

SPORT



Meeting date for Stones supporters

WEALDSTONE FC Supporters Club hold their annual general meeting on Tuesday April 27 in the upstairs hall at St Josephs Social Club in Whitefriars Avenue, Wealdstone, starting at 8pm. As well as the usual agm agenda, Stones supporters will be able to find out the latest on the Club's bid to overturn the Ryman League's decision to deny them promotion to the Premier Division and the current position and latest information on the Bring Home the Stones appeal. Stones manager Gordon Bartlett and assistant Leo Morris will be attending to take questions from supporters after what has been another memorable season for the club.

Benning and Holmes hit Uxbridge with the old one-two



● ONE - Paul Benning (slightly obscured, third right) powers in to head home Wealdstone's equaliser against Uxbridge on Saturday.



● TWO - Carl Holmes lets fly with the blockbuster that gave Stones their second and winning goal. PICTURES BY GARETH BEARD.

Hero Hyde keeps the Orient at bay

Harrow Borough 0 Leyton Orient 0 BY TONY BOOTH

A SUPERB goalkeeping performance from Paul Hyde enabled Harrow to hold Leyton Orient to a draw in the Capital League at Earlsmead on Tuesday night.

Injury had kept Hyde out of the game for over a year and his return saw him not only face the Nationwide League side for whom he last kept goal but also reappear for Harrow for whom he last played as a youth player. Hyde's performance, and a couple of goaline clearances by skipper Mark Cooper either side of half time, ensured the hosts kept a clean sheet, and they even had opportunities to clinch victory. Dwain Clarke's cross-shot was hastily cleared off the line. Duru fired a couple of shots just wide while Vladimir Gusavac was just off target from a Shanton Towle cross.

Harrow Borough: Hyde, Wright, Clarke, Hedges, Cooper, Mernagh, Towle, Andhoga (McCormack), Dods (Thierry), Gusavac, Duru (Swann).

Stones make double appeal

No stone will be unturned in bid to reverse 'no promotion' ruling



WEALDSTONE'S battle to overturn the Ryman League's decision to prevent the club from going up to the Premier Division if they finish the season in a promotion spot moved into gear yesterday (Wednesday) when letters of appeal against the ruling were submitted to both the League and the Football Association.

The appeals were sent concurrently to both bodies as League rules are unclear as to whether the club has to await the outcome of their protest to the

both the Ryman League and the FA. "We are as determined as we have ever been at any stage of the proceedings that if, and when, we win promotion we will have done as much as is humanly possible to take advantage. "We are convinced we have a strong case and intend to see it through as far as it is possible to do so."

His words echoed those of club chairman, Paul Rumens, who last Wednesday went onto the pitch before Wealdstone's derby game with Wembley and, in a passionate address, made supporters aware of the ground situation and urged them for their continued support.

"We feel we have every chance of overturning this decision," he said. "We will go to the League appeals committee, we

will go to the FA. We will leave no stone unturned. We're not going to let this happen."

Calling to the fans to get firmly behind the team to clinch a promotion place, he promised: "We're going to win tonight and we're going to win promotion."

But his rallying cry obviously did not go down well in some quarters. The League were informed of his actions and Mr Rumens was admonished for that, and for his comments on the ground grading farce made in last week's Observer.

However, Mr Sharpe leapt to his chairman's defence in a subsequent conversation with the League chairman. "I defended his action in the strongest possible terms," he said. "Providing he said nothing slanderous and doesn't offend public decency, it's no business of anyone else's

but the club's."

Mr Turvey has received correspondence from at least one Wealdstone supporter complaining at the League's ground grading decision.

Letters are also believed to have been sent to the League's sponsors, and ironically Mr Sharpe is media relations manager of one of them, bookmakers William Hill, who support the manager of the month awards.

The awards were the subject of controversy last week when Canvey Island's Jeff King was named Division One manager of the month for March.

That added fuel to feelings that the League is 'anti-Wealdstone' because Stones had an identical record to Canvey during the month and were in the middle of a remarkable 12-match unbeaten run of 11 wins and a draw.

