

# Observer SPORT

## Lions roar back to winning ways

**Wivenhoe 0 Wembley 2**  
**WEMBLEY** forgot their recent cup disappointments on Tuesday when they returned to league action and recorded an excellent victory at Wivenhoe, writes Richard Marklewitz.

Wembley dictated with some inventive football in the first half which was eventually rewarded with the opening goal at the 28th minute. Sylvester Williams col-

lected a poorly taken goal kick and put Jeff Hamlet through and although Gladson parried his shot, Lance Pedlar followed up to plant home the rebound.

Wembley went further ahead in the 33rd minute. A Glen Charles free kick found Steve McGrath on the edge of the Wivenhoe area and he hammered the ball into the roof of the net at the second attempt after his initial effort was blocked

to notch his first goal for Wembley. Laurence Murphy hit the post early in the second half but then Wembley had to endure severe pressure from the home side. But Jeff Fanner was in splendid form, keeping his goal intact with some marvellous agility.

Wembley: Fanner, Hutchinson, Charles, McGrath, Janaway, Murphy, Walsh, Brown, Hamlet, Pedlar (Dolling), Williams.

## Torrid time for Borough

**Harrow Boro' 1 Hendon 2**

IF new Boro' boss Alan Mayes was blissfully unaware of the proximity of the task facing him he will be a good deal wiser after this reverse at the hands of championship chasing Hendon on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

Somewhat miraculously Boro' managed to conjure up a respectable final scoreline - an unlikely outcome, particularly when they were reeling under a first half cooking from their ambitious rivals.

Remarkably the under age Boro' defence only conceded a single goal during their rubbery spell and that came in the 27th minute when the over dangerous Dowic bulldozed home a header from Dennis's corner.

Hendon's failure to cash in on a prospective goal space clearly heartened Boro' and creditably they inched their way back into contention in the second half. But ironically it was Hendon who struck again in the 75th minute. Koon following to set after Dowic's free kick had caused back of a post.

Jimmy Bolton pulled one back five minutes from time to set up a potentially nailbiting finish but Harrow's frustrated efforts were never quite enough to secure an equaliser.

Harrow Borough: Hester, Payne, Howson, Cassidy, Robinson, Tully (Hopson), Emswold, Bolton, Scott, O'Connor, Dickie. Sub: Jarvis.



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## Byatt the key to consistency

THE return from injury of Dennis Byatt could be the key to more consistency in Wealdstone's play, manager Tony Jennings said this week.

Byatt, Wealdstone's longest-serving player, has been missing from the centre of defence since scoring in the first game of the season - a 4-0 Beazer Homes League win over Moor Green.

He has had a knee injury that was complicated by poor treatment in its early stages and is only now getting back to some light training.

He is expected to be available for selection within a month.

In most games, midfielder Paul Morris has played alongside record signing Alan Risk in the back four. Although he had done a fine job, the midfield had suffered from his absence.

"The reason I would put forward for our lack of consistency over the 90 minutes of a game is that we have not had a full-width in the midfield. We have had footballers who are not capable of keeping up

a period of domination by playing the ball around for more than about an hour," says Tony Jennings.

"I have been unable to play the side I wanted to because of Dennis' injury and Paul Morris' move into defence. But if Dennis comes back, it is chosen and plays well, I can then put Morris into midfield where he can win the ball.

"We have always been liable to the breakaway goal, but that is probably because we have been too forward-minded in midfield."

# Driver deal hits a snag

By **John Comfort**

**HARROW** Borough boss Alan Mayes was left anxiously looking to complete his backroom staff at Earlsmead this week after the signing of his would be player coach Phil Driver from St Albans ran into problems.

Mayes had anticipated that the Driver deal would be clinched early this week and he was named to play in the Borough programme for Tuesday night's game against Hendon.

But there was a snag and a disappointed

Mayes was left saying: "I thought we had the deal all signed and sealed but there's been a hiccup. I'm hoping it will go through by Saturday."

Although he declined to elaborate, it is thought that at the last minute St Albans decided they wanted a fee for Driver, so further negotiations will have to take place, although Mayes is confident that he will eventually get his man.

Mayes speaks highly of Driver and if the deal falls through it will clearly be a bitter blow to him. "Phil is a qualified coach and has got tremendous knowledge. We speak the same language.

"We were both flair players and we believe

in the more direct style of play, and I don't mean kick and rush." And it is this style which Mayes will be looking to adopt at Earlsmead, demanding total fitness and workrate.

Another likely addition to the Borough coaching staff is former Earlsmead favourite Derek Coyle. He had talks with Mayes on Tuesday and a place could be found for him, subject to talks with Slough Town with whom he is registered as a player.

