

SPORT

Boro' lack killer touch

GIVEN better finishing, Borough would have comfortably won this friendly on Tuesday against the Ryman League Premier Division Champions.

They squandered a succession of golden scoring opportunities which soured what was otherwise a very encouraging performance by Alan Paris's team, capped by the manager making his seasonal debut in the closing 10 minutes.

In a lively opening spell, Damien Markman had already fired wide with only keeper Gareth Howells to beat by the time that ex-Borough favourite Nko Ekoku headed the visitors into a 5th minute lead from Jimmy Dack's cross.

Borough responded with John Hurlock sending George Fowler through only to fire straight at Howells, then Pat Gavin's chip failed to clear the keeper after Danny Nwaokolo had set him free.

And a desperate tackle robbed Markman when he only had Howells to beat.

Harrow Borough 2 Sutton Utd 3
BY JOHN COMFORT

The Conference club made Borough pay for those misses when Colin Simpson, looking more than a little offside, was put free to set up Mark Watson to make it 2-0 and only the crossbar prevented Ekoku scoring a third.

Borough did net four minutes after the break, Gavin heading home an Otis Roberts corner, and soon after only Howells' fine save kept out a rasping Roberts volley.

Watson stretched Sutton's lead on 62 minutes but two minutes later a great build up between Roberts and Gavin set up Markman to blast home Borough's second.

But there was no deserved equaliser, as misses by Markman and Gavin Mernagh, after they had been put clear, highlighted Borough's lack of killer punch on the night.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Webster (O'Connor), Nwaokolo, Roberts, Cooper, Kumah, Jones (Towle), Hurlock (Mernagh), Gavin, Markman (Dodd), Fowler (Paris).

PLACES are still available for Harrow Borough FC's next summer soccer school at Earlsmead from August 16 through to August 20.

The course, organised by Harrow Borough's Football in the Community officer, Otis Roberts,

and run in conjunction with Snappy Snaps 1 Hour Photos, is for youngsters, boys and girls, aged from 7-14.

Bookings forms are available at Snappy Snaps, 324B Station Road, Harrow, or by calling the Football in the Community office on 864 0933.



Ex-chairman Murphy quits Boro' board

POPULAR vice-chairman, Martin Murphy, has resigned from the board of directors at Harrow Borough FC.

Mr Murphy, who has been on the board at the Earlsmead club for 12 years, five of which were as chairman before he stepped down almost three years ago, was the club's building director and played a large part in Borough's acquisition of a new stand and new floodlights in recent seasons.

"I'd been thinking about it for a while and I just felt I needed a rest to recharge my batteries," said Mr Murphy.

"I've enjoyed my time as a director and it's been a wonderful experience but you never get a minute to yourself.

"I'll still be around the club and still supporting them but now I'll be down there when I want to."



Martin Murphy.

Borough's commercial director, Jim Hayes, has also stepped down and been replaced by long standing club member and former vice-president, Andy Collingham.

The club is now busily looking to replace Mr Murphy to bring the board back up to full strength.

Five goal flack for Wealdstone

Flackwell Heath 5 Wealdstone 2

WITHOUT seven regular players, Stones lost to Division Three outfit Flackwell Heath on Tuesday night, writes Graham South.

They scored first after 19 minutes when a Lewis Reid shot was fumbled by the home keeper and Lee Walker pounced to shoot home, but the lead did not last long. Within two minutes Flackwell Heath were level and by half time they were 3-1 up.

The home side scored a fourth nine minutes into the second half and although the impressive Walker headed home from a Reid free kick to make it 4-2, any chance of a comeback ended when Jamie Charles scored Flackwell's fifth to complete his hat-trick.

Wealdstone's last visit to Flackwell, who on Tuesday signed ex Stones favourite Simon Garner, resulted in a heavy 4-0 defeat, but they went on to win the Division Three title.

Wealdstone: Batson, Waugh, Sanford, Tibbony (A.McKay), Lamb, Field, Holmes, Bircham (Winter), Walker, Hether (Smith), Boudou (Curvingham).

EDGWARE Town hit the goal trail at the White Lion ground on Tuesday when they defeated a young Charlton Athletic team 5-0 with an impressive performance.

