

observer SPORT

Lynch's goals pep Stones

Goosport Borough 2 Wealdstone 2
AS is so often the case, a team that has just lost by a score like 7-1, as Goosport did to Cambridge in Saturday's opening Beazer Homes League game, comes out for its next match determined to recover its pride, writes Aaron Gransby.

And that is precisely what Goosport did on Tuesday, with Wealdstone ending this match hanging on desperately for a point.

Stones did not play well, but once they had gone 2-1 up

early in the second half they still seemed odds-on to win comfortably. But the anticipated third goal did not come and Goosport scrambled an equaliser to the delight of their home support, almost outnumbered as it was by the vocal Wealdstone following.

An early injury to skipper Evershed La Ronda did Stones no favours, but although he continued, Lance O'Brien had to go off at half time with a rib injury that made breathing difficult.

And with him struggling from early on, Wealdstone were caught out in defence as they had been on Saturday. The superb Darren Williams came to their rescue with a smart save in the third minute, but even his heroics could not stop Goosport going ahead after 22 minutes.

Glenn Buck crossed well from the left, Richie Moran's near post touch was well parried by Williams but Mark Foster was on hand to knock the loose ball home.

Stones countered immediately and equalised just over a minute later. Steve Browne's cross from the right found Paul Wilkins, who held the ball up well with his back to goal before laying it back perfectly to Tony Lynch, whose fierce low drive rocketed into the corner of the net.

Just before the break, Williams made two point blank saves to keep Wealdstone level and then in the 52nd minute Tony Lynch put the visitors in front.

Mark Harrison's cross was met by Alan Cordice who shielded the ball for Lynch to steam in, hook it over a defender's head and smash past Tony Stones in goal.

But Stones failed to press home their advantage and Goosport seized their chance to gain a morale-boosting point. Referee Mr Hopkins from Devon failed to spot Steve Greening in an offside position as he shot against the post and Richie Moran followed up to score.

And only the excellence of Darren Williams, Mark Harrison and Steve Browne kept Stones level.

Wealdstone: Williams, Corbin, Harrison, S. Browne, La Ronda, Morris, O'Brien (Bailey), Cordice (C. Browne), Wilkins, O'Shea, Lynch.

Soccer fixtures

- Saturday August 27**
Beazer Homes League premier division: Beazer v Wealdstone.
Weston-Super-Mare premier division: St Albans City v Harrow Borough.
Wembley-Cup League division one: Woking v Woking (Vale Farm, 3pm), Stratford Town v Kingsbury Town.
Premier Division League premier division: Stourport United v Poynton Lincs.
Division One League premier division: Stratford Town v Edgware Town.
Weston-Super-Mare League: Poynton v Harrow St Marys.
Sunday August 28
Wembley-Cup League premier division: Harrow Borough v Farnborough (Eastwood, 3pm).
Premier Division League premier division: Poynton v Luton (Luton, 11am).
Division One League premier division: Southgate Athletic v Edgware Town (3pm).
Wembley-Cup League division one: Kingsbury Town v Hitchin Town (River Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).
August 29
Premier Division League: Poynton v Harrow Borough (Eastwood, 7.30pm).
Weston-Super-Mare League: Luton GAV v Harrow St Marys (3pm).

Sport on five pages

Two pages of cricket reports and scorecards Pages 64, 65

Wasps to go all out in League glory bid Page 66

Start of the new soccer season, reports Page 67

Sport on five pages

Doubt over Byatt

WEALDSTONE travel to Bedworth for a Beazer Homes League game on Saturday with a doubt over centre back Dennis Byatt, who has a knee injury picked up in last week's opening game with Moor Green.

Either Terry Rowe, whose loan forms from America have come through, or skipper Evershed La Ronda could take Byatt's place if he is unable to play. Midfielder Danny Bailey will be available as it looks unlikely he will sign for the club he has been training with in Cyprus.

Eight World Cup players will be on view at Harrow Borough on Wednesday, when Keith Chamberlin's side attempt to retain the Meave Bank of Malawi, the Africa nation's top club trophy.

On the domestic front, Borough travel to St Albans on Saturday and entertain Farnborough at Rush Holiday Monday. Manager Keith Chamberlin says he will add Matt Laddy and Stuart Howard to the 11 who played on Tuesday to make up the squad.

Wembley chairman Woking on Saturday as they strive to continue their impressive start to the season while Alan Dafforn's Kingsbury go to Bracknell and are at home to Hitchin Town on Tuesday. Neither have any injury problems.

Door is open for Lower Mead sale

Trustees change clears the way

By Aaron Gransby

WEALDSTONE are now free to sell their Lower Mead ground and move to a new site elsewhere in Harrow after chairman Alan Clifton finally resolved the long-running wrangle with the club's trustees.

