

SPORT

Borough shrug off Trophy reverse to take a precious league point

Stevenage Borough 0 Harrow Borough 0

A WEEK after a disappointing FA Trophy defeat at Broadhall Way, Harrow came away from the same ground with a precious and well deserved Premier League point on Monday, writes Tony Booth.

No doubt the hosts were expecting an easy ride but Harrow were determined to see that no such thing occurred.

It was a relief to see the visitors survive the early minutes, a time when they appear so vulnerable, and once they had let Stevenage know it was not going to be

a walkover, they were able to play their own game.

Paul Ripley almost gave Harrow an early lead after chasing a 'lost cause.' When the keeper lost control, Ripley rounded Wilmot and shot for goal but was denied by Laque's goaline clearance, the defender colliding with a post for his pains.

At the other end Crompton was beaten to a towering cross by Trebble whose goalbound header saw Engwell diving full length to head off the line.

As in the first half, Harrow continued to create the better openings during the second. Bensted had a header saved fol-

lowing an Engwell free kick, then Ryan's throw in allowed Stewart a cross-shot that just evaded the far post. An astute Stewart pass found Engwell whose cross was headed just wide by Ripley.

The hosts came good in the closing stages and Nunn had a header acrobatically headed off the line by Bensted, then Crompton did an excellent job in delaying Trebble's shot when he got clear, then caught his lob. But Harrow held firm and were well worth their point.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, Ridout, Engwell, Jackman, Bensted, Prutton, Shaw, Ryan, Ripley (Conroy), Stewart, St Hilaire. Other sub: May.

New man at the top as Patel quits

Davies in the chair at Town



● New Kingsbury chairman, Allan Davies.

KINGSBURY Town FC have elected their popular press secretary Allan Davies as the club's new chairman.

The appointment of Mr Davies comes just a week after the resignation of Eureka Patel who decided to stand down as chairman at the Silver Jubilee Park club because for business reasons.

Mr Davies was proposed as his successor at a club committee meeting on Tuesday night and readily accepted the post.

"It was what everyone wanted and I'm looking forward to the challenge," he said.

"There is a lot to be done as the club badly needs to advance and progress across the

board. Things need to be done in the club and on the footballing side and that's what I shall be looking to do."

Allan Davies is Kingsbury's fourth chairman in as many years.

He joined Town four years ago from the now defunct Ruislip FC where he had served as a player, manager of the reserve team and then a board member.

He followed fellow Ruislip directors John Fay and Chris Clark to Kingsbury and while Chris Clark took over as chairman from Mark Hart, Mr Davies became a respected committee man whose responsibilities included compilation of the club's match programme.

Walking for Wealdstone



● Wealdstone fans in the Edgware Road on their sponsored walk to Fisher.

MOST walked, one ran and a lot staggered as 74 Wealdstone FC supporters made the 16 mile 'Walk to Fisher' on Saturday to raise funds towards securing the future of the ailing football club.

The walk, the brainchild of long time Stones fan Neale Harvey, started at 7.37am with 71 fans setting off from Harrow and Wealdstone Station. The first arrivals got to Fisher's ground in Rotherhithe at 12.12pm. The last two of this group of fans to

get there were veterans, 58 year old Brian Collins, and 59 year old Ken Davis.

Following on at a respectable distance was elderly Wealdstone director Steve Marshall and his wife Sue. They suffered a car breakdown on the M1 on their way to the station and didn't start their walk until 8.40am.

Last of the fans to make their way to Fisher was Steve Panly. He left Harrow at 12.30pm and ran it, reach-

ing Rotherhithe 10 minutes after Wealdstone's game had started.

Club chairman David Pollock didn't make the walk, but he met the fans along the route and bought them all coffee at a cafe in the Kilburn High Road.

Commenting on a highly successful venture, from which supporters now expect to raise a marvellous £5,500 for the club, Steve Marshall said: "There was a great atmosphere and a

Kingsbury go out after extra time blunder

Kingsbury Town 1 Harefield Utd 3

CHRIS Simpson's blunder deep into extra time sent Kingsbury sliding to defeat and out of the FA Vase in this replay on Monday, writes John Comfort.

With the scores level at 1-1 and the tie seemingly heading for a second replay, Simpson's in-judicious back pass got stuck in the mud on a boggy Silver Jubilee Park pitch and Mark Gower was left without a prayer as Kevin Charalambous broke past the keeper's desperate challenge and slipped the ball into the net to put Harefield in front.

Only five minutes remained and any hopes Kingsbury had of a belated fightback went up in smoke soon after when Dougie Taylor headed home a Charalambous corner for Harefield's killer third goal.

