

# observer SPORT

## O'Connor gem sees Boro' through

Harrow Borough 1 Leatherhead 0  
A BLOCKBUSTER of a goal from Eamonn O'Connor saw depleted Borough shrug off their appalling league form to win a place in the third round of the AC Delco Cup on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

O'Connor's strike was good enough to win any game. Collecting the ball 30 yards out, he crashed an unstoppable shot

into the top right hand corner of the net before the despairing dive of keeper Caswell.

That came in the 16th minute and instantly cancelled out the disappointment of Steve Scott's penalty miss a minute earlier after Phil Dicker had been upended by Godwin.

Borough had a lucky escape just before the break when Rattue volleyed against a

post and in an action packed second half Lee Hunter saved superbly from Humphrey, but in the last five minutes they came back strongly with Emmanuel glancing a header just wide and both Scott and Mark Hopson had shots cleared off the line.

Harrow Borough: Hunter, Fryne, Mowbray, Dicker, Bateman, Cott, Emmanuel, Hopson, Scott, O'Connor, Flynn, Sub: Tully, Haynes.

Dicker wants a move

MIDFIELDER Phil Dicker is the latest Harrow Borough player to demand a transfer. Dicker, who was signed from Spartan League Harrow Town two seasons ago, put in his request on Sunday after being substituted in Borough's defeat against Carshalton.

BOROUGH full back Robbie Johnson, who was expected to sign for Cambridge United, has been traded to Kingsley for a fee of £1,000. However, Borough will get a cut of any transfer deal if Cambridge, who are still interested in Johnson, subsequently sign him. Transfer agent Steve Emmanuel has had talks with several clubs and could well join Westingham this week.

UNHAPPY Wombsey striker Jeff Hanks has left Vale Farm to join Vauxhall Opal First Division leaders Uxbridge.

HARROW Borough midfielder Steve Scott is to spend three days next week on trial with Third Division club Swansea City. Meanwhile keeper Stuart MacKenzie had a cartilage operation this week and will be out of action until the New Year.

WEMBLEY'S Middlesex Charity Cup tie with OPR has been fixed for Friday December 2 at Vale Farm, kick off 7.30pm.

# Lawrence booted out by Jennings

By Aaron Gransby

MIDFIELDER Mark Lawrence has been booted out of Wealdstone because manager Tony Jennings said he was not reliable enough.

Lawrence, signed from Dagenham at the start of the season, rang Jennings late last Monday night to inform him that he would not be available for the first leg of Stones' Westgate Cup second round tie at Rushden.

It was the second time that Lawrence had given late notice of his unavailability due to work problems. And Jennings said it was the kind of behaviour that he could not tolerate.

"I made it clear to him that we could not really continue working a side aiming to win the league and get some continuity in

that way. It is bad enough with the injury situation we have had, let alone the non-availability of Mark Lawrence."

The player lives in Ilford and works in Surrey, so had quite a journey to make. During his time at Lower Mead he made little impression on the pitch in his nine appearances.

Jennings said: "Sadly, I don't think we saw from him the ability that he does have. In his brief time here, he did not show the club what a good player he can be."

Lawrence agreed to join Stones during the close season but changed his mind and re-joined Dagenham. Then he returned to Stones but was immediately unavailable for four weeks through suspension.

Wealdstone have also released young centre back Lance O'Brien who had

struggled to make his mark since joining the club, originally on a 28-day trial, from West Ham.

O'Brien picked up a nasty kidney injury in the second game of the season at Gosport, where he was replaced after just 30 minutes. His trial period was extended so that he could battle back to full fitness, but Jennings said: "He was not going to break into the first team, in my opinion, so he has been released."

Meanwhile, Jennings confirmed this week that he is talking to another striker, saying: "If we get him, he would just add to what we have got."

Centre back Dennis Byatt and centre forward Paul Wilkins were both due to get a run-out in last night's Capital League game at Cambridge United, and could both be back to first team duty soon.



