

# SPORT

## Five-a-side soccer action with the Elms

THE Elms five-a-side soccer league swings back into action next week, and any local sides wishing to join their ranks had better get in touch quick to avoid disappointment. There are still a couple of vacancies for this superb, well run competition.

Call Elms on 954-8211 for further details. The league is played under floodlights on Gayton's all-weather pitches on Tuesday evenings from September to December, all matches being officiated by County FA referees.

Such has been the success of the competition in recent years that the organisers are now running competitions at five different venues and are looking to expanding it further, hopefully involving company teams from all around London.

### Nominations sought for County honours

THE sixth Middlesex County Sports Awards, presented by the Federation of Middlesex Sports and sponsored by Right Guard, will be held at Twickenham rugby ground's Rose Room on Thursday October 28.

Last year's event was a superb occasion with world champions, Olympic medalists, internationals, veterans and exciting new talent all being recognised in one gala evening, celebrating everything that is good in Middlesex sport.

Nominations for Middlesex sporting talent are now being called for in the following categories: Middlesex Sportsman of the Year; Middlesex Sports-woman of the Year; Junior Sportsman of the Year; Junior Sportswoman of the Year; Club of the Year; Manager of the Year; Coach of the Year; Match Official of the Year; Sports Veteran of the Year; Disabled Sports-person of the Year; Middlesex-Continent Award for Courage and Endurance.

In addition there will also be a number of special team and individual awards, and a new trophy, the Middlesex Sports Award, to be presented for an outstanding achievement in Middlesex by a sportsman or woman from outside the County.

In conjunction with this the Federation is running for the fifth time its remarkable Middlesex Young Competitor Incentive Grants scheme.

These are awards of up to £250 for young sporting stars (typically around 14 years of age) who have a high standard of achievement to date and who now wish to compete at the top level. About thirty of the county's top youngsters have already been helped through this scheme and the Federation is keen to find more candidates who would benefit from the financial help and publicity.

If you would like to register a nomination for any of the above, write to John Robson, chief executive of the Federation of Middlesex Sports, 45 Arnold Crescent, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 7NS as soon as possible.

## Cup demise heralds changes at Stones

# Callaghan in charge after Byatt axing

DENNIS Byatt paid the price for Wealdstone's six match losing streak start to the season on Monday when he was sacked by club chairman Paul Rumens.

The axe came less than 48 hours after Stones' said FA Cup demise against neighbours Harrow Borough after which Byatt and his team were the target of considerable abuse from supporters as they left the field. And it was swiftly followed by the announcement on Monday evening that former Fulham player, Fred Callaghan, had been appointed as the club's new manager.

Mr Rumens said that the club was sad to have to dispense with the services of Dennis Byatt who had been connected with the club for so long as a player and manager. He expressed his and the club's thanks for the hard work he had put in during that time.

Fred Callaghan, who had 15 years at Fulham as a player, has had considerable management experience at Brentford, Woking, Kingstonian and Basingstoke. While at Woking he helped the Surrey

**By John Comfort**

club to their great FA Cup victory over WBA in a run which ended with a narrow fourth round defeat at Everton. Mr Callaghan was introduced to his squad on Monday evening and said: "I am looking forward to the challenge of taking Wealdstone back to the level at which their reputation suggests they should be competing."

It is the second occasion that Mr Callaghan had been given the chance of managing Stones. He revealed on Monday that he had been offered the job once before when David Morrill was chairman.

While Callaghan prepares for his first game in charge - Saturday's Beazer Home League trip to Newport Isle of Wight - Dennis Byatt was left to reflect on what might have been.

He said of his sacking: "I'm very, very disappointed. I think the club has acted hastily and only time will tell if they've made the right decision."

"We've moved to a new ground and it would have been great to get a good start but we unfortunately didn't get it. I wanted to work at it and put it right but they've made a drastic decision and now I won't get the opportunity. I'm without a job and in limbo and it hurts."

Byatt intends to stay in football. "I had success as a player and I'm sure it will rub off and I'll have success as a manager," he said.

Commenting on Byatt's sacking, Wealdstone Supporters Club secretary Dominic Whyley said: "The supporters of Wealdstone FC have shown great loyalty and patience over the past few seasons, particularly whilst the club has been under the threat of closure."

"However, although problems still exist, the supporters have every right to expect a certain level of success. The poor start to the season, culminating in the FA Cup defeat to Harrow Borough does not live up to expectations. I'm sure everybody at Wealdstone wishes Dennis every success in his future management positions."

## Skipper back for clash with 'Old Enemy'

WASPS skipper Dean Ryan is set to return to the Wasps side on Saturday when he will take on the old enemy Harlequins in the Courage League, writes Alan Bodenham.

Wasps will also be boosted by the return of vice captain and scrum half Steve Bates, along with experienced England B prop Gary Holmes. Both have now recovered from pre-season injuries.

Two other significant changes in the line up are wing forward Lawrence Dallaglio in for Mike White, and centre Damian Hopley replacing Graham Childs.

Both players were members of England's victorious World Cup Sevens side at Murrayfield last spring.

Dallaglio is described by many rugby insiders as one of the outstanding young talents in the English game and it was not expected to be long before he took his place.

Hopley sprang to prominence against Harlequins three years ago when he totally outplayed England skipper Will Carling in a great Wasps victory at the Stoop.

