

# SPORT

## It's busy, busy at the Borough

IN a busy week at Harrow Borough FC's Earlsmead ground, they have the charity match between the Arsenal ex-pro and celebrity XI

against the Harrow Observer tonight (Thursday), kick off 7.30pm, and on Saturday they stage an attractive FA under-19 Academy match be-

tween Watford and Aston Villa, kick off 11am. On Tuesday night Borough are at home to Leyton Orient in the Capital League

(7.30pm), followed on Wednesday by the Ealing Youth League v the Harrow Youth League to celebrate the former's 60th anniversary.

# Grade A bombshell

## Promotion blow for Stones as League say 'you can't go up'



Wealdstone chairman Paul Rumens - angry at League's 'ridiculous' decision.

WEALDSTONE'S aspirations for a third successive promotion suffered a devastating blow on Saturday when Ryman League chairman, Alan Turvey, informed them that they would not be permitted to go up if they finished in a Division One promotion spot because the club had not achieved the A grading for the White Lion ground, as required for Premier Division status, by the April 1 deadline.

Stones chairman, Paul Rumens, said it was "an absolutely ludicrous decision" and that the club had been "led up the garden path" by league officials over ground gradings.

He claimed that when the ground committee made their inspection on April 3 Mr Turvey verbally agreed to a six-day extension to enable them to erect steel fabricated roofing over a block of 42 additional seats in front of the stand that were required for the A grading.

"If we had failed with our grading why did the chairman not tell us there and then," said Mr Rumens. "Why give us a six day extension and let us spend thousands of pounds."

When grounds inspector Clive Moysie returned the following Friday to find the work had been done, it is claimed he indicated that an A grading would be recommended at that evening's management committee meeting.

The club's allegations were hotly disputed by Mr Turvey. "That is simply not true. I was one of the two league officers



By John Comfort

at the inspection and I did not say that. Wealdstone's vice-chairman and another director were told that we would have to report to the committee that the work required was not completed in time.

"It was definitely not said that if they completed the outstanding work they would qualify. Clive Moysie happened to be nearby on the Friday and called in to see if it had been done."

Wealdstone however counter-claim that the return of Mr Moysie was pre-arranged to receive pictures of the completed structure from club vice-chairman, Nick DuGard, which were requested to show the management committee.

Mr Rumens expressed concern that members of the League management committee which made the decision had a vested interest in Stones being denied promotion.

But if they finish in a promotion spot, only two will go up and two will come down so only a Premier Division club could benefit. Heybridge Swifts could possibly be one of them, but their chairman, Michael Gibson, who is on the league management committee, did not vote on the issue.

Wealdstone were also perturbed that when they arrived for their game at Canvey Island

on Saturday they were astounded when their hosts commiserated with them over not getting the ground grading.

Several other Ryman club also indicated they were aware of the League's decision but it was only after repeated requests by telephone that Stones were told the bad news and informed that a letter of confirmation was on its way.

"We feel that it is a scandalous scenario," said Mr Rumens. "The decision is bad enough without having to hear it on the grapevine."

Ironically when Wealdstone had an initial ground inspection in January, League officials found that things had deteriorated so much that they would not give it any grading at all and threatened closure if remedial work was not carried out.

Hard work by Wealdstone and Edgware ensured the work was done to get it back to B grading and with an extra turnstile and the additional seats, the A grading was in sight.

A wooden canopy over the seating to complete the job could have been in place by the April 1 deadline but the club's decision, which they say was sanctioned by the League, to put up a better steel roof structure caused delay and was not in place when the officers made their April 3 visit. "Obviously we wouldn't have spent thousands of pounds to do the job if it didn't think we'd get the grading," said Mr Rumens.

Wealdstone intend to appeal to the League over the decision. It is that unsuccessful they will submit an appeal to the Football Association.

The ramifications of this dramatic setback for the club are all too clear.

The decision is hardly like to inspire Wealdstone players for the rest of the season, and there are also fears that manager Gordon Bartlett will now be re-evaluating his future.



