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Lynch under treatment

STONES' flying winger Tony Lynch is undergoing specialist treatment for the ankle injury that has kept him out of the last two matches.

Lynch, who is the club's top goalscorer this season, injured the ankle getting down from a tractor whilst mowing the Lower Mead pitch and has missed the matches against Dartford and Worcester. Facilities have been made available to him

at Harrow Leisure Centre in Christchurch Avenue, Wealdstone, to keep him physically fit and able to make a quick return when the ankle has healed.

"He is a quick healer and is keen to get back as soon as he can. At first we thought he would be out for four weeks, but it may be less than that," said Stones boss Tony Jennings this week.



Risky business!

Stones to splash out record fee for Alan

WEALDSTONE manager Tony Jennings is set to splash out a club record fee to secure the services of on-loan centre back Alan Risk on a permanent basis.

But the Stones boss is facing last-minute opposition from Beazer Homes League rivals Dartford who also want the 24-year-old defender, currently with GM Vauxhall Conference high-flyers Maidstone United.

Risk has impressed greatly in his three weeks at Lower Mead, filling Stones' problem position with great authority and effect. Jennings and Maidstone have agreed on a fee for the deal, and it is now up to Risk to decide on his own future.

Tony Jennings said: "The two clubs have agreed a deal and we have offered terms to the player, which like the fee agreed are quite reasonable. The ball is now very much in Alan's court."

Despite Dartford's interest, Jennings is fairly confident

By Aaron Cransey

that six-footer Risk will join Stones. Before joining Maidstone, he was with Jennings at Dagenham and the two know each other well. His biggest problem would be travelling as he lives in Tilbury, Essex.

Stones' FA Cup hopes may well rest on the player's decision. If he does agree to come to Lower Mead, he will play in Saturday's first qualifying round tie with Vauxhall Motors. If he does not, or leaves the issue undecided, Maidstone will not allow him to play and become cup-tied, in case they need him later on.

Although Jennings would not reveal the exact fee agreed because of Dartford's interest in Risk, he did say it would be more than the club have ever paid for a player before.

The current record transfer

fee paid is for Paul Morris, who cost £5,000 in the close season from neighbours Harrow Borough.

And Jennings is also going back to Borough in pursuit of transfer-listed left back Robbie Johnson. He has already spoken to both the player and Harrow Borough manager Keith Chamberlin.

"Nothing has been agreed yet but we are discussing a possible move. At the moment I am gelling together a side. I have already lost Steve Browne, Terry Rowe is going to return to the United States at some time and I may lose Alan Risk, so it would be remiss of me not to replace players of that calibre," said Jennings.

Meanwhile, Harrow Borough's other transfer-listed player, striker Lawrence Holmes, is attracting interest from Leytonstone-Ilford. The player has had talks with their boss Ted Hardy, but has yet to make a final decision.

£30,000 is given towards new crowd control centre



THE Football Trust has presented a grant for £30,000 towards a new crowd control centre at Wembley Central station for use at all big matches at Wembley Stadium.

Our picture shows (left to right) Tony Walker (Area Passenger Manager) and Assistant Chief Constable Ian MacGregor (British Transport Police) receiving the cheque from Graham Kelly (FA secretary) and Lord Aberdare (chairman of the Football Trust).

No deal yet on ground sharing

UNCERTAINTY still remains over Wealdstone's hopes of sharing with Harrow Borough next season after they have sold their own Lower Mead ground.

The Borough board of directors issued the following statement on Monday: "Further to the statement made by Wealdstone FC in the Harrow Observer, Harrow Borough FC wish to make it clear that at this time, no formal agreement has been reached over the possible ground-sharing of Barlismead by Wealdstone FC."

Meanwhile Wealdstone have completed the team they hope will help them move to a new ground within two years.

Harrow-based Harrovian Estates, of Sheepcote Road, have been appointed the consultant company for the relocation and local architect Eric Atherton has also joined the team. Last week architectural team Wells-Thorpe and Suggel were given the job of designing a new stadium complex for the club.

Chairman Alan Clifton commented: "This is an ideal combination to ensure that our negotiations and planning applications are handled correctly. We now have the right ingredients for a successful relocation."

That's the spirit Borough

Harrow Borough 2 Hayes 0
A SPIRITED Borough performance earned them an unexpected AC Delco Cup success at the expense of neighbours Hayes on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

While their shortcomings were still very much in evidence, Borough at least gave their all in terms of effort and determination and it provided the platform for victory over a depleted and disappointing Hayes outfit.

The visitors started at a rush and threatened menacingly in the early stages but once Borough got into their stride they confidently gave as good as they got.

Mark Adams should have given them the lead in the 14th minute when Cassidy's cross left him unmarked 10 yards out but with only Hyde to beat he put his header woefully wide. And four minutes later some great interpassing between Cassidy and Bolton culminated with

the later rounding Hyde only to have his shot hacked away on the line by the retreating Walton.

Steve Bateman and Hayes midfielder Derek Payne were lucky to get away with only a booking when they clashed just before the break and Richard Evans followed them into the book soon after when he crudely brought down Fraser.

