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Evans kills off brave Bedfont

Harrow Borough 3 Bedfont 1
UNDERDOGS Bedfont gave Borough a scare or two in their Middlesex Senior Cup first round tie at Earlsmead on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.
 The lowly Combined Counties side had the audacity to take a 39th minute when Les Ewings took advantage of some sloppy Borough defensive work and for a while the determined visitors looked set

to cause an embarrassing upset.
 Even after Richard Evans headed home the equaliser from a Francis Cassidy cross nine minutes into the second half, Bedfont still threatened a shock result and it wasn't until the effervescent Evans belted in another header from Derek Payne's accurate cross in the 71st minute that Borough finally got to grips with the visitors' enthusiastic challenge.

A superb goal from Cassidy 15 minutes from time sealed Borough's victory. Picking up a loose ball some 30 yards out, he lofted a magnificent looping shot over keeper Woodbridge into the top right hand corner of the net.
Harrow Borough: Bozier, Payne, Howard, O'Connor, Bateman, Day, Scott, Mayes (Bolton), Cassidy, Dicker. Sub: Driver.

Phil stays

MIDFIELDER Phil Dicker has turned down the chance to join Cheam United and has asked to be taken off the Harrow Borough transfer list.

Approach

WEALDSTONE boss Tony Jennings is looking to sign a mid-field player with a club in the Beazer Home League and has given the club in question the required seven days notice of approach.

Boro' top

GOALS from Mark Hapeen 2, and John Znelmer saw Harrow Borough reserves to a fine 3-2 win at St Albans on Saturday which keeps them six points clear at the top of the Suburban League table.

Cup that!

CARLTON Mitchell netted the only goal of the match as Wembley Reserves defeated Middlesex League Combined United in the Middlesex Premier Cup on Saturday.

Tully back

STRIKER Ron Tully has returned to Edgware Town after failing to command a first team place with Harrow Borough.

Mayes heals Bolton 'rift'

HARROW Borough manager Alan Mayes appears to have healed a potentially damaging rift with his £4,500 striker Jimmy Bolton which threatened to add another thorny problem to his ailing squad.



BY JOHN COMFORT

Bolton was clearly an unhappy man on Saturday when he was substituted by Mayes in Saturday's league match against Tooting. It was the third time in recent games he has been subbed and he showed his obvious anger by throwing down his shirt and heading straight for the dressing room.

He then made a hurried exit from the ground amidst reports that he had said he had played his last game for the club.

There was no further contact between player and manager until Tuesday when a 'clear the air' meeting was held which appears to have smoothed over any friction - albeit temporarily.

Bolton was later named as substitute for Tuesday night's Middlesex Senior Cup match against Bedfont but Mayes - who took Bolton's place in the Borough line up - denied that his move was a disciplinary measure against the player, or indeed that there was any rift.

"I have had a chat with Jimmy but what was said is between him and me," said Mayes. "But the ball is now firmly in his court."

He added: "Jimmy has a good record as

a goalscorer and I want him to improve on that record, but I expect more of him and I know he's capable of giving it."

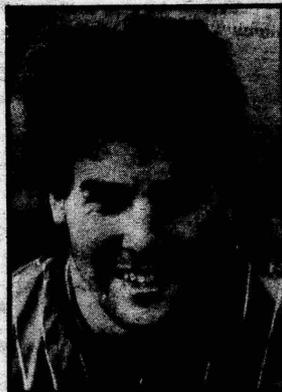
Mayes said there was no question of Bolton going on the transfer list or indeed moving on in the near future. "Our chat was an amicable one and we sorted one or two things out," he said. "But he did not indicate that he wanted to go."

Mayes claimed that he did not see the shirt throwing incident on Saturday but he said that there was a disciplinary code in force at the club over dissent which was being strictly applied.

"Jimmy was upset at being pulled off," said Mayes "and I want him to show me that I shouldn't do it. I want to see the Jimmy of old."

"Everyone should be under pressure at this club, there should be no room for complacency and if I feel players are not doing enough I will do something about it."

Mayes is still looking to strengthen his side but has had little luck. A recent approach for Carshalton midfielder John Warden was blocked when the Surrey



● Jimmy Bolton - unhappy at being substituted.

club put him on contract and demanded a substantial fee.

