



## Wealdstone 'double' boss Hall dies, aged 59

FORMER Wealdstone manager, Brian Hall, the man who led Stones to their historic non-league 'double' in 1985, died on Tuesday, aged 59. Hall, a former police officer, had two spells as Wealdstone boss, from 1983 to 1987, after taking over from Allan Batsford, and then from 1990 to 1992, after replacing Alan Gane.

He had been battling against cancer for a number of years and died in the Farnham, Surrey, hospice, near his Lightwater home. He leaves a wife Angela, a son Stephen, and daughter Kerry and three grandchildren.

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# Going up? Appeal holds the key as Wealdstone clinch promotion place

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**Worthing 1 Wealdstone 2**  
BY JOHN COMFORT

clipped the keeper as he gathered it. Reid response was to totally lose control and launch a head butt at the Stones striker who went down like the proverbial sack of manure.

In the mayhem that followed Wealdstone defender Phil Dicker was shown the red card for foolishly expressing his less than subtle observations to Mr Stoneham and when order was finally restored Reid, not surprisingly, was similarly despatched. For his part, Jones received a yellow card. Many felt that an Oscar would have been more appropriate. Mr Stoneham's final ruling was a spot kick to Stones for Reid's aberration and, having scored from a penalty at one end, Rutherford took over between the sticks to attempt to prevent one at the other end. He did get a hand to Rocky Baptiste's shot but was unable to keep it out and Wealdstone dramatically regained the lead.

Two minutes later Mr Stoneham blew the final whistle and the large Stones following raced onto the pitch to join the team in a mass celebration.

The promotion spot Wealdstone have so thoroughly deserved after a remarkable run of 16 wins, a draw and just one defeat from their last 18 games, had been secured.

Now the club is waiting for the FA appeals committee to rubber stamp it. If there is any justice, it will happen!

No date has yet been set for the hearing.

**Wealdstone:** Imber, Boxford, Sterling, Copeman (Dicker), Waugh, Benning, Walton, Holmes, Baptiste, Bircham (Jones), McKay (Lamb).

**Stones boss Gordon Bartlett has been declared joint winner of the William Hill Manager of the Month award for March in Division One after the Ryman League admitted to an error in the selection process which gave Canvey's Jeff King the award.**

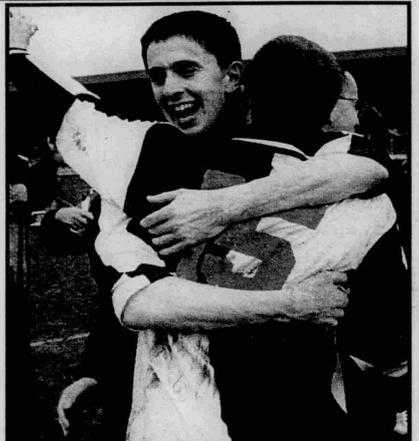
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Brian Jones and Paul Lamb share the joy of Wealdstone's amazing promotion place clinching win at Worthing. Picture by Colin Bunner.

# Newing goes

## Search is on for new Edgware manager



Steve Newing.

EDGWARE Town have parted company with manager Steve Newing.

Newing's heavy involvement with Sunday side, West Hendon Ex-Servicemens Club, was a contributory factor to his departure.

Edgware officials and supporters have been unhappy that, after a good start to the season, Wares had dropped alarmingly down the table in recent months with weakened teams being fielded. The suggestion was that players were being rested to keep fit for Sunday matches.

After Tuesday night's defeat at home to Wivenhoe there was a heated disagreement between Newing and a club official and the manager's departure followed.

Newing, who offered to resign five

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weeks ago following criticism of his team selection, denied that his loyalties were split.

"How can they question my loyalty after I've been here for seven years and stayed despite having many opportunities to move away and better myself?"

"I would have thought that in my first year as manager I would have got more support. But when we had injuries to key players and things started to go wrong, people were quick to jump on my back."

"Now I'm finished with Edgware. I've

said my piece, there are no hard feelings, we've agreed to disagree. I love the club but whoever they get to replace me, it's time to move on. I've had a go at management, now I want to concentrate on playing."

Newing said that Saturday's game with Thame, with West Hendon due to play at Anfield in the semi-finals of the Carlsberg Pub Cup the following day, was the only occasion that he had ever rested players for a Sunday game.

His predecessor, Jock McGeish, did the same last year. Newing's assistant, Joe Sheridan, will be in charge of the team at Harlow. The club is expected to make an announcement about a new manager next week.



## Trustee calls for FA investigation

CLUB trustee, Les Hobbs, has written to the Football Association requesting an investigation into the running of Wealdstone FC over the past five years. Mr Hobbs, a persistent critic of the club's board of directors, claims he is acting on behalf of supporters said to be unhappy with matters at the club.

## Borough aiming to maintain their goalscoring form



Blackburner Frank McCormack blasts home Harrow Borough's second goal in their 3-0 crushing of Purfleet at Earlsmead on Saturday. Picture by Sophie Powell.

HARROW Borough look to continue the impressive goal form they showed against Purfleet when they take on St Albans at Earlsmead tonight (Thursday).

They will be without Otis Roberts, who is on international duty with Grenada, while Kash Walker has returned to Canada. Sean James is their only injury doubt.

Borough's Capital League game with Welling, postponed from last night due to the Kent club's involvement in the London Challenge Cup, is to be played at Earlsmead this coming Wednesday.

## Soccer fixtures

Thursday April 29  
Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v St Albans City (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)  
Saturday May 1  
Ryman League Premier Div: Chesham Utd v Harrow Borough  
Ryman League Div One: Wealdstone v Staines Town (White Lion ground, 3pm)  
Ryman League Div Two: Lewes v Kingsbury Town  
Ryman League Div Three: Lewes v Kingsbury Town  
Wednesday May 5  
Capital League: Harrow Borough v Welling Utd (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)

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## West Hendon book a return to Twin Towers

TROPHY holders, West Hendon Ex-Servicemens Club are back at Wembley Stadium for the final of the Carlsberg Pub Cup. The Harrow Sunday Challenge League side, which is bolstered by numerous Edgware Town players, including former player-manager Steve Newing, booked their place in the final by beating the Butcher's Arms from Barnsley 2-0 in the semi-finals at Anfield with goals from Michael Roche and Fabio Valenti, who took the man of the match award. The Pub Cup Final will be played before the FA Vase Final at Wembley on Saturday May 16. West Hendon's opponents will be Sizewell Sports.

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