The game finally turned Borough's way eight minutes into the second half when Holmes was brought down by Walton and Evans put them in front from the resultant penalty. And when Evans flicked on a Scott corner for Holmes to head home a second in the 68th minute victory was signed, sealed and delivered.

Harrow Borough: MacKenzie, Dicker, Payne, Cassidy (Mowle), Bateman, Evans, Emmanuel, Holmes (Loddy), Bolton, Scott, Adams.

Lions out in extra time

Hendon 2 Wembley 0
AFTER having the better of the 90 minutes, two goals within a minute at the start of extra time ended Wembley's interest in the AC Delco Cup for another season at Hendon on Tuesday night.

Gary Dolling, returning to the side after suspension, had Wembley's first chance after 16 minutes, forcing Dave Root to scramble a save from his downward header.

In the 40th minute, Root came to Hendon's rescue again, tipping over Steve Smith's dangerous inswinging corner.

And just after the interval, Dereck Brown was unlucky when he had a close range drive

hacked off the line by a defender. After easily repelling all Hendon's modest assaults, Wembley had further chances, but both Dolling and Lance Pedlar sliced efforts wide of the target.

A minute into extra time tragedy struck when Harry Hutchinson, who had had a fine game at right back, took his eye off the ball and allowed Paul Mullings to pounce and beat Jeff Fanner to put Hendon ahead.

And within 60 seconds Colin Tate collected a cross and laid the ball inside for Iain Dowie to fire home the second goal.

Wembley: Fanner, Hutchinson, Ray (Charles), McGrath, Janaway, Murphy, Smith, Brown, Bryan (Williams), Pedlar, Dolling.

Kingsbury scramble through

Kingsbury Town 1 Newbury Town 0
KINGSBURY won through to the second round of the AC Delco Cup with a scrambled goal after just five minutes of a four struggle with Newbury on Tuesday night.

Gursel Gulfer pounced to poke the loose ball over the line after a scramble in front of goal, but the anticipated avalanche of goals did not materialise.

Steve Lucas and Adrian Smith both missed good chances before half time, and Gulfer just failed to increase the lead twice after the break.

Newbury almost earned a draw right at the death, shooting over and forcing Fred Smart to a good save in the final five minutes.

Kingsbury Town: Smart, Smith, Fitzgerald, Bhatia, White, S. Lucas, Zacharia, Atkins, Gulfer, Lindo, Marshall, Subs: Hill, Goodison.

Borough swim championships

THE Harrow Borough Swimming Championships take place on Saturday and some fast, exciting races are expected.

The Harrow team for the London Inter-Borough Championships will be selected from this meet.

The championship starts at 7.15pm (warm-up 6.45pm) at Harrow Leisure Centre, Christchurch Avenue, Wealdstone.

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Big four on road to Wembley



Harrow Boro's Ronnie Tully - out with hamstring injury.

THE glamour of the FA Cup comes to the area's top four clubs on Saturday, as Wealdstone, Harrow Borough, Wembley and Kingsbury Town all kick off their campaigns in the first qualifying round.

Wealdstone midfielders Everal La Ronde and Mark Lawrence are on stand-by to partner Paul Morris at centre back if Alan Risk is unavailable to play against Vauxhall Motors at Lower Mead.

But Tony Lynch, Dennis Byatt and Lance O'Brien are all definitely out with long-term injuries. Even so, Stones should have enough to ac-

count for their Vauxhall-Opel League second division opponents.

Striker Ronnie Tully is out of Harrow Borough's FA Cup squad for their trip to Staines Town on Saturday after pulling a hamstring on Monday night in a reserve game.

Francis Cassidy, who has been nursing an injury, will need to be fully fit to be considered in a game where manager Keith Chamberlin says, Borough will need to match Staines' work-rate to win.

Alan Dafforn's Kingsbury Town face the most difficult FA Cup task, a trip to Vauxhall-Opel League leaders Wokingham Town.

Dafforn has no injury worries for the trip and says although he thinks Kingsbury can spring a surprise, he will be quite happy to settle for a draw and a home replay next Tuesday.

Wembley striker Gary Dolling, is back from suspension and will be considered for their FA Cup tie with Burgess Hill. The rest of the Lions' squad will be the same as in recent weeks. Any replay will be at Burgess Hill on Wednesday night.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday September 17

FA Cup 1st Qualifying round: Wealdstone v Vauxhall Motors (Lower Mead, 3pm); Staines Town v Harrow Borough; Wembley v Burgess Hill (Vale Farm, 3pm); Wokingham Town v Kingsbury Town.

Federated Homes League premier division: Moreton Town v Rayners Lane.

Greene King Spartan League premier division: Waltham Abbey v Edgeware Town.

Middlesex County League: Harrow St Marys v Harefield Town (Sandy Lodge Lane, Northwood, 3pm).

Tuesday September 20

Vauxhall-Opel League premier division: Harrow Borough v Leytonstone-Ilford (or FA Cup replay, Barlismead, 7.30pm).

Vauxhall-Opel League division one: Wivernhoe Town v Wembley (subject to FA Cup replay).

Wednesday September 21

Middlesex Senior Cup 1st round: Edgeware Town v Cheshunt (White Lion Ground, 7.30pm); Feltham v Rayners Lane.

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