## Newing double spares Edgware's blushes

TWO goals in the last seven minutes from player manager Steve Newing saved Edgware from an acutely embarrassing defeat at the hands of bottom of the table Abingdon on Tuesday night.

Wares have set new standards of poor performances in the latter half of the season and this one seemed set to top them all after the spirited Division Three bound visitors took a not entirely undeserved lead in the 52nd minute, Ruben Wells putting substitute Richard Twine free to fire past the advancing Andy Carter.

Although Edgware hit back with Dave Norton rattling the crossbar and Paul Moran's blockbuster somehow be-

**Edgware Town 2 Abingdon Town 1**  
BY JOHN COMFORT

ing kept out by keeper Dave Jenkins, they surely would have been finished off had Twine not shot wide with the home goal at his mercy with 10 minutes to go.

But then Newing struck his double blow. He turned well to net from a Mark Ivers cross for the equaliser, then shot home after being set up by Christian Glynn - and victory had been amazingly snatched from the jaws of defeat.

Edgware: Carter, Norton, Smart, Sheridan, Makaman, Newing, Roche, Davidson, Moran (Moran (Glynn), Ivers, Valenti. Other subs: Hurd, Murray.

### Soccer fixtures

Thursday April 15  
Charity match: Arsenal ex-pro & celebrity XI v Harrow Observer (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

Saturday April 17  
Ryman League Premier Div: Aldershot Town v Harrow Borough  
Ryman League Div One: Wealdstone v Uxbridge (White Lion ground, 3pm); Chertsey Town v Wembley  
Ryman League Div Two: Wokingham Town v Edgware Town  
Ryman League Div Three: Corinthian Casuals v Kingsbury Town  
FA U-19 Academy: Watford v Aston Villa (Earlsmead, 11am).

Tuesday April 20  
Ryman League Div One: Leatherhead v Wealdstone (7.45pm); Wembley v Uxbridge (Vale Farm, 7.30pm)  
Capital League: Harrow Borough v Leyton Orient (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

## Stars come out for charity soccer match

FORMER Arsenal striker Alan Smith, who scored the winning goal for the Gunners when they beat Parma to win the European Cup Winners Cup in 1994, and actor Andrew Paul, Dave Quinnan in the Bill, will be amongst those signing autographs when the Arsenal ex-pro and celebrity XI

take on the Harrow Observer at Harrow Borough FC tonight (Thursday), kick off 7.30pm.

The charity football match, is being sponsored by the MHCR Cellular Group, Harrow's leading independent mobile phone dealer, in aid of the Mayor of Harrow's charity, The Children's Society,

and the Arsenal Charitable Trust. Admission is £3 for adults and £1 for children.

Programmes, available on the night, are £1 and give holders entry to a draw for which St Georges have donated a £200 prize.

At half time there will be a penalty competition for youngsters.

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## Depleted Wasps edged out by Northampton

DESPITE being without several of their stars, including Lawrence Dallaglio, Kenny Logan, Rob Henderson, Mark Weedon and Peter Scrivener, Wasps ran second in the table Northampton close on Tuesday in this rearranged Allied Dunbar Premiership fixture.

But all they had to show for their constant pressure were five penalties from Alex King, whilst wasting two easy overlaps in the first half.

The visitors scored a try in each half through Nick Beal and Pat Lam, the latter being fortunate to be only sin-binned for an earlier dangerous tackle. The boot of Alastair Hepher counted

**Wasps 15 Northampton 24**  
BY MARK HARVEY

for the rest of the visitors' points.

The crowd was outraged by some of the strange decisions by referee Stewart Piercy, particularly the white card given to Joe Worsley for killing the ball which allowed Northampton to secure victory during his temporary absence.

Wasps: Lewsey, Sampson, Waters (Greenstock), Dennehy, Roiser, King, Friday, Molloy, Leota (Mitchell), Green, Shaw, Reed, Rollit, Volley, Wood.

Wasps face a Cup Final dress rehearsal on Sunday when Newcastle visit Loftus Road. Kick off is 3pm.

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