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## Woodruffe wins it for ten-man Wembley

PLAYING with just ten men for the entire second half, super Wembley showed their resilience in overcoming the handicap to produce an excellent win at Tooting on Tuesday night.

**Tooting & Mitcham Utd 1 Wembley 2**  
BY RICHARD MARKIEWICZ

Nick Christie hoisted the ball over the Tooting defence into the path of Leon Woodruffe who cut it back into the danger zone for the onrushing Gavin Lindsay to drive home.

sundry during a bad tempered contest, it was almost inevitable that someone was going to be sent off.

matters worse for the depleted visitors, the unmarked Ricardo Bhola levelled the scores from the free kick that followed.

front with a brilliant individual goal from wonderful Woodruffe, seven minutes into the second half.

ter the box before firing a crisp low strike into the far bottom corner of the net.

But with a combination of resolute and some unorthodox defending, Wembley held on, Keita Karamoko making a couple of fine saves to preserve three thoroughly deserved points.

# Boro' suffer Trophy agony

## Second half comeback is not enough as Earlsmead outfit blunder their way out

**Oxford City 3 Harrow Borough 2**

THREE goals conceded through defensive blunders, keeper Matt Pollard taken off to hospital with concussion, an exceptionally poor refereeing performance, and a decided lack of good fortune, all combined to make it an unhappy night for Borough on Tuesday as they slid disappointingly out of the FA Trophy in this second round replay at Court Place Farm.



By John Comfort

in the first five minutes of the second period. Two players were clearly offside in a City attack in the 48th minute before referee Martin Ebbage of Burnham made one of his many mysterious decisions of the night and gave the home side a free kick out on the left flank.

Pat Gavin headed down Danny Nwaokolo's cross for substitute Damien Markman to scramble in their opener on 62 minutes, and their tails were up. 11 minutes later Gavin was scythed 20 yards out and Nwaokolo superbly curled in the free kick to reduce the deficit to a single goal.



## Another Premier scalp for Stones

Stones to face holders

STONES claimed their second Premier Division scalp in the Full Members Cup with this convincing win over Boreham Wood on Tuesday and they will get the chance to make it a hat-trick when they visit Gravesend in the third round.

**Wealdstone 3 Boreham Wood 0**  
BY GRAHAM SMITH

The home side should have taken a 12th minute lead when a fine run from Brian Jones to the bye line was wasted as his good cross saw no one up in support to push the ball home.

Two minutes later Jones made an even better run, beating four defenders in the process before slotting past Boreham Wood's ex-Hendon keeper, Dave Root, for a memorable opening goal.

Stones extended their lead in the 21st minute when Noel Imber sent a free kick from midway in his own half deep over the visitors' defence, and Keith Rowlands stretched out a leg to send the ball rolling slowly over the line.

A goalline clearance by Shafer then prevented Paul McKay's cross from going in for a third goal.

made sure of victory with a third goal following a Joe Lyons cross. Dave Tilbury had his effort blocked but the loose ball came out to Carl Holmes who fired past Root.

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## Bates back for Vase clash



Ian Bates - back for Lions.

SKIPPER Ian Bates returns to the Wembley side for their FA Vase third round tie away to Jewson League Histon on Saturday after missing the midweek win at Tooting due to suspension.

If a replay is required for the tie it will take place at Vale Farm on Tuesday, kick off 7.45pm.

Harrow Borough will be anticipating their best crowd of the season on Saturday when title chasing Aldershot are their visitors, along with their former Borough boss George Borg.

Bishops Stortford - who scored a shock win at the White Lion earlier in the season. Rocky Baptiste and Chris Walton are added to Gordon Bartlett's squad but a shoulder injury might keep out Steve Bircham.

**SOCCER FIXTURES**

Saturday December 4

FA Vase third round: Histon v Wembley, Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Alersshot Town (Earlsmead, 3pm), Ryman League Div One: Bishops Stortford v Wealdstone, Ryman League Div Two: Edgware Town v Chalfont St Peter (White Lion ground, 3pm), Ryman League Div Three: Dorking v Kingsbury Town, Chiltonian League: Eton Wick v Rayners Lane (2pm)

Wednesday December 8

Ryman League Div One: Wealdstone v Whyteleafe (White Lion ground, 7.45pm), Capital League President's Cup: Harrow Borough v Boreham Wood (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)

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