

SPORT

Stones get a reprieve

New deadline is set for crisis club as administrators decide against shut down

WEALDSTONE FC have been given the go ahead to keep on playing - but a new deadline has been set by the club's administrators, Buchler-Phillips, which means there can be no relaxation of the purse strings at the crisis club.

Stones have been living on a knife edge for the past two months after the administrators demanded that they get their financial house in order and brought membership of the club's Blue Ribbon fundraising scheme up to 2,000, which would bring in a valuable monthly £6,000 revenue to keep them ticking over.

With the aim of safeguarding club cash vital to pursue pending litigation, the administrators had threatened to close the club down if they could not bring their income up above expenditure.

Dramatic cost cutting moves have been made by the club to ensure their survival,

By John Comfort

including the sacking of manager Brian Hall and the axing of long serving secretary Peter Braxton, but as the October 31 deadline passed, the Blue Ribbon membership stood at just under 1,500 - a remarkable rise, but still well short of its target.

However, after going through the club's accounts this week, the administrators have decided on a reprieve.

Said Gerard Goodwin of Buchler-Phillips: "At a meeting on Monday the administrator went through the budget and the management accounts to assess the position. The club has made significant cuts in expenditure and seem likely to get close to the fund raising target set and as the expected deficit over the next two

Wasps have to travel in Pilkington Cup

WASPS have been drawn away to Second Division Rosslyn Park in the third round of the Pilkington Cup.

Club officials would have preferred a home draw, but nevertheless they are confident

that they can come away with a result. The tie is scheduled to be played on Saturday November 28.

After refusing their unbeaten record in a 25-17 defeat at Swansea on Saturday, Wasps

got back to winning form on Tuesday night with a 16-7 win over Oxford University at Sudbury.

In a free flowing first half Wasps opened the scoring with a Phil Hopley penalty.

They added a try from Lawrence Scrase after a good handling move and another Hopley penalty put them 13-0 in front by half time.

The second half was a far tighter affair in which Oxford hit back with a try under the posts from Dave Spence which Malone converted. However, a late penalty from Hopley sealed victory for Wasps.

Wasps journey west tomorrow (Friday) night for a club match with Bristol.

Hatch suffer setback over cup appeal

HATCH End FC have suffered a setback in their campaign to appeal against the Middlesex County FA's decision not to award the trophy for the 1991/92 County Intermediate Sunday Cup - in which Hatch End were runners-up - to any club.

Following a hearing at the Football Association headquarters in London, Hatch End were refused permission to launch an appeal against the County FA.

"We were refused permission to appeal on a technicality but the tribunal which heard our application were sympathetic towards our case, said Hatch End chairman, Graham Sharpe.

"They were advised though that County rules on appeals don't cover the situation which has arisen over this competition.

"We are incensed that our club and over one hundred other local clubs are being kept in the dark as to why the County have persistently refused to allow an appeal into the decision of their competitions committee to withhold the trophy from finalists Islip for playing an ineligible player in the semi final but to not

expel them or present the trophy jointly to ourselves and the beaten semi finalists against whom Islip committed the offence.

"Perhaps there is a cover up going on - what can the County FA have to hide - particularly when we are led to believe that their own general council have told them to reconsider their decision.

"We were given a fair hearing at the FA but when all is said and done the Middlesex FA exists to serve the clubs who are its members - not the other way round. They have refused to give us access to the competitions committee minutes so that we can see for ourselves why they took the decision they did.

"We seem to have lost a battle but as far as we are concerned the war is not over yet. The County FA have behaved in an extraordinary manner over this affair. In a letter to me on June 12 their secretary Peter Clayton wrote that we had the right of appeal" but he then explained that that phrase actually means "the right to apply for permission to appeal" - hardly the same thing.

Cross country challenge for youngsters

AT a recent meeting of the Brent Sports Forum, local athletics coaches expressed disappointment at the borough's recent performances in the Middlesex Schools Championships. Steps are now being taken which will hopefully resolve this situation.

Metropolitan Police Community Liaison Officer, Chief Inspector John Hambleton and colleague PC Bob Taylor have organised the Brent Schools Cross Country Challenge which will be held on November 24 at Fryent Country Park.

Athletes who do well will be selected to represent the borough in the Middlesex Championships in January. The age groups are under-20, under-17, under-15, boys and girls.

The event has been generously sponsored by the Brent Sports Council who have donated shields for the winning teams. The Metropolitan Police have provided trophies for individual winners and medals for all runners.

Full details have been circulated to all schools in the borough.

Anyone interested in taking part should contact their school PE teacher, or John Hambleton or Bob Taylor on 081-204-3400.

Brian Hall joins Borough

BRIAN Hall has joined Harrow Borough.

But it's not the former manager of Borough's arch rivals, Wealdstone. Brian Hall is Borough's newly appointed club steward at Earlsmead.

WEALDSTONE FC
BLUE RIBBON LOTTERY
Week 22 winners
£150 M-10-560; £75 M-13-914; £65 A-10-565; £60 Z-11-224; £50 member no 060.

