

SPORT

Rock bottom Borough

England call up Maria

Double delight

Wembley sink Wares with two second half strikes

Wembley 2
Edgware Town 0

WITH the aid of a couple of second half strikes, Wembley recorded a thoroughly deserved victory over Edgware in this festive local derby at Vale Farm on Monday, with the visitors ending the match with only ten men after having Glen Parry sent off.

Honours were basically even during the goalless opening 45 minutes.

Wembley had most of the possession but only created two worthwhile chances. Oliver Lyons put in a powerful effort from an Ian Bates corner which the Edgware defence somehow managed to fend clear, while the onrushing Mark Harwood fired over after being put through by another precise Bates pass.

However, Edgware had the best opportunity of breaking the deadlock on the stroke of half time when

By Richard Markiewicz

Dennis Attoh eluded the Wembley rearguard but saw his shot thud against the base of the goalpost.

But the Lions began to emphasise their authority after the break and two quick goals put them firmly in the driving seat. Goalkeeper Michael Bolger began the move which led to the home side opening the scoring in the 59th minute when he swept the ball wide to Sean McCarthy on the right flank. McCarthy advanced towards the halfway line before delivering a perfect defence splitting pass into the path of Kieron Keane who coolly kept control and then slotted the ball through the legs of the advancing Andy Carter and into the net with a crisp low strike.

Two minutes later it was 2-0. The versatile Lyons,

pushed forward in place of the injured Carl Levene, powered his way through the visitors' defence and deftly delivered a looping cross for the stooping McCarthy to head home at the far post.

Hopes of an Edgware revival were dashed soon after when they were reduced to ten men following the dismissal of Parry for committing a second bookable offence. And Wembley were never in any real danger of losing after that.

Leon Henderson and substitute Avi Schwarz both missed a couple of good chances when well placed which would have given the scoreline a more emphatic feel.

Wembley: Bolger, Henderson, Harwood, Walters, Mitchell (Williams), Readings, Bates, Lyons, Keane, Levene (Christie), McCarthy (Schwarz).

Edgware: Carter, Hurd, Parry, Leslie, Makamian, Attoh, Glynn, Carr, Constantine, Raymond (Matthew), Cox. Other subs: Yee, Onyiah.

Bignall signing boosts Borough strike force

WITH Pat Gavin still suspended, Harrow Borough have boosted their strike force with the signing of former Wrexham forward Mike Bignall.

Bignall, who has had Conference experience with both Stevenage and

Kidderminster, and was signed from Boreham Wood, is expected to figure in Monday's home game with Billericay when Borough will be desperate for three points and hopefully begin their climb off the bottom of the Premier Division table.

As well as Gavin, they will also be without skipper Jon Barrie Bates against Billericay. He is also suspended. But Andy Rose returns after completing a ban.

Wealdstone face Spartan League Brook House in the Middlesex Charity Cup tonight (Thursday) and on Monday have a crucial league game away at Bromley who beat Gordon Bartlett's side 3-1 at the White Lion earlier in the season.

Bartlett believes that the defeat against Staines could be the one that has ended their promotion hopes, but a win in Kent could just as easily change the scenario. Stones will be without striker Brian Jones who is suspended following his sending off at Worthing.

Wembley are without a fixture over the holiday period but return to action on Saturday January 8 against Wingate and Finchley.

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Dallaglio in line for England captaincy?

LAWRENCE Dallaglio is being linked with a return to the England captaincy.

The Wasps flanker quit the post in May following newspaper drug allegations. An independent RFU inquiry panel cleared him of those allegations but fined him £15000 for bringing the game into disrepute.

Leicester lock Martin Johnson took over as England skipper but the Leicester lock is suffering from an achilles tendon injury which is threatening to keep him out of action until after the Six Nations Championship starts in February.

Dallaglio, England's outstanding player in the World Cup, and Northern scrum half Matt Dawson, who led England on their tour of the Southern hemisphere last year, are said to be the two players short listed as Johnson's likely replacement.



Lawrence Dallaglio takes a line out ball in Thursday's crushing of Harlequins.

Pictures by Gerard Farrell.



Trevor Leota bulldozes his way through against Harlequins

Wealdstone hit again by the 'Family Day' jinx

IT seems to have become something of a tradition at Wealdstone that whenever the club organises a 'Family Day', the team loses.

Monday's clash with Staines proved no exception, with Stones embarrassingly poor as they lost to the high flying title chasers and at the same time put a serious dent in their own hopes of promotion.

The visitors went ahead in the 14th minute when Everitt's cross was met by Danny Hayward and his effort took a slight deflection off Dominic Sterling and beat Noel Imber.

10 minutes later only good defending from Phil Dicker denied

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BY GRAHAM SMITH

Butler a shot at goal when he was well placed.

Then in the 43rd minute Wealdstone's Family Day jinx continued. Reilly brought down Carl Holmes in the penalty area but Paul Lamb's spot kick was saved by Lovett.

13 minutes into the second half a double substitution saw Rocky Baptiste and Stuart Maynard replacing Carl Holmes and Eddie Boxford and Stones playing three up front.

But ten minutes later this move

back fired when Staines extended their lead. Reilly's cross being headed home at the far post by Kelly Phillips.

Only a fine save by Imber prevented substitute Driscoll from giving Staines a third goal.

A crowd of 480 was not impressed with Stones' performance.

It was a pity that the team could not show as much effort as Paul 'Fingers' Fruin and his helpers who did an excellent job of organising the Family Day.

Wealdstone: Imber, Lamb, McKay, Swaffey, Tibury, Dicker, Prutton (Newbold), Jones, Boxford (Baptiste), Holmes (Maynard), Bircham.

