

observer SPORT

Jennings' men in seventh heaven

Wealdstone 7 Edgware Town 1

WEALDSTONE smashed seven goals past neighbours Edgware on Tuesday night.

Stones looked secure at the back, where Lance O'Brien, an 18-year-old former West Ham player, shone.

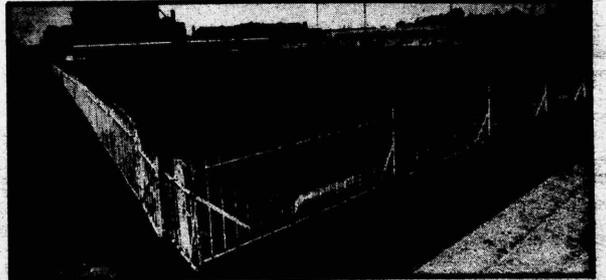
And with another 18-year-old, striker Corey Browne, turning on the style up front, Stones were too good for Edgware.

Samson Olaye started the rout, heading past Phil Whelan in the first minute, and Chris Wright, a former Walthamstow player, nodded in a second in the 18th minute.

Lynch bagged the third in the 30th minute and Paul Williams headed a fourth within two minutes.

Corey Browne's came on for the second half and twice went close before scoring in the 55th minute.

Olaye completed the rout with a last minute strike.



LOWER MEAD - not good enough

ing it up to existing safety standards. Repairs have been made to terracing on the clockside of the ground and at the Elmstie End.

Emergency lighting has been installed underneath the stand, in the dressing rooms and the bars, and new fire doors

have also been put in.

Wealdstone chairman Alan Clifton hopes to leave Lower Mead at the end of this campaign and share with Borough for one year while a new Wealdstone ground is being built elsewhere in the borough.

Directors choose Braxton as number 2

PETER Braxton has been appointed vice-chairman of Wealdstone FC. Mr Braxton, the club secretary, was elected by his fellow directors last week.

Former Coventry striker Tom English, who played for Wealdstone last season, has joined Vauxhall-Opel League side Bishops Stortford.

Twins David and Dennis Greene have left Wealdstone, as has midfielder Mark Lawrence, who has returned to Dagenham.

Wealdstone's scheduled friendly with Tooting and Mitcham on Saturday has been cancelled because Tooting have problems with their pitch.

Kingsbury Towns' friendly with Conference side Maidstone United, scheduled for tonight, has been cancelled.

Weekend fixtures

Thursday August 11
Leytonstone-Ilford v Wealdstone (at Walthamstow); Rayners Lane v Edgware Town (Lucas Avenue, 6.45pm).

Saturday August 13
Harrow Borough v Aylesbury (Earlsmead, 3pm); Finchley v Wembley (2pm); Rushden v Kingsbury Town; Edgware Town v Charlton Athletic XI (White Lion Ground, 3pm).

Tuesday August 16
Harrow Borough v West Ham United (Earlsmead, 7.30pm); Slough Town v Wealdstone; Wembley v Hounslow (Vale Farm, 7.30pm); Rayners Lane v Finchley (Lucas Avenue, 6.45pm).

New ruling hits Stones' chances

WEALDSTONE could be barred from re-entering the GM Vauxhall Conference even if they win the Beazer Homes League this season, because their Lower Mead ground will not be up to the required standard.

A new ruling that comes into force at the end of season 1988-89 states that the grounds of all new entrants to non-League soccer's top flight must be up to Football League standard.

Lower Mead is not, so Wealdstone are hoping that they could squeeze in on a precedent just set by Maidstone United, who are sharing nearby Dartford's ground for two seasons and still playing in the Conference.

Dartford are in the Beazer Homes League and the situation is similar to one Stones could find themselves in if they share with Harrow Borough.

This would be more acceptable to Stones than spending more money on upgrading Lower Mead, which the club in-

By Aaron Gransby

tends to move from to build a new modern stadium and sports complex.

Around £9,000 has already been spent on Lower Mead this close season, bring-

SEOUL MAN BOB!

BOB PAY

TWO members of Harrow and Wealdstone Swimming Club have booked their Olympic places for Seoul.

Neil Harper, 23, has been selected for the 100m backstroke and the medley relay team, while Bob Pay, Harrow and Wealdstone's chief coach, has been appointed men's sprint coach for the British Olympic team.

