SPORT

McGleish quitting shocker

By John Comfort

EDGWARE Town were left reeling this week by the shock decision of Jock McGleish to quit as manager.

McGleish, who has been with the White Lion club since 1988 and took over as manager when Brian Rider stepped down three and a half years ago, told club chairman, Michael Flynn, of his decision just before Tuesday night's game against Leighton Town.

Jock McGleish - shock decision to quit.

Wares reel as boss decides to call it day

The volatile Scot, who is rarely short of a word or two during the course of a game, and whose particular forte is helpful advice to match officials, has been contemplating resigning for some time.

Having now made the decision, he said it had "lifted a great weight off my shoulders."

His prime reason for going? "I've been at the club for 10 years," he said. "I just need a new challenge."

He leaves at the end of the season but has already had one offer of a job, and others are likely to follow.

However, he said he was in no great rush and will take some time out to consider all his options.

McGleish has enjoyed a successful spell with Wares. He steered them to the Middlesex Charity Cup and Harrow Charity Cup last season, and this season to their highest ever league position.

Club chairman, Michael Flynn said he was "disappointed" at his manager's shock decision. "We have a meeting on Thursday (tonight)," he said "and hopefully we can sort something out then."

By an ironic coincidence, Mr Flynn is also stepping down from office, after four years as Edgware's chairman.

He endeavoured to quit a year ago but ended up continuing when no-one came forward to take over. But this time there is no going back.

"I'm definitely going," he said. "Michael's not for turning this time."

Edgware are to advertise the manager's post and applications should be made to club secretary Barry Boreham, 28 St Brides Ave, Edgware, HA8 6BS.

Bring a friend to Stones

WEALDSTONE'S Junior Stones will be holding another 'bring a friend' Day at Saturday's home game with Horsham.. There will be free admission on the day for all boys and girls under 14 years of age.

The club will be giving out 'I Support Wealdstone FC' balloons and stickers to youngsters who will also receive a raffle ticket for a draw for which there are 10 mystery prizes to be won.

A double ton for Burden in Embassy debut

ALFIE Burden made his mark at the Embassy World Snooker Championships at the Crucible, Sheffield, by becoming the first debutant to score two century breaks.

But it wasn't quite enough for the 21 year old Kenton star, for despite his valiant efforts he narrowly lost 10-8 in a close fought first round match against Malta's Tony Drago.

In Saturday's session, Burden held a 4-2 lead before Drago hit back to finish the day 5-4 ahead.

Sunday's session saw Burden take the opening frame to level, and then his first ton, a fine 105, put him ahead.

Drago won the next and after Burden, aided by a 72 clearance, took the lead again at 7-6, an upset was very much on the cards.

But then Drago reeled off three frames in a row to take a crucial 9-7 lead and although Burden took the next with an excellent 115 break, he lost a tense 18th frame by just 57-55 and sadly went out of the Championship.

Newing double secures dream Wembley date

Steve Newing, with help from Fabio Valenti, celebrates one of his two goals at Anfield.
Picture: James Pawlowski/SpedeGrafix

STRIKER Steve Newing booked a dream ticket for himself and several other Edgware Town players to play on the hallowed Wembley turf next month when his two goal salvo saw Hendon Sunday League side, West Hendon Ex-Servicemen's Club, into the final of the Carlsberg Pub Cup, which will be played at the stadium before the FA Vase Final on May 9.

Newing's man of the match double - a penalty and a 35 yard blockbuster - gave West Hendon a 2-1 win over Sheffield's Butcher's Arms in a semi-final tie played at Liverpool's Anfield ground on Sunday. In the final they will meet Clyst Honiton Social Club from Devon.

As well as Newing, other Edgware players in the West Hendon side are Alan Murray, Fabio Valenti and Joe Sheridan as well as former players Paul Dale, Andy Dale, Dave Enstone and Dave Sue. Wembley boss Peter Grant is also in the squad as well as ex-Wares midfielder Michael Roche, who is now with the Vale Farm club.

Wembley made to pay for missed chances

Grays Ath 2 Wembley 0

WEMBLEY'S failure to put away their chances was the main difference between themselves and Grays at the Recreation ground on Tuesday, **writes Richard Markiewicz.**

The home side converted theirs, quickly establishing a two goal lead which proved to be a winning advantage.

Wembley's inability to clear their lines resulted in Danny Hayzelden netting Athletic's first goal after only three minutes. Joe Odegrami made it 2-0 from the penalty spot after he was fouled by Tony Millard 13 minutes later.

Wembley, meanwhile, had their moments but Alan Mills hit the side netting after latching onto Michael Roche's defence splitting pass and really should have done better.

Jesse Hall and Dave Vincent both went close and the latter should have scored when he seized onto a Mills through ball but blasted it wide with just the keeper to beat.

The second half followed a similar pattern but chances were not as clear cut although the home side's Lee Snowsill won the miss of the match award, firing over from five yards in front of an empty goal.

Wembley: Beckles, Dee (Burgess), Hall (Toussaint), Walters, Dockwray, Millard, Bates, Mills, Vincent, Roche (Kirwan), Smith.