Chris calls it a day

POPULAR Wealdstone midfielder Chris Walton has decided to retire.

He joined the club prior to the start of the 1995-96 season having previously played for Ruislip Manor, Hayes, Kingstonian, Feltham and Hanwell Town, and has played a prominent role in their rise in fortunes since they switched to the Ryman League.

Disappointed that Stones did not get promotion, he was going to quit at the end of last season but decided to continue. But, having failed to gain a regular place in recent weeks, he has finally decided to call it a day.

Fixtures

Thursday December 30
Middlex Charity Cup: Wealdstone v Brook House (White Lion ground, 7.30pm)

Monday January 3
Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Billericay (Town 8pm)

Ryman League Div One: Bromley v Wealdstone (3pm)

Ryman League Div Two: Edgware Town v Tooting & Mitcham Utd (White Lion ground, 3pm)

Ryman League Div Three: Aveley v Kingsbury Town (12 noon)

Tables

Regular Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Deansham & Red	20	15	3	2	46	14	48
St Albans City	18	13	4	1	40	12	37
Delph Herts	20	12	1	7	44	32	37
Chesham Utd	22	11	3	8	38	29	36
Carry Island	22	11	1	10	38	29	34
Greenwood	22	10	6	6	41	34	36
Alershot Town	17	11	0	6	33	24	33
Farnborough	21	8	7	31	25	30	29
Billerica Town	21	8	5	8	30	35	29
Slough Town	18	8	4	6	28	29	28
Enfield	19	8	3	8	30	34	27
Hendon	17	8	1	8	28	35	25
Purfleet	19	8	1	9	28	24	24
Hitchin Town	19	7	6	6	29	36	24
Wotton & St Marg	19	6	5	8	24	29	23
Hampden	19	5	7	22	29	22	22
Basingstoke	20	5	4	11	27	37	19
Carshalton Ath	19	2	10	24	38	19	16
Boreham Wood	22	5	14	18	41	19	16
Aylesbury Utd	22	4	13	32	32	19	16
Haywards Sports	19	4	12	29	39	15	16
Harrow Bore	20	3	12	17	38	19	15

Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croydon	21	11	5	5	37	23	38
Staines Town	21	11	5	5	37	30	38
Thame Utd	22	10	5	29	19	37	35
Barton Rovers	20	10	5	5	33	31	35
Bromley	19	10	4	5	32	25	34
Grays Ath	20	9	5	6	34	28	33
Maidenhead	19	8	3	33	22	32	29
Worthing	20	8	5	7	31	29	29
Bedford Town	20	8	5	7	34	29	29
Barnet Town	22	8	5	9	32	35	29
Yeading	20	8	1	11	28	31	29
Wealdstone	18	7	6	6	34	28	28
Wylshamstead	19	7	5	7	22	23	28
Leathamstead	19	6	5	7	27	23	28
Uxbridge	19	6	5	9	28	22	23
Luton Phoenix	20	6	5	9	34	32	23
Bognor Regis	18	5	7	6	24	25	22
Hornchurch	19	6	3	10	27	32	21
Oxford City	18	10	2	21	28	20	20
Blishopps Sport	19	5	5	12	24	30	20
Hallow Town	19	2	9	30	41	15	15
Chertsey Town	19	2	3	14	21	44	9

Division Two	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ford Utd	21	14	3	4	55	28	45
Hemel Hemp	17	12	2	4	48	15	39
Northwood	18	12	3	3	38	25	39
Wembley	17	11	4	2	39	29	37
Widow	17	11	3	3	37	27	36
Barnhamstead Tn	20	11	3	6	40	24	36
Widowes Town	21	10	5	5	34	28	35
Widow & Eton	18	9	5	4	30	17	32
Wingate & Finch	22	9	3	10	39	46	30
Barnes	19	8	4	30	24	29	29
Hungerford	22	8	5	9	38	41	29
Brighthelm Ath	19	8	10	21	28	20	28
Tooting & M Utd	20	8	3	9	32	37	27
Edgware Town	20	8	6	6	34	38	26
Mid Chesham	19	8	1	10	24	22	25
Leighton Town	20	7	2	11	35	45	23
Fincham Heath	17	6	11	24	18	22	22
Barnet Ath	20	5	7	8	29	33	22
Molesey	22	4	6	12	28	39	18
Hornham	19	2	11	24	44	12	12
Whitman Town	20	1	2	17	11	74	5
Chalfont St Peter	20	0	17	18	55	3	0

Division Three	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Wokingham Rv	20	13	3	4	43	22	42
East Thurrock	18	12	3	3	47	25	39
Aveley	18	11	1	6	48	28	37
Croydon Ath	21	10	6	5	48	32	36
Hornchurch	21	8	9	39	21	38	33
Brighthelm Tn	20	8	4	30	20	33	33
Tilbury	18	8	6	4	31	20	30
Wingate	17	8	3	6	28	20	29
Leaves	19	7	6	6	40	26	27
Egham Town	21	7	6	8	28	22	27
Corinthian Cas	18	6	7	22	22	22	22
Epson & Ewell	17	5	7	5	28	28	22
Kingborough Town	20	5	6	9	27	21	22
Harford Town	18	5	5	6	27	20	20
Cambridge Town	19	5	5	9	22	36	20
Fincham Heath	18	5	10	28	45	19	19
Dorking	18	4	6	8	23	28	18
Ting Town	18	2	7	15	31	17	17
Chalfont	18	1	12	15	18	19	16
Alershot Town	18	3	4	11	22	39	13
Southall	20	3	3	14	24	63	12

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