

SPORT

THE locals swing into FA Cup action on Saturday with Wealdstone, Wembley, Edgware and Kingsbury all engaged in prelimi-

nary round ties. Wealdstone face a difficult tie against Jewson League Clacton, a club not short of a few bob, having attracted a huge

sponsorship deal with a local radio station. Brian Jones is an injury doubt for Stones, but manager Gordon Bartlett hopes to have Dominic

Sterling, Lee Walker and Ian Waugh all fit. Wembley also face unknown opposition when they visit Stotfold of the United Counties League.

Sean McCarthy and Stefan McGarrell suffered knocks in Tuesday's win over Hungerford but are both expected to recover. Edgware have an away game at newly promoted Ford, who have won both their league openers.

Hopefully the prospect of a possible clash with Stones in the next round will provide the lift Wares need for a tough tie. Andy Carter has finished his suspension and

is set to return in goal. Kingsbury are at home to Tring and will be expected to go through to the next round.

Harrow Borough, who do not come into the FA Cup until the second qualifying round, are in league action at Walton and will again be without skipper Jon-Barrie Bates who has an ankle ligaments injury.

An ankle will also sideline John Hurlock but Paul Adolphe is available for what will be his last game before taking up a scholarship in the USA.

Borough have signed full back Peter Risley from Aylesbury.

Stanmore are Oval bound

STANMORE were celebrating on Sunday after booking themselves a place in the Fosters Oval Final of the Evening Standard Trophy with their five runs semi-final victory over Addiscombe.

Jamie Hollebone was the Stanmore hero, hitting an excellent 75 as Stanmore made 208-9 from their 50 overs.

Great bowling from Luke O'Reilly and Mark Stear had the Surrey Championship side in deep trouble at 47-7 in their reply

and Stanmore were coasting to an easy victory.

But the Addiscombe tailenders gave Alastair Fraser's men a fright, their late flourish giving the tie an exciting finale before they finally finished just short with a total of 203-9.

Said Fraser: "We were a bit shell shocked after seeming to be strolling home."

"But we're well chuffed at getting

through to the final and we're really looking forward to it."

Stanmore's opponents at the Oval Final on Sunday September 11 are their Middlesex County League rivals Brondesbury - the team that they coincidentally lost to in a low scoring League match at the Common on Saturday.

"I'm confident we can beat them in the final," said Fraser.

Full report on page 110.



Alastair Fraser - 'classified to make final.'

Soccer fixtures

Thursday August 19	Harrow Borough v Enfield (Enfield, 7.30pm)
Friday August 20	Edgware Town v Crouch End (White Lion ground, 7.30pm)
Saturday August 21	FA Cup preliminary round: Foot
Edgware v Edgware Town; Hungerford v Tring Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm); Stotfold v Wembley; Wealdstone v Clacton Town (White Lion ground, 3pm)	
Ryman League Premier Div:	Walton & Horsham v Harrow Borough
Tuesday August 24	Ryman League Premier Div:
Wednesday August 25	Capital League: Gorseham Wood v Harrow Borough (7.30pm)
Ryman League Div One:	Wealdstone v Thame Ud (White Lion ground, 7.45pm)
Ryman League Div Two:	Barking v Edgware Town; Benthamsford Town v Wembley (7.45pm)
Ryman League Div Three:	Laves v Hungerford Town

Bates inspires Wembley to second win in a week

WEMBLEY notched their second win of the week by defeating Hungerford in their opening home game of the season at Vale Farm on Tuesday.

But the Lions were made to work hard for their victory.

They took almost half an hour before they got their act together during which time a couple of brilliant saves by Keita

Wembley 2 Hungerford Town 0
BY RICHARD MARKIEWICZ

Karamoko, who bravely spread himself to foil the onrushing Mickey Durkin and then produced a marvellous reflex save to push clear Andy Wollen's close range strike, prevented the visitors establishing a commanding lead.

However, led from the front by their inspirational skipper Ian Bates, the home side re-grouped and struck the first blow with a neatly constructed 31st minute goal.

Stefan McGarrell was the creator when he delivered a perfect defence splitting pass into the path of the advancing Davis Haule who raced to the byline and provided a teasing ball from the right for the ce-

lashing Carl Levene to thump home.

Nine minutes later Levene set up Wembley's second goal. His wicked corner kick was met by the rising Haule whose goalbound header was handled on the goaline by defender Jason Brizell. Brizell was sent off and Haule converted the ensuing penalty.

To their credit the depleted visitors kept

on battling. However, in the end, Wembley could have extended their lead but Michael Gorman, Levene and Carl Lindo twice, were all denied by excellent goalkeeping from Hungerford's Alan Churchward during the blank second half.