Mayes said he was encouraged by Borough's performances against both Dagenham and Hendon this week but he is looking to strengthen the squad and one or two new signings are on the cards.

## Greg's revenge

**Kingsbury Town 1 Brimdown Rovers 0**

A 16-man brawl erupted during the second half of this Middlesex Charity Cup tie after Kingsbury's Greg Zacharis was punched and kicked to the ground in an unprovoked incident.

But Zacharis had his revenge by scoring the goal that put Town through to the fourth round, where they will face a trip to Uxbridge.

He latched on to a Stuart Atkins pass to steer home the only goal of what was an entertaining game that, apart from the one incident, was never dirty.

Kingsbury Town: Smart, Bhatia, Fitzgerald, Murphy, D. Lucas, S. Lucas, Zacharis, Atkins, Guller, Lindo, Marshall. Sub: Goodson, Russell.

## Olaley is the Stones' avenger

**Wealdstone 3 Hayes 2**

WEALDSTONE took their revenge for their recent FA Cup defeat by Hayes when they beat them in an exciting Cubical Cup game on Tuesday night.

Although this competition is fairly meaningless, Stones clearly had their sights set on victory from the start when Samson Olaley forced ex-Stone Gary Churchouse into an own goal after just four minutes to the obvious delight of the 263 crowd.

Tony Lynch, still looking out

of sorts and clearly suffering with flu, was pulled down in the 33rd minute for a free kick which Mark Harrison curled across goal for Paul Morris to dive low and head home Stones' second goal.

But two goals in as many minutes just before half time had Hayes level at the break. First, keeper Darren Williams made a dreadful, if uncharacteristic, error, allowing a speculative Derek Payne effort to wriggle out of his grasp and under his body, then Tony Kelly headed superbly

home from Chris Walton's pinpoint cross.

Seven minutes after the break, Stones were ahead again. Steve Browne, who has had such an influence on the home side in recent weeks, made an excellent run down the left before finding Samson Olaley in space, and he jinked around Paul Hyde before scoring.

Wealdstone: Williams, Bailey, Harrison, Risk, Corbin, S. Browne, La Ronde, Morris, Ericmo, Olaley, Lynch.

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## Browne is back to give Wealdstone a lift

WEALDSTONE midfielder Steve Browne is now back with the Lower Mead club on a permanent basis having changed his job.

And although suffering from a slight groin strain, he is expected to be fit to face the Beazer Homes League bottom club Bedworth United on Saturday.

But Stones will still be without Mark Lawrence, Dennis Byatt and Kevin Foster, all out through injury.

Harrow Borough's Richard Evans will sit out Saturday's trip to his old club Wokingham. It is the last match of his suspension.

Kingsbury Town face a daunting trip to Basingstoke in the Vauxhall-Opel division one top-of-the-table clash. Town, who have a fully-fit squad to choose from, are hoping to continue their recent excellent away form against the league leaders.

Wembley should have Steve Smith back to bolster their midfield for their home

match with old rivals Uxbridge. But Steve Ray will miss the game with a leg injury sustained against Kingsbury, so fit-again John Walsh should deputise.

Royers Lane swing back into Federated Homes League action after a week off with Steve Wilbraham and Jimmy Moore missing through work commitments. Otherwise, manager Don Durkin has a full

squad to pick from for the game with Bicester.

Ray Mangan will be missing from the Edgware Town line-up to face North Greenford United, but his brother John is expected to fill his place in the heart of the defence. Johnny Coleman, Lee Rider and Martyn Kidd are all receiving treatment this week, but Rider is the only one unlikely to make the match.

## Soccer fixtures

- Thursday October 27**  
 W.F. Capital League: Wycombe Wanderers v Wealdstone.  
 Beazer October 28  
 Beazer Homes League premier division: Wealdstone v Bedworth United (Lower Mead, 5pm).  
 Beazer October 29  
 Beazer Homes League premier division: Wokingham v Harrow Borough.  
 Beazer-Opel League division one: Wembley v Uxbridge (Vale Farm, 5pm).  
 Beazer October 30  
 Beazer Homes League premier division: Payners Lane v Bicester Town (Llanelw, 5pm).  
 Green King Sports League premier division: Edgware Town v North Greenford United (White Lion Ground, 5pm).  
 Beazer October 31  
 Beazer Homes League premier division: Harrow Borough v Dulwich Hamlet (Barnet, 7.30pm).  
 Beazer-Opel League division one: Wembley v Southwick (Vale Farm, 7.45pm).  
**Wednesday November 2**  
 London Senior Cup: Edgware Town v Brimdown Rovers (White Lion Ground, 7.30pm).

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