

# SPORT

## Borough pit rock bottom

### Highway robbery as late goals sink Paris's men

**Basingstoke Town 2 Harrow Borough 1**  
BOROUGH were robbed of the points by two late goals after making the long trek down the M3 to Basingstoke on Tuesday night and the result saw them slip to the bottom of the Ryman Premier Division.

**By Paul Davidson**

the sparkling Otis Roberts in midfield. Borough took the game to Basingstoke from the start and took the lead in the 12th minute. A good through ball from Alan Paris was collected by Jon-Barrie Bates on the edge of the box and a slip by ex-Borough defender Rob Marshall allowed him to beat the keeper with a low drive from 10 yards.

Frank McCormack could have doubled the lead but blazed over after a good run from halfway. The major talking point of the game came in the 29th minute when Lawford, having run into the box past a defender, was hacked down from behind. Amazingly no penalty was given.

The second half was almost one way traffic to the home goal. Lawford's hard drive was pushed out by ex-QPR and Brentford keeper, Graham Bensted,

after one of a number of blistering runs by Roberts, and Pat Gavin was unlucky to see a curling shot blocked and it seemed just a matter of time before Borough sewed up the game.

But then disaster struck for the visitors in the 87th minute.

Borough missed a couple of clearance chances in a goalmouth scramble and Ian Mancey scored from close in after the ball came back off a post, although it appeared that a defender was fouled in the process.

Worse followed, for three minutes into injury time Basingstoke snatched victory when Tommy Killick picked up a long punt and burst past the surprised Borough defence before smashing the ball into the roof of the net past the helpless David Hook.

**Harrow Borough:** Hook, O'Brien, James, Roberts, Nwaokolo, Paris, Adolphe, Bates (Lord), Gavin, Lawford (Kumah), McCormack. Other sub: Dodds.

## 'Points machine' Rees is out for three weeks

WASPS' top points scorer of the last two seasons, Gareth Rees, will be out of action for three weeks following the collision with Swansea's Charvis last Sunday that led to the Canadian

being knocked out and stretched from the pitch to hospital with head injuries. The lay off is compulsory under Rugby Union rules. Kenny Logan is favourite to

take over the goal kicking duties in the absence of the of the Wasps' points machine. The Scottish international, who is full of confidence having already notched two tries this sea-

son, landed a couple of kicks on Sunday and also did the job in pre season friendlies. Wasps expect a tough contest at London Irish on Saturday. They lost both league meetings



**Jon-Barrie Bates, in action for Harrow Borough against Sutton on Saturday. Bates scored Borough's goal at Basingstoke on Tuesday night before going off injured.**

## Edgware reverse disappoints Newing

**Hemel Hempstead 2 Edgware Town 1**  
PLAYER manager Steve Newing was "very disappointed" at Tuesday's first league defeat of the season for Wares, and their second at Vauxhall Road in three weeks, and he had every right to be, for it was a game they really should have won, writes **John Comfort**.

They were certainly second best in the first period but defended well and Andy Carter was only called into serious action to block Vinny Somers' shot when he got clear on the left, and later to claw away a goalbound effort from Lee Graves.

Wares showed little in attack other than when the impressive Michael Roche's 20 yard blockbuster forced an acrobatic save from Tony Perry, but after the break the visitors lived up considerably.

Alan Murray and Graham Ash missed early chances, with the former fluffing a golden opportunity when he chipped over with only Perry to beat after being set up by Fabio Valenti.

It was much against the run of play when Gary Wolfe cracked in an unstoppable shot to put Hemel ahead on 70 minutes but within minutes Wares were level. Peter Sutton cutting in from the left to score a fine individual goal.

There looked to be only one winner after that until poor defending allowed Dave Butler to head Hemel back in front in the 81st minute from a Marcelle Bruce cross, though in the closing minutes Perry ensured that the home side secured the victory they did not deserve by brilliantly saving Newing's viciously struck free kick.

**Edgware:** Carter, Valenti, House (Sutton), Evans, Makarian, Newing, Ash, Hurd, Harmer, Roche, Murray (Glynn). Other sub: Elliott.

to the Exiles last season but beat them comfortably in the Cup.

Their coach Dick Best presides over a side that has been bolstered with several recruits from the Southern Hemisphere.

Rees' absence will mean some reorganisation for director of rugby, Nigel Melville. Josh Lewsey will remain in the fly half position after finishing there against Swansea, and Melville also has a specialist full back up his sleeve in the shape of John Ufton, now back after injury.

In the forwards, Simon Shaw played a prominent part when coming on against Swansea, so will be challenging for a place in the second row.

In the back row, Shaun Tatuapua and Evan Rollett will be in competition for places.

## Harrow to join County League

HARROW CC will be playing Middlesex County League cricket next season, subject to their election at the League's agm.

Along with fellow Thames Valley League club Ickenham, Harrow has been proposed for election to Division Two of the restructured League.

Their opponents will include neighbours Wembley who failed to make the cut at the end of this season.

Stammore will compete in Division One in the new set up, which will see teams playing each other twice, home and away.

