first in the 42nd minute for Ian Rutherford to net with a good low shot, and Ekoku - who had earlier missed a host of chances - got the second 30 seconds later, brushing aside a defender in a run from halfway and cleverly chipping the ball past advancing keeper Ian Brewster.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Webster, Ekoku, James, Paris, Coleman, Issett, Denny, Rutherford, Bates, Butler. Subs: Court, Xavier.

Banned duo back for Lions



Ian Bates, back after ban.

IAN Bates and Carlton Mitchell are both available for Wembley's game against Staines Town, at Chertsey Town FC, on Saturday after completing suspensions.

David Vincent (shoulder) and Craig Elliott (stomach) are doubtful. Striker Hakan Altinok has left the club.

Simon Garner has recovered from flu and is in contention for a place in the Wealdstone team at Chesham. Dennis Greene should be fit but Paul McKay and Stan Bower are still out and Keith Boreham is doubtful.

Stones have signed midfielder Greg Howells from Aylesbury on loan.

Edgeware badly need to start winning again to resurrect their promotion challenge but they have a tough task on Saturday with the visit of neighbours Northwood.

Fixtures

Saturday February 7
 Ryman League Premier Div: Chesham Ltd v Harrow Borough
 Ryman League Div One: Staines Town v Wembley (at Chertsey Town FC)
 Ryman League Div Two: Chesham v Wealdstone; Edgeware Town v Northwood (White Lion ground, 3pm)
 Ryman League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Lewes (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm)
Tuesday February 10
 Middlesex Senior Cup: Harrow Borough v Brimsdown Rovers (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)
 Middlesex Charity Cup: Wembley v Pottery Bar Town (Vale Farm, 7.30pm)
 Vandemul Associate Members Trophy: East Thurrock Ltd v Wealdstone (7.45pm)

Frosty end

Wealdstone's home game with Witham Town on Tuesday was called off 20 minutes before the kick off when the referee declared the White Lion ground pitch unfit due to frost.

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New ground for Stones in sight

Long wait is set to end with a deal for the Prince Edward site

WEALDSTONE FC are on the verge of ending their nomadic existence and finally securing a new ground at the Prince Edward Playing Fields site in Edgeware and they hope to move in by their centenary season, 1999-2000.

The 44 acre site, which is owned by Camden Council, has become little more than a wasteland, and a target for fly-tippers and vandals, since it was shut down 13 months ago after Camden declared it was too costly to maintain, and following a failed attempt by the London Playing Fields Society to run the site due to lack of finance.

Prince Edward has been Wealdstone's number one target for a new home for the past two years but protracted efforts to obtain it have been constantly frustrated and their hopes appeared to be fast fading away.

But now, in the wake of pressure from Harrow Council and Harrow East MP Tony McNulty, who raised the issue of the site in a Commons question to Sports Minister Tony Banks two weeks ago, ownership of Prince Edward is set to change hands, opening the way for a new multi sport facility to be built there.

Sports Council executive David Lawrence is brokering a deal whereby the site will be sold for a minimal fee to the LPFS who in turn will allow Wealdstone to build a small 3,500 capacity stadium there and in return they will maintain the site, which will also include an all-weather pitch and cricket squares in a £2m scheme.

Wealdstone were informed in recent talks with Mr Lawrence that the deal will be thrashed out by the respective parties following the appointment by the LPFS within the next two weeks of a new chairman and chief executive who will be responsible for

By **John Comfort**

getting the facility up and running again.

Said Wealdstone chairman, Paul Rumens: "Things are now moving fast and if the parties can arrive at a satisfactory conclusion it is feasible Wealdstone Football Club will be able to go for outline planning permission prior to the end of the season. There have been so many setbacks in the past but at long last there is light at the end of the tunnel."

"Wealdstone cannot continue in their current format, relying on 200 through the gate. We need to have our own social facility, which can be enjoyed by all the local community."

"After many years of grief we are now on the threshold of getting a new home."

Lottery money to which the LPFS will have access, will be sought to fund the project, with a considerable sum being put in by Wealdstone, aided by revenue from a new share issue being offered in a proposed reconstruction of the club geared to safeguard its future.

Wealdstone have ground shared with Watford, Yeading and, for the past two and a half half years, Edgeware, since the ill-fated sale of Lower Mead in 1991. They are currently negotiating with Edgeware to extend their tenancy for which they already have a verbal agreement.



It's agony for Wealdstone striker Keith Boreham after he had been brought down in Saturday's match against Chalfont at the White Lion ground. Match report on page 147. Picture: Edmond Terakopian.

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