

# SPORT

## League kick out Stones

WEALDSTONE have been kicked out of the Isthmian League Cup after inadvertently playing ineligible player, Rocky Baptiste, in their 4-1 win over Berkhamsted two weeks ago.

After the game Stones found out that Baptiste, who scored twice, was on contract to Middlesex County League club, Willesden Constantine, and they immediately reported the circumstances to the League.

The League ruled that there would be no replay and that Stones were to be ejected from the competition, with Berkhamsted reinstated to play Canvey.

Coincidentally, in the last round, the Essex club faced Hornchurch, who were also reinstated after losing a tie against Chesham, who were later found to have played an ineligible player.

Commenting on the League's decision, Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett said: "It would seem that hon-

By **John Comfort**

esty obviously doesn't pay."

However, it is unlikely that the club will lodge an appeal.

Wealdstone's company secretary, Layne Patterson, has resigned from the club's board of directors and is taking over the post of chairman of the Junior Stones. Formerly Wealdstone's commercial manager, Mr Patterson ran the club shop in Lowlands Road until it was closed down six months ago and he was made redundant.

He is expected to be replaced as company secretary by press officer, Graham Sharpe. Club secretary, Steve Hibberd, is likely to be invited to replace Mr Patterson on the Wealdstone board of directors.

## Good Evans, Wares leave it late

**Edgware Town 1 Leighton 1**  
ANOTHER lethargic performance saw Edgware struggle to draw against lowly Leighton on Tuesday, and they were decidedly fortunate to do so, with defender Steve Evans grabbing their equaliser with virtually the last kick of the match, writes **Tom Hooks**.

Things looked promising in the early stages when Joe Lyons

sped down the wing to deliver a fine cross but when three shots were blocked, the writing was on the wall.

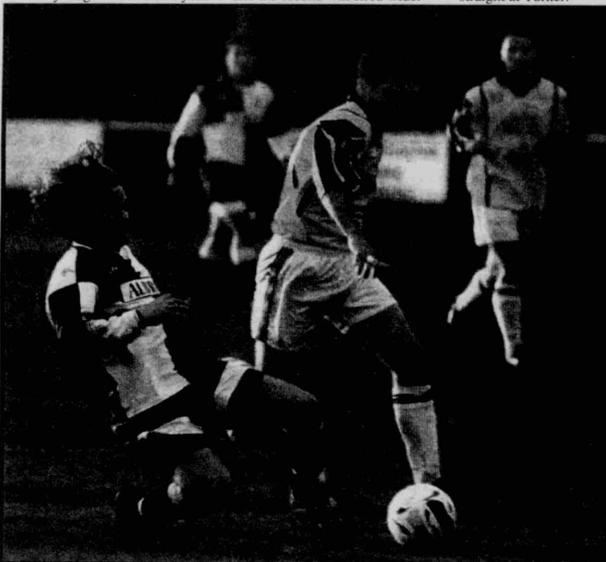
Leighton wasted a good chance when Sozzo blasted wide from close range, while Wares had their best opportunity just before the break when Peter Sutton burst through but keeper Turner blocked his first effort and the second was fired wide.

The second half was barely underway when Leighton defender McIntosh burst through and sent a 35 yard screamer past a startled Andy Carter into the net to give the visitors a 1-0 lead.

The best move of the match nearly provided Wares with an equaliser when a long ball from Evans was nodded on by Roche but Sutton's firm shot was straight at Turner.

Four minutes of injury time had been played when Edgware finally levelled the scores, Evans showing the forwards what it was all about, getting to the edge of the area to receive an excellent cross from Mark Ivers and hitting a first time drive past the diving Turner.

**Edgware:** Carter, Norton, Sheridan, Evans, Elliott, Hurd, Ash (Valenti), Roche (Makamian), Ivers, Sutton (Glynn), Lyons.



Wealdstone's Steve Bircham gets in a tackle on an opponent in Saturday's match against Canvey Island. Picture by Edmond Terakopian.

## Borough Lord it in extra time

**Harrow Borough 1 Leyton-Pennant 0**  
A JEREMY Lord goal in extra time was enough to send Borough into the second round of the Puma Cup on Tuesday night, writes **Lawrie Harries**.

Leyton created the first chances and David Hook

made four excellent saves early on. Borough showed clever approach work although they tended to over elaborate and had little cutting edge in the box.

A half time talking to sharpened Borough up and Lord, now signing, Russell Nixon, and Frank

McCormack all went close. Leyton keeper Cheesewright made a brave block to deny Jon-Barrie Bates.

But Borough's finishing on the night was epitomised by Pat Gavin who managed to scoop the ball over the bar from two yards after be-

ing set up by Otis Roberts. Leyton striker, Billy Cove, continued to cause Borough's defence

headaches, and Hook made another two excellent saves to keep the visitors out. As the tie ran up to full time, Gavin fired a superb save from Cheesewright

and McCormack was just wide with a spectacular long range effort.