Wembley: Karamoko, Reading, Harrowood, Walters, Mitchell, Levene, Bates, McCarthy, Lindo, Haule, McGarrell (Gorman). Other subs: Keene, Lally.

No seaside special as errors sink Borough

TWO elementary defensive mistakes and an inability to penetrate a well organised home defence, cost Borough dearly on a wet, windy night at the seaside on Tuesday.

Playing with a gale force wind on their backs in the first half, the home side were quicker to settle and took the lead in the 7th minute.

Confused by the swirling wind, the Borough defence allowed a left wing corner to drop to the ground and Canvey's record scorer Jones was on hand to fire home.

Harrow did well to survive the following minutes and David Hook

Canvey Island 2 Harrow Borough 0
BY SIMON GREGOR

did well to hold onto a shot from Payne.

At the other end Otis Roberts sent a 20 yard drive just past the post and when Pat Gavin's header released Damien Markman he was closed down quickly by the home defence and the opportunity was gone.

1-0 down at the break but with the wind in their favour for the second half, Harrow had cause for optimism, and they started well.

Gavin headed down Paul Adolphe's cross to Markman but the ball was cleared, Roberts had a 30 yarder held by Horne and Adolphe just missed with a full length diving header from the Roberts cross.

On the hour Markman came close to equalising when he beat two defenders and hit a shot that was brilliantly palmed away by Horne.

Substitutions brought on George Fowler and Paul Ripley but the changes appeared to have a disruptive effect.

In the 71st minute Ripley lost the ball in midfield and Canvey broke upfield.

Mark Cooper seemed to have shepherded the home forward in possession away from danger, but left his leg conveniently outstretched for long enough to enable the player to fall over it and Tilson smashed home the resultant penalty.

Borough came close to a consolation goal in the closing minute when Canvey centre back Bennett weakly touched Danny Nwaokolo's cross back to Horne and the alert Ripley slipped in to take the ball past the keeper.

Ben Moore was on hand to nick it from his toe before he could slide it home.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Ross, Fisher, Ruben, Cooper, Parie, Nwaokolo, Adolphe (Jones), Gavin (Ripley), Markman, Clarke (Fowler).



Bartlett goes for a positive view on Stones dire display

THE positive view taken by Stones boss Gordon Bartlett, that four points from their opening two games is an improvement on last season, was all very laudable. But there was no escaping the fact that Stones' performance on Tuesday was absolutely dire.

Against a better side than Yeading they would doubtless have taken a beating.

Fortunately the home side's footballing acumen on the night was on a par with their own and a draw was perhaps a fair outcome.

It had all begun well for Wealdstone and for the first 15 minutes they ran rings round their

Yeading 1 Wealdstone 1
BY JOHN COMFORT

hosts and their 6th minute lead was well deserved. Chris Walton pounced on a loose Yeading pass to send Brian Jones away on the right and Rocky Baptiste effortlessly slotted his low cross past keeper David Smalley from close range.

But it all started to go wrong for Stones in the 20th minute. Casual defending left Tony Thompson with just Noel Imber to beat but Dave Tilbury's tackle from behind brought him down. An obvious penalty and an equally clear red card, but inept referee Tomlin only got it half right. Tilbury escaped

scot free but Jason Tucker fired Yeading level from the spot.

Jon Denton's tackle on Jones, that many felt deserved a penalty, was the beginning of the end for the striker and when he limped off injured, with him went Wealdstone's goal threat.

Baptiste was unlucky when an upright denied him soon after the break but it was a rare opportunity in a second half that saw the quality of football drop to a new low, the only relief coming with the final whistle.

Wealdstone: Imber, McKay (Violet), Lyons (Campbell), Bedford, Tilbury, Lamb, Walton, Jones (Pate), Baptiste, Graham, Holmes.

...the very latest...
...yourself...
...Team...
...by Wells...
...5 Times...
...JULY OFFER...
...10% OFF...
...with this ad...

WATCH reports can be E-mailed to Observer Sport at the following address: jc@harrowobserver.demon.co.uk

CHEQUECASHING

Don't have a bank account?
Don't want to use your bank account?

If you have received a wages cheque, a tax rebate, a council cheque, a DSS cheque or any other cheque from a recognised company - then we can cash it while you wait!

This includes cheques crossed "Account payee Only" and "Not Negotiable". Proof of identity required.

248 HIGH ROAD, HARROW WEALD
IS NOW OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY 10AM-6PM
(CLOSED TUESDAYS) SATURDAY 10AM-5PM
0181-933 2244

Flint Insurance

Registered Insurance Brokers

COMPETITIVE QUOTATIONS CALL

Tel: 0181 427 6464

Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30 Sat 9.30-12.30

C.C. FLINT & CO LTD.
51 STATION ROAD, N. HARROW
MIDDLESEX, HA2 7SL