## Home ties in the League Cup

HARROW Borough have been drawn at home to Bedford in the Isthmian League Cup while Wealdstone will entertain Cheshunt or Canvey Island if they beat Berkhamsted. A replay will at Hampton will give Wembley an away tie at Purfleet.

In the Puma Full Members Cup, Borough are at home to Leyton Pennant, Stones visit Grays, and Wembley are at home to Bishops Cleeve.

Kingsbury are away to Chalfont St Peter in the Vandanel Associate Members Trophy. Edgware Town have a bye.

## Stones return pointless from trip to seaside

**Bognor Regis Tn 2 Wealdstone 0**

THIS was a much improved performance from Stones on Tuesday night, but they still failed to beat a good footballing Bognor side whose win took them to the top of the League, writes **Graham Smith**.

The visitors thought they had taken a 28th minute lead when Brian Jones found Paul Lamb whose cross was powerfully headed home by Stuart Kent, but referee Webb from Wokingham - who officiated at the controversial game at Grays last month - saw his as-

stant flagging for off-side and the goal was disallowed.

Two minutes later an excellent run from Jones ended with a pass to Kent but the striker's good shot was well saved.

The home side came close when Rutherford's 20 yard volley went just wide but just before the break Jones was unlucky for Stones when his effort was cleared off the line by Hussey.

On the hour Sammy Dale had a good chance but his effort went straight at the keeper and in the 71st minute

Bognor took the lead, Rutherford hitting a fine 25 yard shot past Noel Imber.

The visiting keeper was in action again when he saved well from Miles, but a minute later unmarked sub Edwards crossed for Miles to score Bognor's match clinching second goal.

A disappointing night for the many loyal travelling Wealdstone supporters who sang throughout the 90 minutes.

**Wealdstone:** Imber, McKay, Sterling, Moore, Benning, Dicker, Walton, Jones, Jones, Dale (Yaku), Lamb. Other subs: Dell, Spender.

## First win eludes Lions

**Berkhamsted Town 1 Wembley 1**

WEMBLEY'S first win of the season continues to elude them as they recorded their third midweek 1-1 draw in succession at Berkhamsted on Tuesday, writes **Richard Markiewicz**.

The Lions made a great start to this bottom of the table clash by taking the lead after only six minutes, Tony Millard powerfully heading home James Wise's left wing free kick.

Unfortunately Wembley were

unable to build on this early advantage and gradually let things slip.

But with Berko on the verge of complete control - the floodlights went out!

A 20 minute delay followed as the fuses were fixed and just after the restart Millard almost scored again from a carbon copy free kick, but this time his header was saved by the fully stretched keeper.

The second half was also devoid of goalmouth action. Berko had most of the possession but did not really pose a threat. Wembley,

meanwhile, created the better chances in their sporadic attacks.

Ian Bates miskicked when well placed, after being put through by Marvin Hall, and Jason McKay tested the keeper with a vicious rising strike which was turned aside.

However, the home side's persistence was rewarded when they equalised in the 77th minute, Neil Yates drilling a Tony Sears cross past the diving Kevin Beckles.

**Wembley:** Beckles, Brennan, Wise (J.Hall), Walters, Millard, McKay, McGluskey, Bates, M.Hall, Gallagher (Downes), Levene. Other sub: Smart.

## Stones, Wares on the Cup trail

WEALDSTONE and Edgware are in FA Cup action on Saturday in first qualifying round matches.

Stones visit former Beazer Homes League rivals, Buckingham Town, who are now in the United Counties League, and are likely to be with-

out Steve Bircham who has a back injury.

If the game is drawn the replay will be at the White Lion ground on Wednesday, kick off 7.45pm.

Wealdstone boss Gordon Bartlett has released striker David

Kellman for disciplinary reasons following an altercation with an opponent at Molesey.

But he has signed former Harrow Borough centre back Phil Dicker who has been with Yeading for the past four seasons.

Steve Newing's Edgware side take on Grays Athletic, 7-0 replay conquerers of neighbours Kingsbury in the previous round, and they will be without Steve Evans, who is suspended.

Joe House and Alan Murray are injury doubts to add to Joe Sheridan and John Coleman, but Craig Elliott should be okay after missing the Hemel game through illness.

The injured Darren Coleman misses Harrow Borough's League game with Dagenham and Jon-Barrie Bates is also doubtful.

Wembley, who have no game on Saturday, have released striker Chris Toussaint.

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FA Cup 1st qualifying round:  
Buckingham Town v Wealdstone  
Edgware Town v Grays Ath (White Lion ground, 5pm)

Ryman League Premier Div:  
Harrow Borough v Dagenham & Redbridge Utd (Earlsmead, 5pm)

Tuesday September 22  
Ryman League Premier Div:  
Dulwich Hamlet v Harrow Borough

Ryman League Div One:  
Chertsey Town v Wealdstone  
(7.45pm) Wembley v Garton Rowers (Vale Farm, 7.45pm)

Ryman League Div Two:  
Edgware Town v Leagrave (7.45pm)

Ryman League Div Three:  
Aveley v Kingsbury Town  
Wednesday September 23  
Capital League: Woking v Harrow Borough

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