But the visitors fully deserved their win, for they had enjoyed the better of the game against a Kingsbury side that proved bitterly disappointing on the night.

They did battle back after Paul Barraclough had given Harefield a 23rd minute lead and were back on terms when Lawrence Holmes fired home after the visitors failed to clear a Kingsbury cross in the 28th minute.

However, they failed to build on that foundation and it was Harefield who always looked the likely winners.

Taylor had a header cleared off the line and McShannon fired wide with only Gower to beat before half time and in the second half a McShannon effort hit a post and rebounded into Gower's arms and the same player also broke clear but fired into the side netting.

Kingsbury's charmed life seemed to be holding in extra time when Charalambous headed against the bar and then Gower fumbled a Taylor cross onto a post. But their luck finally ran out with Simpson's back pass and the Vase door was beckoning.

Kingsbury: Gower, Williams, Simpson, Hild, Morgan, Theodorou, Surtidge (Brown-Peterside), O'Rourke, Holmes, Ivers (Lamar), Swales.

Win run ends for luckless Stones

Sittingbourne 2 Wealdstone 1

STONES were unlucky to be beaten by an impressive Sittingbourne side who ended their fourth match winning run on Tuesday, writes Graham Smith.

The home side went ahead in the 7th minute when a free kick on the halfway line found Beard who put Lillis through and although looking offside, he run on and his fierce shot beyond Tenkorang.

Three minutes later Stones had a great chance to level when Dermot Drummy put Dave Venables clear with just the keeper to beat but he shot into the side netting.

On the half hour a neat pass from Colin

Tate set up Drummy and his cross was headed onto the bar by defender Emblen.

Sittingbourne came close to increasing their lead just before half time. A good move between Stock and Bourne allowed Paddington in but his weak shot was easily saved by Tenkorang.

Two minutes into the second half Sittingbourne did score again, when Stock put Ambrose clear and he made no mistake, but within two minutes Stones hit back. Venables did well to get away from Paddington and his perfect cross was met by Sean Pearson who slotted home.

Stones then got on top and only excellent defending by Beard denied Venables

and in the 73rd minute Kenny Gayle found Johnson Hippolyte but instead of passing to the unmarked Pearson, he decided to shoot and Hough made an easy save.

On 78 minutes, Jon Pettifer, who had a fine game in defence, put a superb ball through to Venables whose cross found Hippolyte but he hesitated and the chance was gone. Pearson headed just over from a Jim Watson cross in the closing minutes but Stones were unable to snatch the equaliser their performance fully deserved.

Wealdstone: Tenkorang, Pettifer, Pearson, Watson, Hicks, Cordice, Drummy (Shanahan), Gayle, Hedge (Hippolyte), Venables, Tate.

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Hutch, O'Brien battle for big match fitness

LATE fitness tests will determine whether Bobby Hutchison and Andy O'Brien are fit to face Stafford Rangers in Wembley's re-arranged FA Trophy replay at Vale Farm tonight (Thursday).

Both suffered injuries against Hitchin but with the Stafford game being called off on Tuesday, the extra two days breathing space is likely to be enough to return them to match fitness.

Mark Pye is suspended for three matches for accumulating five bookings, and misses Harrow Borough's trip to Yeading on Saturday.

Micky Engwell, John Ridout and Steve Conroy are all suffering from knocks but are expected to be fit for a game against fellow strugglers, from which three points are vital for Borough.

Rangers Lane play another top team on Saturday when they visit Swindon Supermarine who will be out

for revenge for the 3-1 defeat inflicted by Lane earlier in the season.

Lane still have injury problems with Meaney, Wilden and Maxim all unlikely to be available but on the bright side Owen came through to a reserve game without mishap and Matthew and Woodward are available after work commitments.

Wealdstone, Edgware Town and Kingsbury Town are all without games on Saturday because of the FA Vase.

Stones, who have signed defender Jimmy Hicks on loan from St Albans City, played their game with Sittingbourne in midweek. Edgware's scheduled opponents in the league were Barton - who ironically dumped them out of the Vase in the last round. And Kingsbury's replay defeat against Harefield leaves them with a blank Saturday.

Fixtures

Thursday December 10
FA Trophy replay: Wembley v Stafford Rangers (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).

Saturday December 12
Diadora League Premier Division: Yeading v Harrow Borough.
Diadora League Division One: Croydon v Wembley.
Historic League: Swindon Supermarine v Rayners Lane.

Tuesday December 15
Diadora League Cup: Wivenhoe Town v Harrow Borough (7.45pm).

Where the locals stand in the latest league tables

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