

# SPORT

# Trophy agony for Stones

## Moore sees red as last-gasp goal denies Stones an upset

Dagenham and Redbridge 1  
Wealdstone 1

By John Comfort

AN equaliser three minutes into injury time cruelly denied Wealdstone an FA Trophy upset on Tuesday night in a dramatic finish in a dramatic packed game that the visitors finished with only ten men after having skipper Fergus Moore sent off.

Wealdstone, who were without suspended leading goalscorer Brian Jones, seemed set for a notable victory over their Premier Division opponents when they took the lead with a superbly taken goal by Stuart Kent with just four minutes to go.

Three extra minutes had elapsed when Moore got his marching orders. He had already been booked following an incident where Mitchell Springett took exception to his wild challenge, although no foul was given, and the Dagenham player was fortunate to stay on the pitch after retaliating.



Sent off - Stones skipper Fergus Moore.

Substitute Steve Bircham's perfect pass sent the striker clear of the home defence and although evading the challenge of advancing keeper Paul Gothard took him wide of goal on the right, he cleverly cut back past a covering defender and curled a great left foot shot with precision into the far corner of the net.

Stones and their supporters were not surprisingly ecstatic and two minutes later the contest should have been wrapped up when Dagenham skipper Gary Blackford, under pressure from Paul McKay, handled a Steve Dell cross and referee Harvey awarded the visitors a penalty.

Sadly, Bircham's spot kick lacked the impetus to beat Gothard, who dived correctly to save and the home side survived to dramatically get out of jail as the game drifted into added time.

Disorganised in defence for the free kick that ensued, Wealdstone failed to pick up Danny Shipp at the far post from Gary Howard's cross and when he headed the ball back into the goalmouth, the unmarked Paul Cobb drilled it low past Noel Imber to give Dagenham a last-gasp equaliser.

But when Moore was somewhat harshly adjudged to have elbowed Mark Janney in an aerial duel, referee Harvey promptly showed the Stones skipper the red card.

A minute later the final whistle went but despite the disappointment of being denied in the dying moments, Stones boss Gordon Bartlett had no complaints about the outcome.

"It was a fair enough result," he said.

And he was right, for both sides had a full quota of scoring chances. Wealdstone's best in the first half came when Kent won a loose ball, broke for goal and squared it for Dell whose fierce rising drive was turned out by an upright and away for a corner by the diving Gothard.

In the second half Kent put Mick Swalesd clear but Gothard blocked his low shot with his legs.

At the other end, Imber made a series of fine saves throughout, his best coming in the second period when he somehow turned away a point blank range header from Shipp.

But then came that dramatic finish and Stones now face their rivals again in a replay at the White Lion on Monday with a home tie against Barton the prize for the winners.

Wealdstone: Imber, Dell, Sterling, Moore, Waugh, Dicker, Walton, Swaysland (Yaku), Kent, McKay, Lamb (Burcham). Other subs: Holmes, White, Homer.

## Ineligible player problem for Stones

WEALDSTONE are likely to be forced to play their Isthmian League Cup tie with Berkhamstead again after discovering that they had played an ineligible player in their 4-1 extra time win last week.

Striker Rocky Baptist was signed from Willesden Constantine and he scored twice in the tie.

But Stones later found out that he was a contract player with the Middlesex

League club and was therefore ineligible. The club has reported the matter to the League and are awaiting their ruling. Stones could be thrown out of the competition, but a replay is more likely.



Harrow Borough's Ishmael Dodds (right) is halted by the challenge of a Cambridge City defender. Match report on page 123.

## Gavin on list

HARROW Borough striker Pat Gavin has been put on the transfer list at his own request.

31 year old Gavin joined Borough in June 1997 from Conference side, Farnborough Town, having formerly played for Leicester City, Peterborough, Barnet, Northampton, Wigan, Crew, Hayes and Aylesbury.

In 74 appearances for Borough, he has scored 23 times. Borough are seeking a transfer fee for Gavin.

Pictures by Gareth Beard



It was all hands to the pump at rain-soaked Harrow Borough on Saturday as officials and supporters helped to mop up the waterlogged Earlsmead pitch and get the FA Trophy tie with Cambridge City underway. Their efforts proved worthwhile for the game went ahead, Borough won 4-2, and they now face Aylesbury United, managed by former Borough boss Bob Dowie, away in the next round on November 21.