League tables

RYMAN LEAGUE Premier Division		Division One		Division Two	
P	W	D	L	P	W
Sutton Utd	38	25	6	7	37
Aylesbury	35	25	6	7	30
Purfleet	40	21	7	12	45
Dagenham	39	19	11	9	43
Scribble	30	20	7	11	42
St Albans	36	12	8	16	47
Silcock	40	13	12	15	58
Gravesend	39	17	16	11	46
Basingstoke	39	15	14	10	55
Boreham W.	39	14	13	12	55
Aldershot	37	14	12	11	54
Hendon	37	15	9	13	54
Slough	39	13	11	15	52
Mansfield	39	14	16	13	58
Dulwich H.	39	13	19	10	48
Haybridge	39	13	18	10	48
Boreham	36	13	17	10	45
Walton	40	11	7	22	47
Hastings	39	11	19	17	48
Barnley	38	8	11	19	45
Silcock	38	8	21	19	34
Cardiff	38	9	22	41	39
Canvey	36	5	7	31	37
Hilzon	37	21	10	6	33
Waltham	38	22	6	10	42
Braynes	40	19	12	7	45
Grays	38	16	9	13	55
Sogor	39	16	13	10	42
Orford C.	39	15	12	12	54
Cherwell	38	14	12	12	54
Croydon	38	14	12	12	54
Northwood	39	14	13	12	54
Romford	38	13	12	11	54
Uxbridge	39	14	12	13	54
Worthing	37	12	12	13	42
Leyton P.	38	12	11	15	46
Waltham	38	12	11	15	46
Molesey	38	17	13	12	41
Stanway	39	14	13	12	41
Yeading	39	10	10	19	40
Woking	38	9	14	15	41
Whyteleaf	38	11	6	21	47
Wembley	40	9	10	21	34
St Albans	39	8	22	17	31
Shefford	40	7	5	27	29
Harrow	39	7	6	26	35
Thames	39	14	10	15	44
Hemel H.	38	12	7	17	43
Woking	37	20	5	11	43
Northwood	40	19	10	11	48
Barnet	38	18	12	7	60
Woking	39	17	13	9	61
Marlow	40	16	17	7	60
Woking	40	15	13	12	54
Chalfont	39	14	12	13	54
Mel Park	40	15	17	5	52
Slough	39	14	13	12	52
Loughton	40	14	16	10	52
Northwood	39	12	15	12	48
Widham	40	11	14	15	47
Woking	38	12	8	18	44
Wokingham	38	12	4	22	37
Barking	39	9	11	19	47
Hertford	39	10	22	16	32
Bradwell	39	7	22	20	31
Altrincham	40	6	29	19	24
Ford	36	25	5	8	41
Chesham	21	10	5	16	37
Wingate	22	5	8	20	31
Lewes	39	14	10	15	48
Ware	36	18	14	7	58
Woking	36	16	14	6	56
Croydon Ath.	35	15	10	10	53
Yeading	36	16	13	8	54
E Thame	35	12	10	13	54
Egton	32	16	11	13	52
Corn C.	35	15	14	6	51
Canterbury	34	14	13	6	52
Southall	35	15	10	10	47
Avley	35	12	6	17	42
Woking	35	12	6	17	42
Clapton	35	10	6	19	41
Facitwell	35	9	18	11	35
Woking	35	8	27	9	28
Kingbury	36	8	27	9	28
Ting	36	5	25	10	21

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20,000	185.92	218.50	306.62	427.86	NO FEES 11.8%
15,000	148.75	174.85	245.29	342.29	NO FEES 12.8%
10,000	130.16	150.15	206.25	284.54	NO FEES 11.8%
5,000	110.14	127.05	174.52	240.76	NO FEES 12.8%
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Beaten Lions on brink of drop

THIS is not quite an epitaph, but Wembley's bid for First Division survival looks fairly remote following this defeat by Uxbridge.

Having come so far under manager Errol Dyer in their great quest to stay up, the Lions' cause appears to have been blown away by this very disappointing performance on Tuesday. Wembley may have suffered some misfortune in recent games but they can only have themselves to blame

Wembley 1 Uxbridge 2
BY RICHARD MARKIEWICZ

for losing this one.

Things looked rosy for the home side as they quickly established an early lead thanks to Davis Haule's excellent 11th minute far post header from a Carl Levene corner.

But sadly they failed to build on this advantage, squandering their profit by trying to play too

much pretty football on a saturated surface instead of adapting to the conditions by crashing the ball long and down the channels.

The Lions eventually got bogged down and frustratingly lost the initiative and as a result the visitors capitalised. Courtesy of some sloppy defending, the unmarked Mark Gill fired in the equaliser on the stroke of half time and after re-appearing for the second half strangely sub-

stituted, Wembley conceded a second goal in the 55th minute when Micky Perry slotted home after receiving a fortuitous rebound.

Wembley took an age to perk up following this setback but, apart from a blistering strike from Gavin Lindsay which was brilliantly saved by Sean Dawson, they never really looked like redressing the balance and tamely succumbed.

Wembley: Karamoko, Christie, Lindsay (Mitchell), Walters, Norris, Levene, Bates, McCarthy (Callender), Lindo, Haule, Woodruffe. Other sub: Bakin.

The last round-up for Roberts

OTIS Roberts plays his last game of the season for Harrow Borough in tonight's (Thursday's) visit to Hendon.

The star midfielder has been called up for the Grenada national squad to play in a prestigious international tournament in the country in May and flies off after the Hendon clash.

Centre back Mark Cooper, who missed the defeat at Aldershot through suspension, returns to the Borough line-up.

Waldstone's match at Leatherhead, which was postponed on Tuesday due to a waterlogged Fetcham Grove pitch, has been rescheduled for tonight (Thursday).

On Saturday Stones journey to the Sussex coast to face Worthing. Needing six points from their last four games to ensure finishing in that third promotion place, Waldstone are still dogged by injury problems. Gerry Brennan being their latest casualty. He and Chris Walton are doubtful but

Brian Jones and even Paul Lamb are hoping to return to the side.

With two games left, starting with Saturday's home match against Romford, Wembley's fate is not yet settled, but they need to win both and hope their fellow relegation rivals lose theirs in order to preserve their First Division status.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday April 22

Ryman League Premier Div: Hendon v Harrow Borough (7.30pm)

Ryman League Div One: Leatherhead v Wealdstone (7.45pm)

Saturday April 24

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

Ryman League Div One: Wembley v Romford (Vale Farm, 3pm)

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

Ryman League Div Three: Kingbury Town v Ford Utd (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm)

Ryman League Div Two: Edgware Town v Weybridge Town (White Lion ground, 7.30pm)

Wednesday April 28

Ryman League Premier Div: Wealdstone v Hitchin Town (White Lion ground, 7.45pm)

Capital League: Harrow Borough v Welling Utd (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)

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