

# Observer SPORT

## Stones' strollers forget the fans

**Wealdstone 1 Ruilip 2**  
 WHILE one can understand Wealdstone's under-strength, experimental side strolling through a game they had already won the week before, the players should have thought about the 174 paying customers who gave good money to watch this debacle, writes Aaron Gransby.  
 For they would certainly be more than justified in demanding a refund from a

game that was about as exciting as a Sunday team's training session.  
 Stones were already 6-0 up from the first leg of this Westgate Cup first round tie, and when Everaldo La Ronde scored from 20 yards in the third minute, another thrashing was on the cards.  
 But it was not to be. Stones tried to walk the ball in against an awful Ruilip side, and failed miserably. Goals from

Neil Smith and Theo Edgar gave Ruilip what to them was a memorable victory.  
 To make things worse Kevin Porter injured his collarbone so La Ronde was forced into goal in the second half.  
 Wealdstone: Foster (Olaley), Bailey, O'Brien, Risk, Briemo, Lawrence, La Ronde, S. Browne, C. Browne, Wright, Lynch (Cortic).

## Saints' Stanley calls it a day

HARROW St Marys manager Dave Stanley quit his job with the Middlesex County League club on Saturday after their eighth defeat in 10 matches.  
 The 2-3 home defeat by Maple Cross was the last straw for Stanley whose former side now lie at the bottom of the first division of the league with just one win and one draw from their league games this season.

On Saturday, three players failed to turn up for their game with Maple Cross, so Stanley was forced to play himself and a 14-year-old. Two Saints players then got sent off as they threw away a two-goal lead.  
 "Saturday was a total disaster but I have to take responsibility for our poor results so far this season and the club now needs someone else to take the helm," said a sad Stanley.

This was his sixth season in charge. Last season, the club reached the final of the Middlesex County League Cup, only to lose 4-0 to Constantine. Stanley will still be involved with the club, he also runs a youth side, and he hopes to continue managing the county league representative team.  
 "Had I been at another club, I may well have already been kicked out. But at St Marys, the position I am in means that it had to be my decision to go, and I felt it was the right time," he said.  
 Saints' reserve team manager Vic Harris has been named as Stanley's successor.

## Adams goes on list



**BOROUGH** winger Mark Adams chose the day of Alan Mayes' appointment to slip in a transfer request.  
 A fee will be required for Adams, who joined Borough three years ago after spells with Wealdstone, Hayes and Hendon. He feels that, with a new manager starting, it is time for him to move on.  
 He is almost certain to cross the interest of Slough Town, who already have ex-Borough players Tony Knight, Trevor How, Ray Duffy and Bobby Dell.

# A-MAYES-IN

## Ex-Chelsea striker Alan Mayes is the surprise choice as Borough's new boss



BY JOHN COMFORT

FORMER Chelsea and Swindon striker Alan Mayes secured his first managerial post on Monday night when he was named as the surprise successor to Keith Chamberlin in the Harrow Borough hot seat.

35 year old Mayes, who works as an assistant commercial manager at Wycombe Wanderers FC, was one of 14 applicants for the job. That number was reduced to a short list of two and Mayes finally got the nod over Woking assistant manager Colin Lippiat following a meeting of the Borough board on Monday.

With Borough floundering in the lower reaches of the Vauxhall Opel League's Premier division, Mayes' task is a tough one, as he readily admits, but he is confident that the situation is not beyond recall.

After watching his first team players in action on Tuesday, handing out a 6-0 thrashing in a reserve team fixture against Egham, Borough's new boss said: "Obviously the position we are in is a problem and my first task is to turn things round as quickly as possible.  
 "But I'm encouraged by what I've seen. There's enough ability here and it's a good nucleus on which to work on."  
 "I've told the players that a lot is going to be expected of them in terms of commitment.

I want players here who are 100 per cent for the club."  
 Although this is his first managerial appointment, Mayes does not see this as a drawback in leading Borough to safety and the success they eventually crave.  
 "I intend to give as much commitment to this job as the players," he said. "Being my first appointment I know I'm going to make mistakes, but I've got to learn quickly and I hope to draw on the experience of others."  
 That will include the experience of the man he expects to become his player coach later this week, Phil Driver, the former St Albans and Chelsea player.