International clearance is still waited for new signing Andy Waddock and Mayes is hopeful that Kevin Day's loan spell will become a permanent move. The loan period has to be extended to be extended this week for goalkeeper Lee Bozier - another player Mayes would like to sign permanently.

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Wealdstone cup demise is 'Taylor' made

Dartford 3 Wealdstone 0
HOLDERS Dartford look firm favourites to progress into the next round of the Westage Cup after their convincing win over Stones at London Road on Tuesday, writes Steve Marshall.

Former Tottenham and Crystal Palace striker Peter Taylor took only three minutes to put Dartford ahead, letting fly from 25

yards to deceive Darren Williams. Taylor neatly made it 2-0 two minutes later but his drive from the edge of the box just cleared the post, much to Wealdstone's relief.

Dartford continued to press with Sowerby heading head with Williams out of position and Davidson also going close, before Corbin set up Olaleye in a rare Wealdstone attack but Harold blocked his effort.

The second half began disastrously for Stones with Erlimo adjudged to have fouled Taylor inside the box and Taylor converted the spot kick.

Wealdstone came more into the game midway through the half and Lynch headed just over at the far post from an excellent Olaleye cross.

However, with four minutes remaining Dartford notched a third goal to make

Stones' task awesome in Monday's second leg at Lower Mead. Mark Stone heading home after Williams had performed miracles in making two point blank range saves from a corner.

Wealdstone: Williams, Corbin, Harrison, Riek, Erlimo, La Fonde, C. Browne, Wilkins (Pedlar), Cordice, Olaleye, Lynch. Sub: Wright.

Injury rules out Bailey

A KNEE ligament injury will keep Danny Bailey out of the Wealdstone side to visit Bromsgrove on Saturday - a game that manager Tony Jennings describes as "another difficult one."

Paul Morris will also be out, serving his final game of a suspension, but he will return to the side at Lower Mead on Monday when Stones face the tough task of retrieving a three goal deficit against Dartford in the second leg of their Westage Cup tie.

Harrow Borough go to Hayes on Saturday looking for vital points to steer them clear of the relegation zone.

They defeated the Church Road side in the AC Delco Cup earlier in the season but will need to show considerable improvement on recent form to repeat that success. Jimmy Bolton is in line to start the match after being relegated to substitute against Bedfont.

On Tuesday Borough have a local derby match at Kingsbury in the AC Delco Cup.

dom teeth operation are again likely to keep keeper Jeff Fanner out of the Wembley goal for Saturday's visit to title chasers Basingstoke.

Laurence Murphy will also be missing and his knee injury seems likely to require a cartilage operation.

Kingsbury Town look to get back into the promotion hunt on Saturday when they face Basildon at Silver Jubilee Park. Manager Alan Dafforn expects to have a full squad to select from.

Striker Ron Tully will probably be on the subs bench on Saturday when Edgware take on bottom of the table Crown

and Manor at the White Lion ground.

Tully, the club's top scorer with 27 goals in their double year last season, has just returned to the club after failing to command a first team place at Harrow Borough.

Rayners Lane manager Don Durkin has problems galore for his side's visit to Sharpshooters on Saturday.

Clements, Cockram, Schurer and Williams are unlikely to be available while Steve Brian starts a three week suspension, and there are injury doubts over Abell, Bicknell, Nevin, Lynn and Hedge.



● Danny Bailey - out injured.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday December 15
 Central League: Wealdstone v Enfield (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).
 Saturday December 17
 Beazer Home League Premier Division: Bromsgrove Rovers v Wealdstone.
 Wealdstone Opal League Premier Division: Hayes v Harrow Borough.
 Veushall Opal League Division One: Kingsbury Town v Basildon Utd (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm); Basingstoke v Wembley.
 Greens King Spartan League: Edgware Town v Crown & Manor

(White Lion Ground, 3pm).
 Federated Harrow League: Sharpshooters Town v Rayners Lane.
 Westage Premier Cup: Harrow Borough Res. v Harrow St Marys (Earlsmead, 3pm).
 Monday December 19
 Westage Intermediate Cup: third round second leg: Wealdstone v Dartford (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).
 Tuesday December 20
 AC Delco Cup third round: Kingsbury Town v Harrow Borough (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

Sporting handbook

HARROW Sports Council is reprinting its handbook which includes a directory of all sports clubs in the area, together with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the club secretaries.

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