

SPORT

Bowden leads Harrow AC's international challenge

ADAM Bowden heads the 29-strong Harrow AC squad competing in the international cross country event in Brussels on Sunday.

The 17 year old steepchaser takes on the top Kenyans and Europeans in the junior

(under-20) World Cross Country event, alongside Sean Hunt and Mark McIlrath. London Youth Games medal winners, Martin Saunders and Michael Smart, will be looking for good placings in the supporting young athletes events

In Brussels, Robert Barton, Jason Cooper, Gary Harrison, Peter Morris, Ryan O'Connor, Stuart Spencer, David Sturges and Ludwig Wilson-Wolfe provide strong support.

Steve Jones and Laurence Rudge lead the seven strong

group running in the Gaston Roelands 10 kilometre road race, being held in conjunction with the cross country races.

Luke Hunt, Gareth Noble, Geoff Thompson, Graham Smart and Tony Bush complete the Harrow line up.

Harrow hit by a hat-trick of bans

HARROW Borough pay the price for recent indiscipline on Saturday when they face Slough Town without the services of three suspended players.

Skipper Jon-Barrie Bates starts a four match ban, while striker Pat Gavin is out for two matches as punishment for their dismissals against Aldershot, while Andy Rose is serving a one match ban for an accumulation of bookings.

Added to that Borough have lost wing back, Junior Harvey, who has joined Aldershot, and manager Alan Paris has serious selection problems.

In the resultant reshuffle Warren Gladly is likely to get a starting spot and with Paris actively engaged in the task of strengthening his squad, the appearance of

unappreciated by their hosts and a less than warm welcome can be expected when they return there on Saturday.

Stones are likely to be boosted

Striker Keith Rowlands could also return after a midweek appearance for Sutton.

Gordon Bartlett has added to his squad with the signing of former

team squad who missed the midweek win over Molesey are likely to return for Saturday's visit to Hemel Hempstead.

Definitely out though are David Kellman (suspended), Keita Karamoko (away on business), Leon Woodruffe (on holiday) and Avi Schwarz (unavailable), while Tony Readings has flu and is doubtful.

Wembley have added to their squad with the signing of keeper Michael Bolger from Staines and ex Yeading striker David Asare.

Suspensions rule Bates, Gavin and Rose out of Slough clash

several new faces against Slough is a distinct possibility.

Wealdstone's celebrations at clinching a promotion place with a win at Worthing last season went

by the return of Paul Lamb, Carl Holmes, and Steve Bircham, who all missed the Oxford Cup defeat through injury, as well as Stuart Maynard, who was cup tied.

Harrow Borough midfielder Andy Prutton from Boreham Wood, and striker Mehmet Coktas, who was formerly on Luton's books.

The majority of Wembley's first

Soccer fixtures

Saturday December 18

Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Slough Town (Earlmead, 3pm).

Ryman League Div One: Worthing v Wealdstone.

Ryman League Div Two: Edgware Town v Cheshunt (White Lion ground, 3pm); Hemel Hempstead Town v Wembley.

Ryman League Div Three: Egham Town v Kingsbury Town.

Chiltonian League: Rayners Lane v Martin Baker (Lucas Ave, 2pm).

Latest league tables

RYMAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION				
Club	P	W	D	L
Slough Town	18	14	3	1
Worthing	17	11	4	2
Dulwich Hamlet	16	11	1	4
Cheshunt	15	10	4	3
Chesham Utd	14	10	3	3
Wokingham	13	10	3	3
Canvey Island	12	10	3	3
Wokingham	11	9	3	3
Farnborough	10	7	6	2
Aldershot	9	6	7	2
Slough Town	8	7	6	2
Slough Town	7	6	6	2
Slough Town	6	6	6	2
Slough Town	5	6	6	2
Slough Town	4	6	6	2
Slough Town	3	6	6	2
Slough Town	2	6	6	2
Slough Town	1	6	6	2

RYMAN LEAGUE DIVISION ONE				
Club	P	W	D	L
Slough Town	18	14	3	1
Worthing	17	11	4	2
Dulwich Hamlet	16	11	1	4
Cheshunt	15	10	4	3
Chesham Utd	14	10	3	3
Wokingham	13	10	3	3
Canvey Island	12	10	3	3
Wokingham	11	9	3	3
Farnborough	10	7	6	2
Aldershot	9	6	7	2
Slough Town	8	7	6	2
Slough Town	7	6	6	2
Slough Town	6	6	6	2
Slough Town	5	6	6	2
Slough Town	4	6	6	2
Slough Town	3	6	6	2
Slough Town	2	6	6	2
Slough Town	1	6	6	2

RYMAN LEAGUE DIVISION TWO				
Club	P	W	D	L
Slough Town	18	14	3	1
Worthing	17	11	4	2
Dulwich Hamlet	16	11	1	4
Cheshunt	15	10	4	3
Chesham Utd	14	10	3	3
Wokingham	13	10	3	3
Canvey Island	12	10	3	3
Wokingham	11	9	3	3
Farnborough	10	7	6	2
Aldershot	9	6	7	2
Slough Town	8	7	6	2
Slough Town	7	6	6	2
Slough Town	6	6	6	2
Slough Town	5	6	6	2
Slough Town	4	6	6	2
Slough Town	3	6	6	2
Slough Town	2	6	6	2
Slough Town	1	6	6	2

RYMAN LEAGUE DIVISION THREE				
Club	P	W	D	L
Slough Town	18	14	3	1
Worthing	17	11	4	2
Dulwich Hamlet	16	11	1	4
Cheshunt	15	10	4	3
Chesham Utd	14	10	3	3
Wokingham	13	10	3	3
Canvey Island	12	10	3	3
Wokingham	11	9	3	3
Farnborough	10	7	6	2
Aldershot	9	6	7	2
Slough Town	8	7	6	2
Slough Town	7	6	6	2
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New Cup date
WEMBLEY Mill Hill ladies' Womens FA Cup third round tie with Barry Town, postponed last week, has been rescheduled for this Sunday, kick off 1.30pm at Vale Farm.