Having tasted the rigours of a four forward battle at Gloucester, Wasps expect the compete opposite this week.

"We anticipate a much more fluid running game," said coach Rod Smith "and we

will be concentrating in training on sharpening up our ball speed.

"Saturday's game will undoubtedly be much more entertaining for the crowd than last week's draw at Kingsholm which from the outset was entirely played out between the packs."

Harlequins are likely to have Australian international Troy Coker in their line up as well as Carling and England hooker Brian Moore. The re-entrance of England stalwart Peter Winterbottom could well make life easier as he tends to be a real thorn in the side of Wasps over the years.

Wickets for the game will not be available before Saturday. They will go on sale at Sudbury from 10am on Saturday morning.

### Kennell back with a double

On Tuesday night Wasps defeated Blackheath 51-3 at Sudbury in a lovely open game.

Dave Kennell returned to the Wasps side after the absence of a year to score two tries, as did full back Mitch Hoare.

### Final defeat

WASPS Ladies 2nds, the Renegades, performed well in a pre-season tournament at Northampton, narrowly losing to Blackheath 7-0 in the final.

### Under-19 trials

WASPS under-19s trials take place on Sunday. Any new young players are welcome to come along to Sudbury at 1pm. The trials start at 2pm.

### Combination clash

HARROW Borough stage an attractive Football Combination clash at their Earsmead ground on Tuesday when Queens Park Rangers play Chelsea. Kick off is at 7pm.

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## Battling Wembley earn another chance

WEMBLEY 1 Stevenage Boro' 1 INJURY hit Wembley gave the Premier Division leaders another win for shade money in this FA Cup replay on Tuesday and thoroughly deserved a third crack at their rivals for the right to meet Curby in the next round, writes John Comfort.

An inspirational performance saw them go in front, exactly as they had done on Saturday, and but for a rare and costly moment of inattention in defence, the Lions would have clinched a famous victory.

At no time did Stevenage look anything better than average and

their prolific attacking duo of Martin Gittings and ex-Waldstone striker Dave Venables were considerably boosted by a Wembley defence in which Charlie Fishery and Steve Daly played star roles.

In an end to end first half Wembley went closest to scoring when Paul Shirt lofted a clearance from a corner over the advancing Stevenage defence and Steve Lawrence raced in only to have his effort blocked away by keeper Callaghan.

The pattern was the same in the second half but with 63 minutes gone Wembley broke the deadlock.

A long throw from Shirt was misdirected by Stevenage's ex-Lion Steve Graham and the ball dropped nicely for Gulliano Grassini to drive it firmly into the corner of the net.

Stevenage poured forward in search of an equaliser but the home defence held firm until the 77th minute when they failed to clear a corner and Shaun Dennis seized the chance to beat Fanner with a low shot.

A point blank range save by Fanner prevented Gittings getting a winner for Stevenage five minutes later and the tie went into extra

time where Wembley clearly had the upper hand.

Ray Bennett blazed over an open goal from Lee Enderby's cross after keeper Callaghan had strayed upfield to meet the ball, and Vassil Sakharov should have done better than shoot tamely at Callaghan after exchanging passes with Shirt.

But at least Wembley won the toss of the coin at the final whistle and they again have home advantage on Monday when the two sides do battle again.

Wembley: Fanner, Fishery, Clark, Daly, Enderby, Dennis, Fawcett, Graham, Gulliano, Smith, Grassini, Sakharov, Bates.

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## Borough are looking to keep Westley

STRIKER Graham Westley's loan period from Aylesbury runs out on Monday and Harrow Borough boss Harry Manoe is hoping to make it a permanent move.

Westley has scored four goals in his spell at Earsmead and Borough will be looking for more from him this Saturday when they visit Uxbridge in the FA Trophy. Apart from Neil Fraser, who is expected to be out a further two weeks with knee ligament trouble, Borough expect to be at full strength.

If the match is drawn, the replay will be at Earsmead on Wednesday, forcing the cancellation of Wodnesday's friendly away to neighbours Edgware.

Wembley manager Alan Dafforn will

be counting the walking wounded for Saturday's visit to Heybridge Swifts.

His squad is decimated by injuries with Paul Shields, Uche Ebge, Tony Headlam and Bobby Hutchinson all sidelined. Of the quartet only Hutchinson has any chance of recovering in time to face Heybridge though a more likely target for his return is Monday's FA Cup replay with Stevenage.

Fred Callaghan has his first game in charge for Wealdstone on Saturday when they take the Isle of Wight ferry to Newport. A difficult game, Stones will do well to grab their first point of the season for the new boss.

Ronnie Nelson is added to the Edg-

ware squad for Saturday's visit to Barton Rovers, and manager Brian Rider could give new keeper Tony Holby his first game for the club. Eugene Flynn is doubtful with an ankle injury.

Rayners Lane face South Midlands League side, Potters Bar Town, in the Middlesex Senior Cup.

Lane, despite three successive wins, will not be taking the game lightly and have been putting in some extra training for this important fixture.

Lane will definitely be without the holidaying Darren Clements, and they also have injury doubts about Greg Rice (thigh), Steve Bird (knee) and Fergus Meany (ankle).

## Where the locals stand in the latest league tables

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