Turks to train at Earlsmead

THE Turkish National squad will be training at Harrow Borough's Earlsmead ground on Monday in preparation for their World Cup qualifying match with England at Wembley Stadium next Wednesday.

It is the third occasion that the Football Association has asked Harrow to make their excellent facilities available as a training facility for England's opponents.

Bulgaria and France have previously used the ground.

Jon and Karen take top sports awards

ENGLAND international hockey player Jon Potter and Olympic judo star Karen Briggs took pride of place at the fifth Middlesex County Sports awards dinner at Twickenham rugby ground on Saturday.

Jon, a member of Hounslow Hockey Club, received the coveted Sportsman of the Year award and Karen, who is with the Fairholme Judo Club in Bedford, was named Sports-woman of the Year.

As usual one of the star spots of the evening was the presentation of Middlesex Young Competitor Incentive grants, worth a total of £1,600, to eight more young up and coming sporting stars.

Among the lucky recipients was 11 year old squash player

Dominique Lloyd-Walter from Pinner. As well as being Middlesex champion at her groups many years her senior, she has already won some major events and is the youngest player listed in the SRA national rankings.

Another grant recipient was Alpertons's Joanne John, a highly promising athlete with Middlesex Ladies A.C.

Award winners
Sportsman of the Year: Jon Potter (Hounslow HC); Sports-woman of the Year: Karen Briggs (Fairholme Judo Club).
Junior Sportsman of the Year: Warren Bennett (Rushly Golf Club); Junior Sports-woman of the Year: Rowena Roberts (Spottiswoode Gym Club).

Continuing Awards for Courage and Endurance: Gwen Buck (paralympic table tennis and bowls county champion).
Disabled Sports-person of the Year: Clare Bishop (Paralympic swimming medalist).

Manager of the Year: Phil Holder (Brentford FC).
Club of the Year: Hounslow Hockey Club.
Coach of the Year: Trevor Weatherall (Richmond Canoe Club).
Match official of the Year: Phil Don (FA Cup Final and Olympic referee).
Sports Volunteer of the Year: Valerie Hardman, Edith Hester, Dorothy Weston, Dorothy Williams (Heston Swimming Club).
Team awards: Barnett Copthall Swimming Club; Brentford FC; Finchley CC; Hounslow Borough Athletics Club; Iron Lawry and Grayson Sours (Olympic canoeists); London Lau Preceptors (Marshall Arts Club); Middlesex CCC; Northwood FC; Shepherds Bush CC Bow Seters; Sports 78 Acrobatics Club; Staines RFC; Yeading FC.

Individual performance awards
Will Carling (Harequins RFC); Joyce Clark (Hounslow Swim squad coach); Kenny Collins (Paralympic athlete of Queens Park Harriers); Tara Flood (Paralympic swimmer); Mike Galling (Middx CCC); Diana Holden (Hounslow AC); Sean Holliday (Wembley FC, ex Brentford FC); Chris Ingham (British Disabled Water Ski Association); Simon Lee (Parsons Green Bowls club); Andy Stone (QPR FC, ex Brentford FC); Denise Smith (British Disabled Water Ski Association); Spencer Smith (Dusthintonbath champion); Andy Tili (British light middleweight boxing champion); Neil Willey (Barnet Copthall SC); Steve Woodcock (British Disabled Water Ski Association); Alison Wyth (Parkside AC).

Young competitor incentive grants
Adam Cole (Hendon Gym Club); Geoff Desman (Hounslow AC); Stuart Hayes (trialist); Wesley Horner (water skier); Joana Hudson (Heston Gym Club); Joanne John (Middlesex Ladies AC); Dominic Lloyd-Walter (Pinner squash player); Sharon Murphy (Shatbury Barnet AC).

Rider looking to sign a new striker

EDGWARE Town manager Brian Rider is having talks this week in the hope of signing a new striker in time for Saturday's home game with Hungerford.

John Coleman and Jim Davey could both be fit for the match after recovering from injury.

On Wednesday Edgware have an attractive home game against Brentford in the Middlesex Charity Cup. The Bees, who have named most of their first team in their squad for the game, will be out for revenge, having lost 3-0 to Edgware in the semi-final of the competition last season.

David Venables is Wealdstone's only injury doubt for their league match at Brantree. Centre back Mick Garrett, on loan from Rushden and Diamonds, is in manager Dennis Byatt's squad.

Stones have released centre back Steve Tapley who has joined Premier Division Chelmsford City. Striker Grant Gallacher has signed for Diadora League club, St Albans City.

Harrow Borough, who have no league game on Sa-

turday, are hoping to play a friendly at Tooting tomorrow (Friday) night.

Borough have taken keeper Jeremy Parsons on loan for a month from Boreham Wood. Transfer listed midfielder Mark Pye appears to have settled his differences with the club and is looking to win back his place in the side.