ENGLAND cricketer Philip DeFreitas made a surprise visit to watch the Sudbury Court rugby club play Costwolds on Saturday.

And while he was there he got a few tips on how to play the game from young 3 year old Liam Watson, who was there to watch his dad Colin play. But it was Court who needed the advice. They went

down by 22-9.

Philip is no stranger to Sudbury Court. He formerly played for the rugby team as well as the club's cricket team.

The star England full forward will be playing for Lancashire next season, having just left Leicestershire.

Picture by Chris Saville

## Lynch uses his head to snatch cup win

Wealdstone 2 Rushden Town 1  
A RARE headed goal three minutes into injury time by Stones' winger Tony Lynch was just enough to knock battling Rushden out of the Westgate Insurance Cup on Monday night, writes Aaron Gransby.

As early as the seventh minute, Rushden were ahead when Dave Bonnell scored low to head in after Andy Kirkup's cross had been headed back across goal.

Wealdstone had to wait until the 56th minute for the equaliser when Kirk Corbin's cross

found Danny Bailey in space. His shot was pushed away from goal by keeper Trevor Hopps and Alan Cordice was there to squeeze the ball home from an acute angle.

Just when it seemed that extra time was a certainty, Lynch popped up at the near post to head Mark Harrison's corner in over the keeper and off the underside of the bar.

Wealdstone: Williams, Bay, Harrison, Eriemo, Corbin, C. Browne (S. Browne), La Ronda, Morris, Cordice, Oslay, Lynch. Sub: Wright.

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## Kingsbury come good in extra time

Uxbridge 0 Kingsbury Town 2 (after extra time)  
KINGSBURY moved through to the third round of the AC Delco Cup with an extra time victory over first division leaders Uxbridge at Honeycroft on a cold and misty Tuesday night.

Both sides had numerous chances during an entertaining, though goalless 90 minutes' normal time, but Kingsbury took charge in the extra half hour.

Steve Lucas cut inside to crack a rare goal in the 100th minute and in the second period Greg Zacharia struck to finish off Uxbridge's resistance.

Kingsbury Town: Smart, Bhatia, Fitzgerald, Murphy, D. Lucas (Lindo), S. Lucas, Zacharia, Atkins, Guller, Goodison (Hill), Clarke.

## Risk still waiting for the all clear

TABLE-TOPPING Wealdstone will again be without centre back Alan Risk, who has a torn hamstring, for their Beazer Homes League clash with fifth placed Alvechurch on Saturday.

But Paul Wilkins could be named among the substitutes.

Striker James Bolton will miss Harrow Borough's trip to Stevenage for a friendly as they bid for a morale-boosting victory. He also has a hamstring injury and will also be

out for Tuesday's Vauxhall-Opal League trip to Gnyx.

Wombsey and Kingsbury should both have strong sides for their games with Collier Row and Wivenhoe respectively, while Rayners Lane boss Don Darkin is hoping his team can continue their recovery at league champions and title favourites Yate Town.

Edwards' Towns continue their bid to retain the Spartan League-Cup with a trip to Waltham Abbey, and expect to have Jim Davey back to lead the attack.

## Soccer fixtures

Thursday November 19

Beazer Homes League premier division: Wealdstone v Alvechurch (Honeycroft, 7.30pm)

Vauxhall-Opal League division one: Kingsbury Town v Wivenhoe Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 8pm), Collier Row v Wombsey

Beazer Homes League premier division: Yate Town v Rayners Lane

Greenwich King Spartans League Cup 2nd round: Waltham Abbey v Edgware Town (7.30pm)

Wombsey v Wombsey Borough v Harrow Borough

Thursday November 22

Vauxhall-Opal League premier division: Gnyx Athletic v Harrow Borough

Russell Grant's Middlesex Charity Cup: Uxbridge v Kingsbury Town

Wednesday November 23

WF Capital League: Wealdstone v Southend United (Lower Mead, 8pm)

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