Hurd sees red as Wares crash

Edgware Town 1
Leighton Town 2

A DECIDEDLY miserable performance from Edgware on Tuesday night saw them tumble to defeat against relegation haunted Leighton - and they had defender Steve Hurd sent off in the process, **writes John Comfort.**

Hurd had a particularly unhappy game.

He hooked the ball into his own net in an attempt to clear after Josh Sozzo's right wing cross had caused utter panic in the home defence and that put the visitors in front two minutes before the break.

Seven minutes into the second half Hurd was off for an early bath after receiving his second caution of the game for a deliberate handball offence.

Wares, who had failed to muster a single goal effort in an aweful first half, miraculously drew level in the 66th minute when Joe Lyons burst through and fired a low 20 yard shot past keeper Mark Townson into the corner of the net.

But their joy lasted less than a minute as straight from the kick off Leighton broke forward and Draper's cross was fired home at the far post by the unmarked Sozzo.

Edgware might have got a late equaliser when Mark Ivers was put free by Lyons but Townson blocked his shot and denied them what would have been a totally undeserved point.

Edgware: Carter, Smart, Harmer (DeVita), Hurd, Brennan, Whytock, Lyons, Murray (Newing), Ivers, Murphy (McCluskey), Coleman.

Big derby clash could settle Wealdstone's promotion fate

WEALDSTONE could clinch promotion on Saturday - but they will need results to go their way to do it.

A win over in-form Horsham, with rivals Bedford failing to beat relegation candidates Tilbury, will be enough, but the odds are on them still needing the required points to go up when they face landlords Edgware in what should be a cracker at the White Lion on Tuesday.

Paul Lamb and Dominic Sterling have both completed their suspensions and are in line to return and manager Gordon Bartlett has the luxury of being able to select from a full squad.

Harrow Borough get political assistant on Saturday when Harrow West MP Gareth Thomas sponsors their clash with Enfield.

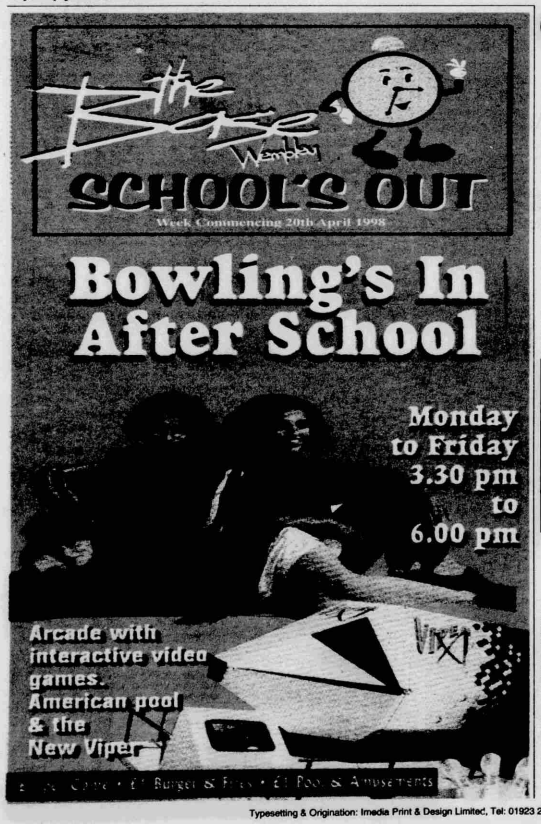
Borough have Darren Coleman still suspended but Jon-Barrie Bates has completed his ban and Mark Xavier is now fit to return to action again.

On Monday, Borough are in the Channel Islands for a friendly match against the Jersey FA.

Safe from relegation, Wembley boss Peter Grant may decide to give squad members Ishmail Downes, Carl Levene and Davis Haule run outs against Billericay.

Edgware visit second in the table Canvey Island on Saturday and will again be without Seamus Finnerty, who is away on a course.

Keeper Dave Hudson and defender Jim Watson return to the Kingsbury side for their home game against Camberley tonight (Thursday).



The latest league tables

RYMAN LEAGUE
Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Kingstonian	39	23	11	5	79	34	80
Boreham W.	37	22	9	6	74	34	75
Sutton Utd.	40	21	11	8	81	55	74
Hendon	40	19	10	11	63	49	67
Dagenham	40	19	10	11	66	47	67
Heybridge	39	17	11	11	69	52	62
Enfield	39	17	7	15	61	51	58
Purfleet	40	15	12	13	55	55	57
Basingstoke	40	16	9	14	51	56	57
Walton	40	17	6	17	47	68	57
St Albans	40	16	6	18	50	56	54
Harrow B	**39**	**14**	**9**	**16**	**53**	**62**	**51**
Bromley	38	13	12	13	51	47	51
Gravesend	40	14	7	19	63	66	49
Aylesbury	39	13	8	18	52	64	47
Dulwich H.	39	12	11	16	53	62	47
Bishops St.	41	14	4	23	52	68	46
Carshalton	40	12	9	19	52	73	45
Chesham	38	12	8	18	65	66	44
Yeading	40	11	10	19	45	63	43
Hitchin	41	8	15	18	44	60	39
Oxford C.	40	7	9	24	35	73	30

