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First half goals see Wembley through

Wembley 2 Stotfold 1
BY RICHARD MARKIEWICZ

WEMBLEY booked their place in the next round of the FA Cup after eventually overcoming Stotfold in Tuesday's preliminary round replay.

The Lions showed their class in the first half and after Michael Gorman had hit a post early on they deservedly went in front in the 13th minute.

Carlton Mitchell and Leon Latty combined to open up the Stotfold rearguard and the latter's cross was drilled past the exposed keeper by the unmarked Davis Haule.

Mitchell was twice prevented from increasing Wembley's lead by a couple of unorthodox goalkeeping saves before the home side went further ahead in the 39th minute. Haule skilfully controlled Latty's long cross before laying a perfect pass into the path of the onrushing Sean McCarthy who poked the ball home.

However, after being refused an obvious penalty for a foul on the twisting Latty, and following a couple of enforced substitutions, the Lions lost their way during the second half and the visitors seized the opportunity to apply pressure.

Two outstanding point blank saves by Keita Karamoko kept Stotfold at bay before they eventually pulled a goal back with a Mark Davidson penalty, awarded for shirt pulling, eight minutes from time. But their revival came too late to affect the outcome as Wembley confidently held on to the final whistle.

Wembley: Karamoko, Reading, Harewood, Henderson, Mitchell, Keane (Levene), Bates, McCarthy, Latty (Abraham), Haule, Gorman. Other subs: Lindo, Protain.

Third defeat in a row leaves Boro' bottom

Harrow Borough 1
Enfield 2
BY JOHN COMFORT

THE opening day promise shown against Dagenham is already becoming a fast fading memory as Borough suffered their third successive defeat on Tuesday which leaves them rooted to the bottom of the Premier Division table.

Those old familiar imperfections of inability to put away their chances and vulnerability in defence were at the heart of Harrow's demise against a lively Enfield outfit. The latter was clearly evident when the visitors got their opener in the 13th minute, the unmarked John Morgan being given abundant time and space to cleverly control a Jamie Morris cross before blasting it past the helpless David Hook.

Borough did battle back and Mark Jones was unlucky with a rising drive that cannoned back off the Enfield crossbar before they drew level in the 37th minute, Damien Markman slotting home Dwain Clarke's good, low cross from close range.

But their joy lasted only three minutes before Enfield were back in front.

A free kick awarded to the visitors was dubious indeed as Jamie Bunn appeared to fall over the ball, but nevertheless there was no excuse for the absence of Borough defending that following which allowed Morris to score unchallenged from Glenn Southgate's cross.

Borough had chances to take a point in the second half but sadly they failed to put them away. A great save from Jerome John denied Markman early on but Clarke wasted the best of them, firing over with only John to beat after being set up by Jones.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Rose, Risley, Roberts, Cooper, Paris, Jones, Bates, Gavin (Cornock), Markman, Clarke. Other subs: Nwaokolo, Dodds.

Macey in medal position

HARROW Athletics Club decathlon ace, Dean Macey, seen by many as the heir apparent to the great Daley Thompson, was poised for World Championship glory in Seville yesterday (Wednesday).

After a dramatic first day, the 21 year old was in the silver medal position, the best overnight placing a Briton has achieved since Thompson won his second Olympic title in Los Angeles 15 years ago.

"Caparisons with Daley are inevitable," said Macey, "and I won't mind until I have won two Olympic golds and everything else he did. For now I'm just happy to have done my best ever first day."

The defending champion and world record holder, Tomas Dvorak of Czechoslovakia was leading the field with 4582 points but Macey was hot on his feels, just 36 points adrift.

A fractured foot injury, that was so bad that it needed a graft from his hip and a titanium plate, put Macey's career on hold for two years after he finished runner up in the World Junior Championships in 1996. He returned in May to become the second Briton after Thompson to exceed 8000 points.

But he looks set to improve on that in Seville after career best times of 10.69 in the 100m and 46.73 in the 400m and a leap of 2.12m in the high jump, one centimetre off his best. A 15.14m throw in the shot and a 7.48m leap in the long jump completed his first day - and put a medal firmly in sight.

D Day for Wasps ace Dallaglio

FORMER England skipper skipper Lawrence Dallaglio will hear his fate today.

The Wasps flanker was yesterday appearing before a three-man tribunal, under the independent chairmanship of High Court judge, Sir Oliver Popplewell, to answer a charge that he brought the game into disrepute over drugs allegations published by the News of the World. A further drug-taking charge was dropped by the RFU.

Following his self imposed exile, Dallaglio returned to international action when he played in England's 106-8 win over the USA at Twickenham and he has been selected for this Saturday's game against Canada

Raymond saves point for Wares

Barking 1
Edgware Town 1
BY PAUL GREGORY

EDGWARE recovered from a goal down at half time to earn a point against a physical Barking side on Tuesday - and but for some good goalkeeping it could have been three.