Pictured above on bucket duty are (from left) Borough vice-chairman Martin Murphy, chairman Jim Ripley, and Supporters Club chairman, Tony Venus.

## Fixtures

Saturday October 31  
Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Gravesend & Northfleet (Earlsmead, 3pm).  
Ryman League Div One: Hitchin Town v Wealdstone; Wembley v Bognor Regis Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).  
Ryman League Div Two: Edgeware Town v Hertford (White Lion, 3pm).  
Ryman League Div Three: Flackwell Heath v Kingsbury Town.

Monday November 2  
FA Trophy replay: Wealdstone v Dagenham & Redbridge (White Lion, 7.45pm - subject to Dagenham not drawing their FA Cup tie with Stevenage on Saturday).

Tuesday November 3  
Middlesex Senior Cup: Hillingdon Borough v Kingsbury Town; Wembley v Bedfont (Vale Farm, 7.30pm); Wealdstone v Feltham (White Lion, 7.45pm - only on if Wealdstone do not play Dagenham on Monday).

Wednesday November 4  
Capital League: Harrow Borough v Welton Ud (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

RYMAN LEAGUE  
Premier Division

Club	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barnet	12	6	4	2	18	8	26
Bognor Regis	12	7	4	1	22	5	25
Bromley	12	7	4	1	22	5	25
Dagenham	13	6	3	4	21	21	21
Farnham	12	6	3	3	21	14	21
Hendon	14	6	5	2	23	12	19
Aldershot	12	5	4	3	27	12	19
Wokingham	12	5	3	4	23	17	18
Beaconsfield	12	5	3	4	23	17	18
Grays	13	5	3	5	16	18	18
Harrow B.	13	5	2	6	18	24	17
Barnet W.	13	5	2	6	18	24	17
Enfield	13	5	1	7	19	20	16
Slough	13	4	4	5	19	26	16
Chesham	13	4	4	5	19	26	16
Hampton	13	3	4	6	17	28	13
Wokingham	13	3	4	6	17	28	13
Bishop C.	13	1	6	7	14	11	11
Carshalton	13	2	2	9	14	34	8
Herts	13	1	1	11	11	34	7

Division One

Bognor	13	10	1	2	20	12	33
Hitchin	12	6	1	5	14	14	23
Canvey	11	7	0	4	14	12	21
Chesham	12	6	1	5	15	23	20
Croydon	11	6	2	3	18	20	20
Edgeware	11	5	1	5	18	13	20
Barnet	12	5	1	6	18	13	19
Molesey	11	4	7	0	14	8	19
Grays	9	5	2	2	11	15	17
Maidenhead	12	5	2	5	19	17	17
Wealdstone	10	5	1	4	10	11	16
Slough	12	5	1	6	15	14	16
Barton	11	3	5	3	8	14	14
Leigh P.	12	3	4	5	11	11	13
Rushmore	12	3	4	5	20	19	13
Wokingham	11	3	5	4	11	12	12
Uxbridge	12	2	5	5	11	11	11
Leatherhead	11	2	5	4	11	14	11
Whitehawk	11	3	0	8	11	11	11
Berkhamstead	12	1	4	7	15	31	7
Yeading	12	1	1	10	24	4	4
Wembley	10	0	4	10	25	27	0

Division Two

Bedford	11	8	3	0	19	5	27
Harrow	9	7	2	0	26	6	23
Northwood	11	7	2	2	11	11	23
Sarnstead	11	7	1	3	26	18	22
Wingate	9	6	0	3	23	10	20
Widford	9	6	0	3	19	18	20
Hertford	10	6	0	4	19	17	18
Widmore	10	6	0	4	19	17	18
Edgeware	12	5	2	5	26	21	17
Chesham	12	4	3	5	14	15	17
Totley	12	4	3	5	11	11	17
Hemel H.	10	3	5	2	13	14	14
Wokingham	12	3	4	5	20	12	14
Hungerford	7	2	5	0	10	11	11
Leighton	10	2	5	3	11	11	11
Marlow	10	1	3	6	22	21	11
Horsham	9	2	3	4	17	14	9
Melrose	11	2	3	6	17	7	9
Barking	10	2	3	5	7	9	9
Widmore	10	1	4	5	10	20	7
Alton	11	2	3	6	15	7	7
Wokingham	11	0	1	10	7	3	0