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Aldershot	40	25	8	6	82	35	86
Billericay	40	24	6	10	74	43	78
Hampton	40	20	15	5	72	46	75
Maidenhead	38	22	5	11	67	34	71
Bognor	40	19	9	12	75	43	66
Grays	38	19	9	10	72	43	66
Uxbridge	39	20	6	13	59	56	66
Romford	39	19	7	13	78	55	64
Leatherhead	40	18	10	12	66	46	64
Chertsey	40	16	11	13	80	67	59
Leyton P.	39	16	11	12	63	54	59
Worthing	38	16	6	16	59	62	54
Berkhamsted	38	15	8	15	58	61	53
Barton	38	11	11	16	48	63	44
Croydon	39	11	10	18	43	61	43
Staines	39	11	9	19	49	69	42
Molesey	40	10	10	20	46	63	40
Whyteleafe	38	10	9	19	44	68	39
Wembley	**40**	**8**	**15**	**17**	**35**	**60**	**39**
Wokingham	40	7	9	24	40	71	30
Thame	40	7	9	24	32	88	30
Abingdon	39	8	3	28	42	96	27

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Braintree	40	29	10	1	117	44	97
Canvey	39	28	7	4	109	37	91
Wealdstone	**39**	**21**	**11**	**7**	**73**	**44**	**74**
Bedford	40	20	12	8	50	24	72
Met Police	40	19	8	13	72	60	65
Edgware	**39**	**18**	**10**	**11**	**76**	**56**	**64**
Northwood	40	16	11	13	61	65	59
Wivenhoe	39	15	12	12	77	64	57
Chalfont St P.	39	15	12	12	55	57	57
Barking	40	15	11	14	61	73	56
Windsor	40	16	6	18	71	70	54
Marlow	40	16	8	18	63	74	53
Tooting	39	15	8	15	55	50	53
Banstead	38	14	8	16	53	55	50
Horsham	40	13	9	18	65	70	48
Bracknell	40	13	8	19	67	88	47
Hungerford	39	11	9	19	62	71	42
Tilbury	39	9	12	18	54	78	39
Leighton	38	11	5	22	39	73	38
Witham	40	8	12	20	52	68	36
Egham	39	9	4	26	42	93	31
Cheshunt	39	3	8	28	28	88	17

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Hemel H.	36	25	6	5	73	28	81
Ford	37	23	9	5	90	28	78
Harlow	35	22	10	3	73	39	76
Hertford	35	23	5	7	68	31	74
Camberley	34	21	6	7	83	38	69
E Thurrock	34	19	7	8	63	39	64
Epsom	35	17	5	13	63	47	56
Aveley	36	16	7	13	64	53	55
Ware	36	16	6	14	65	52	54
Corinthian C.	36	15	6	15	56	55	51
Hornchurch	35	12	8	15	52	61	44
Tring	35	12	7	16	50	61	43
Clapton	35	12	6	17	45	59	42
Flackwell H.	36	11	9	16	46	68	42
Croydon Ath.	36	11	7	18	52	59	40
Southall	36	9	5	22	37	82	32
Dorking	34	8	6	20	44	84	30
Wingate	36	6	7	23	40	77	25
Lewes	36	6	5	25	31	84	23
Kingsbury	**35**	**5**	**3**	**27**	**32**	**82**	**18**

Fixtures

Thursday April 23
Ryman League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Camberley Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.45pm).

Saturday April 25
Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Enfield (Earlsmead, 3pm).
Ryman League Div One: Wembley v Billericay Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).
Ryman League Div Two: Canvey Island v Edgware Town; Wealdstone v Horsham (White Lion ground, 3pm).
Ryman League Div Three: Wingate & Finchley v Kingsbury Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).

Monday April 27
Friendly: Jersey FA v Harrow Borough.

Tuesday April 28
Ryman League Div Two: Edgware Town v Wealdstone (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

Wednesday April 29
Ryman League Premier Div: Dulwich Hamlet v Harrow Borough.

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King gets chance to impress England coach

ALEX King has a real opportunity to revive his England chances when Northampton visit Loftus Road in the Allied Dunbar Premiership on Sunday, kick off 3pm.

The clash brings the Wasps fly half face to face with the present holder of the England No 10 shirt, Paul Grayson.

After a season dogged by injury, the Wasps man returned for the Cup semi-final against Sale and since then has shown signs of solid form. A good match against Grayson would undoubtably bring him to the notice of England coach Clive Woodward.

Saints are a difficult side to master but Lawrence Dallaglio's men are showing real signs of returning to their best and an exciting tussle is in prospect.

Next Wednesday (April 29) sees Leicester Tigers visit Loftus Road, kick off 7.45pm.

Darts Open at Borough

HARROW Borough FC are staging an open singles darts competition for both ladies and gentlemen at their Earlsmead clubhouse tomorrow (Friday) for which there will be guaranteed prize money of £200 for each event.

Entry is £2 and players can enter on the night when entries will be taken up to 8pm.

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