Charlie Flaherty has served his third month suspension and is available for selection for Wembley's visit to Leyton on Saturday. But Adrian Smith, who was injured against Nuneaton, will be out for at least six weeks with damaged knee ligaments.

Striker Des O'Connell is back in action after a long spell out through injury and he could be in contention for a place in Kingsbury's side at home to Clapton. Town have lost central defender Martin Latham who has joined Camberley.

Rayners Lane hope to have Fergus Meaney (calf) and Glen Maxim (knee) back after injury for their game at Bicester who are just above Lane in the league.

Soccer fixtures

- Friday November 13**
Friendly: Tooting v Harrow Borough (provisional, check with club).
- Saturday November 14**
Diadora League Division One: Leyton v Wembley.
Diadora League Division Two: Edgware Town v Hungerford (White Lion ground, 3pm).
Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Clapton (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Beazer Homes League Southern Division: Braintree v Wealdstone.
Hellenic League: Bicester Town v Rayners Lane.
Wednesday November 18
Middx Charity Cup: Edgware Town v Brentford (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).
Beazer Homes League Southern Division: Wealdstone v Bury Town (Vicarage Road, 7.30pm).

Where the locals stand in the latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE					DIADORA LEAGUE					DIADORA LEAGUE					DIADORA LEAGUE					BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE							
Premier Division					Division One					Division Two					Division Three					Southern Division							
P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts			
Chesham Utd.	13	12	2	36	Dorling	11	9	1	28	Malden Vale	12	9	2	28	Adleshott Town	15	14	0	46	Sudbury Town	15	7	5	32	18	26	
Enfield	15	8	4	27	Enfield	11	8	1	25	Rushly Manor	12	9	1	28	Buckingham	12	7	4	23	Buckingham	12	7	4	23	10	25	
St Albans	8	1	13	9	Lewes	14	5	3	11	Met Police	15	9	1	28	Collier Row	13	9	1	28	Fairholme	11	7	3	22	14	24	
Carshalton Ath.	17	6	5	24	Billycock	13	7	5	17	Chesham Town	15	8	2	26	Thame Utd.	13	8	3	27	Hayes	11	7	2	22	10	23	
Dulwich Hamlet	14	6	3	19	Haybridge Sw.	13	6	4	18	Cherry Tree	15	8	3	24	Northwood	15	7	3	23	Erith & Belvedere	11	7	2	22	14	23	
Aylesbury Utd.	15	6	3	19	Molesey	11	5	3	17	Hemel Hempstead	14	7	4	25	Weybridge	15	7	3	23	Weybridge	15	7	3	23	18	21	
Bromley	13	7	1	22	Boreham Wood	13	4	4	15	Waltham Forest	14	7	4	25	Rackhall Hill	14	7	5	21	Braintree	10	6	1	19	16	19	
Hendon	14	5	3	18	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Barnet	15	6	3	21	East Thurrock	16	4	4	16	Gravesend	12	6	1	19	19	20	
Hayes	12	5	2	17	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Newbury Town	14	5	4	19	Leighford	13	4	4	16	Slingsby	10	6	1	19	19	20	
Sutton Utd.	12	5	4	19	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Ware	14	5	4	19	Horsham	14	2	6	12	Walsley	10	4	4	14	14	16	
Staines	16	5	1	16	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Barnet Ath.	11	5	2	17	Cove	13	3	8	12	Salebury	12	4	4	14	14	16	
Windsor A.C.	16	3	7	12	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Newbury Town	14	5	4	19	Clapton	13	3	8	12	Newport KOW	14	3	6	15	15	15	
Grays Ath.	10	2	17	7	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Rushmore	13	4	4	16	Kingsbury Town	12	4	4	16	Widley	10	4	4	14	14	16	
Kingstonian	12	4	4	16	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Worthing	13	4	4	16	Leighford	13	4	4	16	Ashford Town	8	4	1	11	13	13	
Silverdale	11	4	5	14	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Leatherhead	12	4	4	16	Hendon	12	4	2	14	Burham	11	3	5	12	12	12	
Marlow	14	3	7	12	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Widley	12	4	4	16	Horsham	13	3	9	12	Widley	10	3	5	12	12	12	
Harrow Boro.	16	3	8	12	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Berkhamstead	11	4	3	15	Homechurch	15	3	9	12	Dunstable	12	2	5	11	11	11	
Yeading	14	3	7	12	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Tilbury	13	4	3	15	Clapton	13	3	8	12	Fisher Ath.	12	2	7	11	11	11	
Wokingham T.	14	2	5	11	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Hungerford	11	2	6	8	Tring Town	12	2	7	11	Widley	10	2	3	9	9	9	
Wivenhoe T.	12	2	8	10	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Rushmore	13	2	5	11	Putney Heath	11	2	6	8	Andover	14	2	3	9	9	9	
Dogmer Park	12	0	2	0	Watton & Haze	12	4	4	16	Southall	12	0	1	1	1	Brighthelm Utd.	15	2	4	10	Baldock	10	2	0	11	11	11
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