Mayes' arrival is not expected to herald any immediate wholesale changes in Borough's playing staff.  
 "I'm always going to be looking to improve the side," he said. "But I want to assess the present side before making any decisions."  
 "I've told the players I don't want anyone to leave but if the side has got to be improved then it will be done, because losing can become a habit."  
 If necessary, Mayes - a prolific goalscorer in his playing career - is prepared to play himself for Borough's cause. He will be signing a players contract and will be maintaining his fitness in case he is required to take the field.

Keith Chamberlin, who finally stood down after three years as Borough's boss two weeks ago to become the club's general football manager, said he thought the selection of Alan Mayes to succeed him was "a great appointment."  
 "We were very pleased with the quality of the applicants for the job but we feel we have made the right choice in Alan Mayes."  
 "We are sure he will do a good job for us and after a period of consolidation will bring us the success we are looking for."  
 Alan Mayes has his first game in charge on Saturday when Borough face a difficult home game against an improved Dagenham outfit.



Keith Chamberlin (left) welcomes his successor Alan Mayes to the job of Harrow Borough manager. Picture by Chris Saville.

## Kingsbury on slide

**Kingsbury Town 1 Collier Row 2**  
 KINGSBURY'S slide continued with a disappointing home defeat by lowly Collier Row on Tuesday.  
 Town missed a host of chances in the first half, Gursel Guller, Carl Lindo and Stuart Atkins being the main culprits.  
 Collier Row went ahead after the break through Tyler, but Greg Zacharia shot home to equalise within a minute. However, ten minutes from time, Steve Thompson beat Fred Smart for the winner.  
 Kingsbury Town: Smart, Rhatia (Hill), Fitzgerald, Murphy, D. Lucas, S. Lucas, Atkins, Zacharia, Guller, Lindo, Marshall. Sub: Goodison.

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### Mayes faces a tough baptism

**NEW** Harrow Borough boss Alan Mayes faces a tough baptism with two home Vauxhall-Opel league games.  
 On Saturday, Borough face Dagenham, relegated from the Conference last season, and then entertain current league leaders Hendon on Tuesday.  
 Richard Evans will miss both games through a three match suspension following his sending off against Slough and keeper Stuart McKenzie is still unfit. But Ron Tully has regained fitness and is a likely starter.  
 Wealdstone have doubts over Mark Harrison (flu) and Mark Lawrence (foot injury) for their Beazer Homes League match with Burton Albion at Lower Mead. Definitely out are Dennis Byatt, who finally began training this week, and Paul Wilkins. But centre half Lance O'Brien is now fit and could be in contention.  
 On Tuesday, Stones have the chance of quick revenge for their surprise FA Cup exit when they entertain Hayes in the second round of the Club-cup.

John Walsh and Steve Smith are both still out of the Wembleydale that plays its second qualifying round FA Trophy tie against Kingstorian at Carshalton Athletic's ground on Saturday.  
 Kingsbury's centre half Glenn Russell available after suspension, and he could play against Worthing on Saturday, in the Vauxhall-Opel league.  
 Edgware Town manager Brian Rider has made two new signings from neighbours Kingsbury, defender Mark White and winger Jerry Brunan. White is likely to play at Beckton on Saturday.

### Soccer fixtures

Saturday October 22  
 Beazer Homes League premier division: Wealdstone v Burton Albion (Lower Mead, 3pm).  
 Vauxhall-Opel League premier division: Harrow Borough v Dagenham (Eastmead, 3pm).  
 Vauxhall-Opel League first division: Worthing v Kingsbury Town.  
 FA Trophy 2nd qualifying round: Kingstorian v Wembley (at Carshalton Athletic FC).  
 Green's King Seaman League premier division: Beccles v Edgware Town.  
 Tuesday October 25  
 Vauxhall-Opel League premier division: Havering Borough v Hendon (Greenwood, 7.30pm).  
 Chelsea Cup 2nd round: Wealdstone v Hayes (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).  
 Vauxhall-Opel League division one: Waltham Town v Wembley (Or FA Trophy replay, Wembley v Kingstorian, Vale Farm, 7.30pm).  
 Russell Grant Middlesex Charity Cup 2nd round: Kingsbury Town v Brimsdown Rovers (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

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