It is the second time Harper has been selected for the Olympic team, he also competed at Los Angeles in 1984 and was in the medley team that made the final. It will be Bob Pay's first Olympics, although he did coach the Commonwealth Games team two years ago.

The pair are currently training in Marseilles, France, and will also train at Crystal Palace before flying to Seoul in early September.

At the Olympic trials in Leeds, Harper swam the fastest time by a Briton this year in the sprint backstroke event, finishing in 58.35 seconds. He also placed sixth in the front crawl.

Other Harrow and

Olympic call for swim duo

Report by Aaron Gransby

Wealdstone swimmers who took part in the trials included Hazel Alder, who took first place in the 100m breaststroke B final.

Julie Riegall made both the 100m and 200m backstroke B finals.

The ladies' freestyle team of Julie Riegall, Alison Derby, Helen Williamson and Dalia Nissim placed fifth, as did the medley team of Julie Riegall, Hazel Alder, Dalia Nissim and Alison Derby.

The men's 4x100m freestyle team of Neil Harper, Tim Rose, Damian Locascio and Duncan Belcourt finished seventh in the final, as did the medley relay team of Neil Harper, Tim Eden, Tim Rose and Damian Locascio.

Harrow and Wealdstone swimmers were also

in action at the Esso National Age Group competition in Coventry last week.

Hazel Alder finished second in the girls 13-14 age group 100m and 200m breaststroke. The girls medley relay team in the same age group did well to finish fourth. It consisted of Victoria Sullivan, Hazel Alder, Nanette Whorwood and Tara Williams.

Julie Riegall had a busy week, competing in eight individual events and two relay teams in the 17-18 age group. She made two individual finals, finishing fifth in the 200m individual medley and sixth in the 200m freestyle. The girls freestyle team of Julie Riegall, Alison Derby, Dalia Nissim and Paula Berry placed third in the same age group.

Goodison on the mark for Kingsbury

Kingsbury Town 4 Hendon 0

PAUL Goodison led the way for Kingsbury with two goals as they pulled off a memorable victory over premier division Hendon on Tuesday.

Kingsbury went ahead through a Tobin own goal. With Carl Lindo pressuring him from behind, the Hendon full back chipped the ball over his own keeper.

The Goodison struck twice to give Town a 3-0 half time lead, which Dwight Marshall extended ten minutes from time after a through ball from Stuart Atkins.

Kingsbury Town: Smart, A. Smith, White, S. Lucas, Bhatia, Fitzgerald, Atkins, Zacharia, Goodison (Hill), Lindo (Guifer), Marshall.

It's Nevin at the double for Lane

Rayners Lane 4 Northwood 1

RAYNERS Lane continued their excellent pre-season form as Sean Nevin grabbed two of their four goals against Spartan League Northwood on Tuesday night.

Don Durkin's side went ahead after 15 minutes when Danny Mills turned in a cross by Chris Cockram.

Nevin raced through a square defence to shoot home his first goal before the break and put Lane two up by half time.

A shot by Duncan Ferguson was parried as far as Nevin who tapped in the third before ex-Wembley striker Henry Pacquette reduced the arrears for Northwood.

Ferguson put the seal on a fine win with a simple finish to a brilliant move involving himself, Brian and Nevin.

Rayners Lane: P. Randall, Clements, Mills, Lynn (A. Hedge), L. Randall, R. Payne, Moloney, Cockram, Brian, Nevin, Ferguson.

City feel the heat

Welwyn Garden City 2 Rayners Lane 4

STEVE Brian scored twice as Rayners Lane started their pre-season build-up with a fine win at Welwyn last Thursday.

But Lane did have two men taken off, Danny Mills with an ankle injury and Darren Cotwill with concussion after receiving an elbow in the face.

Duncan Ferguson put Lane ahead after ten minutes, and Alan Williams made it two with a penalty after Brian had been brought down. After Welwyn had pulled one back, Brian scored twice to give Lane an unassailable lead.

Rayners Lane: Randall, Clements, Lynn, Mills (A. Hedge), Cockram, Cotwill (Schurer), Williams, Moloney, Ferguson (Nevin), Brian, Barton.

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