Barking went ahead after 20 minutes when Kevin Hoddy floated over a corner for Stuart Hibberd to power past Andy Carter.

Only a fine diving save by Carter denied Hoddy when he got through soon after.

Edgware did not get into the game until the closing minutes of the half. Dennis Attoh's shot on the run was kept out by Baker, Leon Constantine was over with a free kick, while a Steve Ohene shot went just wide.

Wares were in more determined mood in the second half with the strong runs of Darren Raymond and Constantine troubling the home defence.

Raymond went close with a volley on the turn from a Christian Glynn corner as Wares laid seige to the home goal and on 85 minutes they drew level when a superb dummy by Constantine set Raymond up to crash the ball into the corner of the net.

Baker kept out a powerful header from Constantine and in injury time Wares were denied a clear penalty after Glynn was fouled in the area.

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Battered Bircham sees red

Wealdstone 1
Thame Utd 0
BY GRAHAM SMITH

WEALDSTONE recorded their third successive home win on Tuesday night in a match that saw midfielder Steve Bircham and Thame's Ronnie Joe both sent off.

The visitors were very physical and it certainly showed in the 36th minute when Joe elbowed Bircham in an off the ball incident and when the midfielder retaliated it started a free for all involving many players. In the midst of the mayhem Bircham was on the ground being kicked and bitten.

Referee Dave Buckridge of Enfield had a hard job separating players but after achieving this he duly sent Joe off. The dazed Bircham was helped off the pitch by Stones physio Ian Pickens with blood pouring from head wounds and his shirt redder than one of Harrow Borough's, and while he was receiving treatment Mr Buckeridge showed him the red card.

After a five minute delay play continued with both sides down to 10 men and the half ended goalless with Stones having most of the possession but not testing the goalkeeper.

The only goal of the game came three minutes after the break when a Brian Jones corner was headed back by Dominic Sterling for Carl Holmes to head home.

Stones could have scored more but Jones had a good shot half saved, with Saulsbury coming to the keeper's rescue by clearing, then Joe Lyons had a thunderous shot parried but no-one was following up to fire home the loose ball.

Holmes put Rocky Baptiste clear only for Moores to save, but with five minutes remaining it took a timely tackle by man of the match Sterling to deny Fontaine a late equaliser for the visitors.

Wealdstone: Imber, Lamb, Lyons, Sterling, Tilbury, Boxford, Walton, Jones (Walker), Baptiste, Bircham, Holmes. Other subs: McKay, Campbell.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday August 28
Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Chesham Utd (Earlsmead, 3pm).
Ryman League Div One: Grays Ath v Wealdstone.
Ryman League Div Two: Edgware Town v Northwood (White Lion ground, 3pm); Wembley v Molesey (Vale Farm, 3pm).
Ryman League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Camberley Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Chiltonian League Brian Wells Memorial Trophy: Rayners Lane v Marlin Baker (Lucas Ave, 3pm).
Monday August 30
Ryman League Cup: Tooting & Mitcham Utd v Wembley (3pm).
Ryman League Premier Div: Boreham Wood v Harrow Borough (3pm).
Tuesday August 31
Ryman League Cup: Edgware Town v Trim Town (White Lion ground, 7.30pm); Kingsbury Town v Leighton Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).
Chiltonian League Brian Wells Memorial Trophy: Drayton Wand v Rayners Lane.
Wednesday September 1
Ryman League Div One: Wealdstone v Bishops Stortford (White Lion ground, 7.45pm).
Capital League: Harrow Borough v Rushden & Diamonds (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

Kingsbury run is halted

Lewes 4 Kingsbury Town 0

KINGSBURY'S unbeaten run ended at Lewes on Tuesday but the final scoreline was flattering to the home side.

Town were on top in the first half but a Gavin Child header that was blocked on the line was the closest they came.

Pattenden hit the bar for Lewis and in the last five minutes of the half the home side scored twice. Their 40th minute opener came from a dubious penalty, awarded when Child's header off the line hit Mark Burgess on the hand, and Johnson converted the spot kick. Johnson also notched Lewes's second two minutes later.

Kingsbury were on top again after the break but were unable to test the home keeper. On 75 minutes a foul on Charles Antwi earned them a penalty, but keeper Reid saved from Jeb Hughes, and kept out his effort from the rebound.

Two goals in injury time, both scored by Reid, gave Lewes a margin of victory that did not reflect the run of play.

Kingsbury: Clarke, Ash, Huggett, Burgess, Child, Dunning, Sonenthall (Koeh), Ryan, Antwi, Hughes, Fitzpatrick (Metherall). Other sub: Simpson.

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