The winners are at home to either Arnold Town or Birmingham City in the next round.

Woeful Wealdstone lack passion for the Cup

THE Ryman League Cup was probably not out on top in the list of Wealdstone's priorities for the season, but that was scant excuse for the lamentable performance on Tuesday night that was fittingly remembered with their exit from the competition.

Manager Gordon Bartlett conceded afterwards that his side had been "very poor."

In actuality it was closer to "exceedingly poor."

On a night when passion and will to win were noticeably absent from those in blue and white shirts, new signing Andy Prutton was one of the few Wealdstone players to emerge with any credit.

Had others followed his example, an ordinary looking Oxford side would surely have been dispatched with some ease.

The only goal of the game came four minutes into the second half when the totally unmarked Matt Hayward

Wealdstone 0
Oxford City 1
BY JOHN COMFORT

headed home Matty Whitehead's cross.

Terry Sweeney almost got a second for City when his cheeky cross-shot over Noel Imber was touched onto the bar and away by the keeper.

Stones had their chances to save the game, notably when Whitehead's miscued header left Rocky Baptiste with only Alan Foster to beat, but his shot was blocked by the keeper and Prutton's follow up effort flew over an unguarded goal.

Having failed to put away that golden opportunity, there was little hope of Stones making full use of the half chances that followed, and so it proved as they limped meekly out.

Wealdstone: Imber, Murphy (Dobson), Lyons (Coktas), Sterling, Tibury, Dickier, Walton (Campbell), Jones, Baptiste, Prutton, Bordon.



Another Gravesend blank for Boro'

BOROUGH have never won at Gravesend and they were unable to break that unhappy sequence on Tuesday when they were comprehensively outplayed by a competent, in-form home side.

Despite being without the suspended Jon-Barrie Bates and the indisposed Pat Gavin, Borough began promisingly with the restored Dwain Clarke causing the home defence problems and creating chances

Gravesend & Northfleet 4 Harrow Borough 1
BY LAWRIE HARRIES

for both Damien Markman and Vladimir Gusavac, and the latter was unlucky with a job which beat home keeper Greg Knight but was hacked off the line by Wilkins.

However, it was Gravesend who went in front in the 19th minute when Spiller beat two Borough defenders on the

left and crossed for the exotically named Che Stadhart to sidefoot in.

Borough responded well with Knight being forced to save with his legs from Markman and Clarke being overwhelmed by defenders in the home-area after a great 40 yard run, but after 35 minutes they fell further behind through another goal

from Stadhart.

A little unfortunate to be two down at the break, Borough's hopes of a getting back into the game were effectively ended five minutes into the second half when the unmarked Powell headed home from a free kick to make it 3-0, and with their tails up, Gravesend carved open the Borough defence again six minutes later for Restarick to get their fourth.

Poor finishing and des-

perate defending denied the home attack any further reward before Borough got a consolation goal a minute from time, substitute Shanton Towle slotting the ball under Knight following a clever pass by Warren Gladly.

A worrying pattern is developing for Borough who are failing to capitalise on chances while seeing their own errors severely punished.

But the real difference

between the two sides on Tuesday was that Gravesend oozed confidence as befits a team that has gone 14 games without defeat.

Borough's confidence, always a fragile commodity in a struggling side, is at a low ebb and probably needs an injection of new players to restore it.

Harrow Borough: Pollard, Rose, Nwaokolo, Robert (Gladly), Cooper, Paris, Kumah, Hurlock, Gusavac (Towle), Markman, Clarke (Dodge).

Depleted Lions too good for Molesey

DESPITE holding an almost unenviable line up, much changed Molesey still proved too strong for Molesey on Tuesday evening.

The depleted Lions were disappointed to see their hopes of a first win in the league season dashed by a strong Molesey side.

Molesey 0 Wembley 2
BY RICHARD MANNING

An unconvincing performance was shown by Molesey, who were found out by their credit, the unfamiliar visitors, quickly gelled together and began to dominate affairs.

Mark Herwood, advancing from his defensive position, saw boy Michael Haastrop and Leon Henderson, all had

before Wembley's attack broke the deadlock in the 41st minute.

Haastrop successfully breached the Molesey defence, kept his foot on the slippery surface, and coolly swung footed the advancing keeper before slotting the ball home to make it 1-0.

Emond Protin, latching on to Ian Bates' through ball,

have doubled Wembley's total score after he fired home at the keeper.

However, Protin's strike was not enough to secure Wembley's second goal in the 59th minute.

Haastrop, trying to push on to his defence splitting pass, was impeded in the box, and Eltona Koss sent the goalkeeper the wrong way from the ensuing penalty.

There was never any danger of Wembley relinquishing their two goal lead after that and substitute Sean McCarthy squandered a couple of chances at the end which would have made the scoreline even more emphatic.

Wembley: Seagrove, Haastrop, Herwood, Protin, Bates, Eltona, Koss, Henderson (Aspin), Henderson (McCarthy).

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