Observer match reports

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Soccer fixtures

Thursday August 5
Friendlies: Kingsbury Town v Haringey Borough (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm); Brook House v Edgware Town.

Saturday August 7
Friendlies: Yeading v Harrow Borough; Ware v Wealdstone (2pm); Kingsbury Town v Kempston Rovers (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm); Melksham v Wembley.

Tuesday August 10
Friendlies: Wealdstone v Walton & Herasham (White Lion ground, 7.45pm); Southall v Edgware Town.

Harrow keep a grip on Division Two status

BY TONY BUSH

Christian Stephenson.

Dan Leggett was a little below his best in finishing 5th in the 5000m while Gareth Noble ran his best time for two years in the 800m.

Luke Rosenberger completed his preparations for the European Junior Championships this weekend by taking 4th spot in a tight decus competition and setting a personal best of 45.75m in the hammer. Former English Schools Champion Malcolm Creed continued his return to competition by setting a season's best of 49.00 in the hammer.

Harrow athletics
100m: A 2 John Steute 10.7, B 1 Roban Samuel 11.2; 200m: A 4 Roban Samuel 22.2, B 4 Jamie Querry 23.2; 400m: A 7 Gareth Noble 51.2, B 7 Jamie Webb 53.1; 800m: A 7 Stuart Taylor 1:51.5, B 4 Gareth Noble 1:56.8; 1000m: A 6 Matthew Nicholls 4:52.9, B 7 Gordon Tyler 4:53.9; 1500m: A 8 Dan Leggett 12:02.4, B 7 Matt Bryant 12:22.9; 100m hurdle: A 2 Jamie Querry 14.5, B 1 Andy Lewis 14.8; 400m hurdle: A 7 Thea Butler 2:0.4, B 4 Steve South 2:0.2; 800m s/c: A 2 Darcy Simon 2:02.2 HC, B 4 Adam Bowden 2:02.2; High jump: A 2 Mark Smith 1.28, B 4 Gary Hatched 1.25; Pole vault: A 3 Brett Weaver 4.50, B 30 M Jamie Querry; Long jump: A 1 Andy Lewis 7.44, B 1 Jamie Querry 7.20; Shot put: A 2 Andy Lewis 12.50, B 5 Adam Butler 12.50; Discus: A 8 Andy Lewis 32.00, B 4 Jamie Querry 32.00; Javelin: A 4 Luke Rosenberger 47.16, B 4 Jamie Querry 38.65; Hammer: A 7 Jamie Querry 47.16, B 4 Gareth Noble 45.00; Heavier: A 7 Malcolm Creed 63.0, B 3 Luke Rosenberger 61.00; 4 x 100m: 2 Harrow (Roban Samuel, Andy Lewis, Jamie Querry, John Steute) 41.2; 4 x 400m: 7 Harrow (Steve South 54.2, Andy Lewis 52.2, John Steute 52.2, Jamie Querry 48.2) 2:24.4.

HARROW Athletic Club will enter the new millennium in British League Division Two after finishing sixth in a pulsating final round at Watford on Saturday.

Swansea were already doomed to relegation but four other teams were looking to avoid the drop.

In a tense match it all came down to the final relay where Harrow gained sufficient points to stay clear of trouble, finishing fifth in the final table, while Stoke John Swansea in Division Three next season.

International decathlete Jamie Querry scored 54 points at Watford and more than 200 in the season to help secure Harrow's Division Two status. He won the B string long jump, took 2nd behind international hurdler Paul Gray in the sprint hurdles and scored good points in the throws and relays.

Andy Lewis capped a great first season for Harrow by winning the long jump with a superb leap of 7.44m. He also won the B sprint hurdles and was 3rd in the triple jump.

John Steute, who featured on BBC television several times in the recent World Championships trials, took 2nd in the 100m in 10.7 and ran good legs in both relays.

Club captain Roban Samuel concluded his 12th season of British League competition by winning the B string 100m.

Queensbury's Deiro Simon set his second club steepchase record of the summer, clocking 9.08.8 for 2nd behind National Champion

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