

SPORT

Weedon looks for more of same from Wasps

WASPS travel to Bedford on Saturday in the Allied Dunbar Premiership and the message from skipper Mark Weedon is plain: "Let's have more of the same that we produced against

Bath," writes Alan Bodenham. The captain was just a bit wary, however, about facing a side with only two wins to their credit this season. "We have to be realistic," he

said. "They are a hungry side eager to win. We learned our lesson by losing at West Hartlepool last month so we know that we will have to play well and be focussed."

Teamwise, Kenny Logan and Rob Henderson are injury doubts for Wasps but Paul Volley, Trevor Leota and Alex King are all fit and available for selection.

Swaysland double ends 14 year wait

Keeper Hook sent off after just 27 seconds but brave Boro' take Stones to extra time before being beaten

Harrow Borough 1 Wealdstone 2
TWO goals from Mick Swaysland finally ended Wealdstone's 14 year wait for a win over their bitter rivals on Tuesday night in a Middlesex Senior Cup replay that began in the most dramatic of fashions with one of the fastest ever sendings off on record - Borough keeper David Hook being amazingly dismissed after just 27 seconds.

The game had hardly started when Noel Imber's long clearance sent Swaysland clear of the home defence.

Hook raced from his goal but was second to the ball. Swaysland was sent crashing and the red card from referee Buckeridge was inevitable despite the Borough protests.

Player-manager Alan Paris took over in goal but although he and teammates performed superbly, the gallant Earlsmead ten finally succumbed in extra time and even finished the match with only nine men after defender Aidan O'Brien also saw red.

The numerical advantage was certainly not not-

By John Comfort



Borough keeper David Hook - sent off after just 27 seconds.

Hook was in the first half when woeful Wealdstone only tested Paris twice and he came out on top on both occasions, diving to save well from both Swaysland and Carl Holmes.

Borough, by contrast, carved out a handful of chances and could have had the match won by the break. But Otis Roberts fired straight at Imber when well placed, Ishmael

Dodds hit a post and then the side netting with close range efforts. Lee Randall hit the bar with a 30 yarder and Pat Gavin put a free header over.

Those glaring misses came back to haunt Harrow in the second half as Stones finally got their act together and Paris had to save well when Brian Jones got clear before the visitors went in front in the 63rd minute. Swaysland breaking clear to fire past Borough's courageous stand-in custodian.

But Stones were unable to finish off their rivals and with two minutes to go Borough drew level. Sean James putting Gavin clear to cleverly lob over the advancing Imber.

In extra time Stones at last began to get firmly on top and with 13 minutes gone they scored the goal which earned them a trip to Hayes in the next round. Swaysland heading home unchallenged from a Jones free kick.

Victory might have been more emphatic had Paris not saved from first Holmes and then Dominic Sterling when they broke clear. But that would have



been cruel to brave Borough whose night ended in as gloomy a fashion as it had begun when O'Brien was sent off in the closing min-

utes for an unwise comment to assistant referee Roger Kelly.

Harrow Borough: Hook, O'Brien, James, Roberts, Nwankoko, Paris, Adolphe (J.Kumah), Bates, Gavin

(Latty), Dodds, Randall (Webster).

Wealdstone: Imber, Dell, Dickert (Fleming), Starling, Waugh, Lamb, Reid, Jones (Forshaw), Swaysland, Holmes, McKay. Other sub: Benning.

Bates ban hits Harrow

JON-Barrie Bates is suspended and misses Harrow Borough's home match with Basingstoke on Saturday, while Pat Gavin and Sean James are both struggling with injuries.

Kash Walker and Simon Miller both return to the side after missing the Wealdstone cup match through ineligibility.

Borough have released striker Gilbert Johns.

Wealdstone's Gerry Brennan and Rocky Baptiste, who were also ineligible for the Cup clash against Borough, are back for Saturday's visit to Oxford City.

Wembley face a six-pointer against fellow strugglers Berkhamsted while Edgware have a tough game at home to promotion hopefuls Windsor.

Fixtures

Saturday February 13

Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Basingstoke Town (Earlsmead, 3pm)

Ryman League Div One: Wembley v Berkhamsted Town (Vale Farm, 3pm) Oxford City v Wealdstone

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

Ryman League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Tring Town (Sheep Justice Park, 3pm)

Chiltonian League: Hestley Town v Rayners Lane

Tuesday February 16

Middlesex Senior Cup: Wembley v Staines Town (Vale Farm, 7.45pm)

Isthmian League Cup: Uxbridge v Harrow Borough

Ryman League Div One: Wealdstone v Leyton Permant (White Lion ground, 7.45pm)

Cup date in doubt

A FIRM date has yet to be fixed for Wealdstone's third round Middlesex Cup tie at Hayes.

It could be on Thursday February 18, but that has yet to be confirmed. If it is not, it will be played this Tuesday, with the scheduled League match against Leyton being called off. Supporters should check with the club.

In the third round of the Puma Cup, Stones have been drawn away to Dulwich Hamlet.

World Champs draw crowds to Earlsmead

THE prospect of seeing the star-studded World Champions of France, including recently crowned World

Player of the Year Zinedine Zidane, Arsenal's Emmanuel Petit, Patrick Vieira and Nicolas Anelka and Frank

Leboeuf and Marcel Deschamps manage a smile as the French squad warm up before starting their Earlsmead training session.



Pictures: Gareth Beard

Leboeuf and Marcel Deschamps, drew a crowd of 1000 local fans to Harrow Borough's Earlsmead ground on Monday.

The French were at Borough for an hour's training prior to their clash last night (Wednesday) with England at Wembley.

France trained at Earlsmead on their last visit, back in 1992.

The Borough facilities have been widely used before by visiting international teams.

Dressed for the occasion - France's World Player of the Year, Zinedine Zidane.

Frank Leboeuf.

Emmanuel Petit.

Nicolas Anelka.

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