Division Three

Wingate	9	7	1	1	22	10	22
Ford	8	5	2	1	22	11	17
Southall	8	5	1	2	21	16	16
Ware	8	5	1	2	21	16	16
Claydon	8	5	1	2	15	15	16
E Tharock	8	4	3	1	23	12	15
Camelot	7	5	0	2	9	15	15
Chesham	11	4	1	6	11	15	15
Exton	8	4	1	3	13	13	13
Chesham	10	3	3	4	13	13	13
Chesham Ath.	9	3	3	3	16	12	12
Engham	7	2	2	3	16	11	11
Chesham	10	3	1	6	11	11	11
Flackwell	9	3	1	5	14	10	10
Hamshurch	8	2	4	2	14	10	10
Tilbury	8	2	2	4	14	8	8
Alphington	8	2	2	4	11	8	8
Ting	7	0	3	4	10	3	3
Dorking	7	0	2	7	7	25	0

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## Leaders pose tough test for McGleish's men

WITH manager Jack McGleish back in the fold after his month's leave of absence, Wembley will again be looking for that elusive first win of the season on Saturday - although it will be no easy task against runaway league leaders Bognor Regis.

The Lions hope to have skipper Ian Bates back after injury but will be without Jason McKay and Luke Allday, who are both suspended.

"We're a young side and the commitment is there, but we're not having any luck," said McGleish. "We need to get a couple of results back to back and then things will be alright."

Ex Lions Richard Dee (from Northwood) and Ray Bennett (from Chesham) have both re-joined the club.

Sean James and Nelson Kumah are injury doubts for Harrow Borough's rearranged home game with Gravesend.

Transfer listed striker Pat

Gavin will definitely be missing through suspension.

Wealdstone visit Hitchin with striker Brian Jones back in contention after missing Tuesday's game at Dagenham through suspension. Paul Benning is Stones' only injury doubt.

Stones play their Trophy replay with Dagenham on Monday, but only if the Essex club get a result from their FA Cup tie with Stevenage on Saturday. If that tie is drawn,

Stones will play Feltham in the Middlesex Senior Cup on Tuesday.

Noel Imber has been put on the transfer list by manager Gordon Bartlett after the keeper indicated that he wants to play at a higher level of football.

Back to winning ways, Edgeware will be looking for further success at home to Hertford.

Fabio Valentii, Joe House and Christian Glynn are again injury doubts.

## Wasps clash with bitter rivals

THE unofficial London rugby championship continues apace on Sunday when Harlequins visit Loftus Road in the Allied Dunbar Premiership, kick off 3pm, writes Alan Bodinham.

Wasps and Quins, the bitterest of rivals anyway, have both beaten Saracens in the last fortnight so the match will have a real edge.

Wasps' game plan

will be simple. Another dose of the same medicine they dished out at Vicarage Road.

"We've set a standard," said Nigel Melville. "The players know what they are capable of and it's all about being consistent."

Melville has no injury problems, quite the opposite in fact as Andy Reed, who took a knock after clashing with Rudolph Strauli

in the win against Bedford last week, returns to action against Cambridge University in a midweek match.

So will Simon Mitchell and Paul Sampson who make their first appearances of the season.

"Funny enough," declared Melville, "no body seems to get injured when you're winning."

All Black legend, Zinzan Brook, is likely

to play for Quins and his clash with Lawrence Dallaglio should be worth the ticket money alone.

There will be added edge with the return of Chris Sheasby to Loftus Road and no doubt Joe Worsley will be hoping to get the better of him.

At half back Alex King faces an interesting afternoon against French international Thierry Crociox.

## UK rankings four-timer for Rosenberg

HARROW Athletic Club's Luke Rosenberg appears in four events in the recently published United Kingdom under 20 track and field rankings, writes Tony Bush.

The Stanmore thrower is listed with the junior and senior weight implements in both the shot and discus.

Luke is ranked third in both the senior and under 20 weight discus

rankings with throws of 49.23 metres and 51.13 metres respectively.

The two athletes ahead of him have both broken the British record this year but they will be too old for under 20 competition next season while Luke has another year in this age group and the prospect of becoming Britain's number one.

Luke has also made great progress with the shot in 1998.

He is ranked third with the under 20 (6.25kg) implement, raising his personal best by almost two metres to 16.06 metres, and ninth with the heavier senior shot.

Harrow's Tim Dalton has also had a great season and is ranked sixth in the 400 metres hurdles with his new Harrow Athletics Club junior record of 54.02, almost two seconds better than his 1997 best.

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