Borough's winner came 10 minutes into extra time.

A fine cross by McCormack was headed over Cheesewright by Lord to cap a fine all round game by the midfielder.

The visitors pushed forward for an equaliser and Hook made two fine saves from Cove after Lord had clear a Kennedy shot off the line.

**Harrow Borough:** Hook, O'Brien, Nwaokolo, Roberts, Coleman (J.Kumah), Nixon, Lord, Bates, Gavin (Towie), Toussaint (Dodds), McCormack.

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## No justice as Stones go out

**Wealdstone 0 Dagenham and Redbridge 5**  
IN a list of great all time football injustices, this reverse, which ended Wealdstone's interest in the FA Trophy on Monday night, would gain a considerably high placing, writes **John Comfort**.

The final scoreline of this first round replay was farcical and did absolutely nothing to reflect a particularly outstanding performance by Stones in a game in which they were unquestionably the better side for most of the game.

However, as in the first clash at Victoria Road, Stones were again left to

reflect on a series of 'if only's; not to mention the quality finishing of the visitors.

Mick Swaysland had the best chance to stamp Wealdstone's first half superiority with a goal but put a free header wide and it was totally undeserved when Paul Cobb gave Dagenham the lead four minutes into the second half after Mark Janney had broken free on the right.

Fergus Moore headed wide from a Brian Jones cross with the goal at his mercy as Stones pressed strongly for the equaliser - and it proved a crucial miss, as Daggers took full advantage of that let off.

Lee Goodwin headed in a Paul Cobb corner to make it 2-0, and Danny Shipp notched a hat-trick of goals in the last 15 minutes to complete the ludicrous appearance of the final scoreline.

Stones' only consolation on a night of inequity was that they had the best player on the park in the shape of Paul Lamb, who was immaculate in the home defence.

**Wealdstone:** Imber, Lamb, Sterler, Moore (Kent), Waugh, Dicker, Walton, Jones, Swaysland, Bircham, Holmes. Other subs: Benning, Dell, Yaku, Homer.

● **Wealdstone's transfer listed keeper, Noel Imber, is on trial this week on trial with Lincoln City.**

## Wembley nightmare just goes on and on

**Wembley 0 Bishops Stortford 2**  
WEMBLEY'S nightmare run continued with this Puma Cup defeat on Tuesday night against modest opposition who were there for the taking, writes **John Comfort**.

Desperately poor defending allowed David Greene to fire the visitors in front after only five minutes and the Lions were reeling.

But they enjoyed little luck - a point confirmed when right on half time Paul Mahorn's off target shot struck teammate Jason Tucker and flew past Adrian Creamer to put Stortford two up.

Wembley easily had the better of the second half but their efforts went unrewarded and they

had little help from a referee who looked remarkably like Mr Bean, but was nowhere near as funny. The worst of his many poor decisions was to deny Wembley a clear penalty when Dave Vincent broke clear and was brought down by chasing Stortford defender Lewis Baillie.

Lions coach, Robert Dale, was dismissed from the dugout for his vociferous opinion on the quality of the adjudication.

A good Richard Dee free kick set up Wembley's best scoring chance. He found Aaron Kirwan at the far post but he blasted his shot into the body of keeper Scott White.

**Wembley:** Creamer, Dee, Brennan, Walters, Kirwan, McClusky, Bates, McCarthy (Bennett), Hauke, Vincent, Hall (Thompson). Other sub: Alday.

## Borg is back at Earlsmead with Aldershot

HARROW Borough will be expecting their biggest gate for some considerable time on Saturday when former boss George Borg brings his Aldershot side to Earlsmead.

Borough, who added former Doncaster, Matlock and Dartford full

back, Russell Nixon, to their squad, expect to be at full strength for the match.

Suspension prevents Wealdstone skipper, Fergus Moore, from facing his former club, Uxbridge, on Saturday, and Paul Lamb will also

be missing because of a ban. Paul McKay, Ian Waugh and Phil Dicker are all injury doubts.

Keeper Kevin Beckles is on a work experience course but hopes to be

available for selection for Wembley's game against Chertsey. Jason McKoy is available after completing his suspension.

Lions have signed forward midfielder Sean McCarthy

out of the Ryman League's Vandanel Trophy on Tuesday when they lost 4-0 at Chalfont St Peter, have signed ex-Harrow keeper, Kenny Lavender, from Southall.

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Ryman League Div Two: Edgware Town v Wokingham Town (White Lion ground, 3pm)

Ryman League Div Three: East Thurrock Utd v Kingsbury Town

**Tuesday November 17**

Middlesex Senior Cup: Wembley v Bedford (Vale Farm, 7.30pm)

Isthmian League Cup: Harrow Borough v Bedford Town (Earlsmead, 7.45pm)

**Wednesday November 18**

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