Lower Mead is owned by the members of Wealdstone FC, but has been administered on the members' behalf by trustees appointed by the club many years ago.

The two remaining trustees, former club chairman David Martle, who left Wealdstone in 1978, and former director Frank Ryder, who left in 1981, had held Stones' plans up by refusing to allow the ground to be sold when asked by the members three years ago.

A writ was issued to have them removed from office, but in those three years, little headway had been made on the matter.

However, on Monday, Alan Clifton announced to the Ob-

server that he had at last secured the resignations of both Martle and Ryder after an out-of-court settlement had been agreed. The total cost of the long-running saga has been £21,000 in legal fees.

"The trustees are there to safeguard the freehold of Lower Mead in the event of someone trying to sell it for their own advantage. But they should do as the members request if it is in the best interests of the club," explained Alan Clifton.

"Martle and Ryder had consistently refused to act in the best interests of the club and its members and neither had attended a football match, meeting or function at the club for many years."

Two new trustees have now been appointed in their places. Both were chosen by club members. They are long-serving vice-president Les Hobbs and director and company secretary Toby Jackson.

Alan Clifton was jubilant that the last remaining obstacle to his plans to relocate Wealdstone had now finally been removed.

"I am determined to bring this club into the 20th century and create a profitable and successful football and sports club organisation for the benefit of the members and the community. I have now buried once and for all the restrictive practices that have beleaguered this club for years," he said.

Of the two new trustees, he said: "They are both long-serving club members who are keen to see the club progress and will take notice of what the members want."

Wealdstone are now in a position to secure a new site and sell Lower Mead for the development of a supermarket for the first time.

"We can now negotiate from a position of strength regarding relocation. We shall shortly be appointing an eminent architectural team with site connection experience to design a new ground. We shall also secure the services of a consultant company who will assist us in further negotiations to acquire the new site which I have in mind," said Clifton.

He plans to buy a new site as soon as possible.

Harrow's Seoul duo



Now Steve is put on the spot!

• Tooting and M. Utd 1 Harrow Borough 1
HARROW BOROUGH'S penalty blues continued on Tuesday night when Steve Emmanuel's late decision to take spot kicks backfired and he missed Borough's third kick in two games.

Richard Evans was to have taken all penalties but Emmanuel, Borough's assistant manager, took responsibility for the one awarded three minutes from time at Tooting with his side trailing 1-0.

Amazingly, after both Colin Payne and Robbie Johnson had missed on Saturday, Emmanuel saw his shot parried. Manager Keith Chamberlin commented: "It will now definitely be Richard Evans who takes the next one."

Luckily for Borough, the

equaliser that their excellent second half performance deserved came in injury time when Steve Soot volleyed fiercely home from 25 yards.

But they did not have it all their own way. Tooting, who let in seven goals on Saturday, were determined to stop any repeat of their annihilation.

And sure enough they made Borough work hard from the off. With both sides struggling to find any rhythm on an appalling pitch, it was Tooting who went close early on, forcing Stuart MacKenzie to save.

Borough began to come into the game before half time with Steve Scott, twice, and Lawrence Holmes going close. And in the second half, Steve Bateman and Mark Adams all but scored as the visitors got on top.

But it was then that Tooting struck, Dark getting the better of Colin Payne and shooting inside the far post in the 38th minute.

Again, Borough took control. Steve Long drove wide, Steve Bateman and Richard Evans headed over and Robbie Johnson's shot was parried. But only three minutes remained when Bryant handled Evans' header and Emmanuel missed the penalty.

But manager Keith Chamberlin said Steve Scott's last-gasp equaliser was the least that his side deserved. "We got what we deserved and I was honestly pleased with the result."

Harrow Borough: MacKenzie, Payne, Johnson, Casidy, Bateman, Evans, Emmanuel, Holmes, Scott, Long, Adams.

PRATTS MOTOR INSURANCE

CAN WE SAVE YOU MONEY? ASK US TO QUOTE

Open 9am-9pm Mon-Fri
Open 9am-5pm Sat

Established over 50 years

IMMEDIATE COVER FROM OUR OFFICE AT 40 LONG LANE HILLINGDON

Telephone: UXBRIDGE 32212
(STD code 0895 from London)

MOTOR INSURANCE

WHY PAY MORE THAN YOU SHOULD?

Immediate Cover. Best Rates on any type of vehicle, private or commercial and/or hire fleet.

CRESCENT MOTOR INSURANCE

12 BONNERSFIELD LANE, CENTRAL HARROW
Off Station Road, near Granada Cinema

01-863 0033