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Hatch End down Timber

HATCH End won the battle of the top two in the Harrow Challenge Premier League Division when they proved too strong for Timber Carriage.

Long time front-runners Hatch End found their opponents' keeper in fine form in a frustrating, goalless half. But top scorer Tom Dunn finally broke the deadlock early in the second half with Roger King and Rob Locke extending the lead before Carriage grabbed a last minute consolation goal.

Hatch End Reserves destroyed Albion 8-0 in a Second Division match with Chris Williams scoring four goals, Steve Goldsack two and Paul Salvage and Mark Brisley one each.

On Sunday Hatch End and Hatch End Reserves clash for the first time in their 25 year history when they meet each other in the third round of the Harrow Challenge League Knockout Cup.

Despite a half time goal from Andrew Esmond, Pinner Albion slipped to a 1-2 defeat against Harrow Lyons.

Battling Borough bundled out of cup



● Steve Scott



● Greg Zacharia

Harrow Borough 2 Kingsbury Town 3

HARROW Borough bowed out of the AC Delco Cup on Tuesday night by losing an exciting replay against neighbours Kingsbury Town after scoring a spectacular own goal.

Missing six regulars, including the injured Day and Evans and four cup-tied players, Borough battled hard against a lively Kingsbury side.

Zacharia scored the visiting team's first goal after he picked up a through ball from Clark and unleashed a powerful drive from 25 yards which screamed into the top of the net, leaving keeper Bozier stretched in vain.

Eamon O'Connor hit back for Borough when he hit a tremendous shot into the Kingsbury net in the 36th minute.

But Kingsbury consolidated their position and took a 2-1 lead when a shot by Cialfer was dropped by Bozier, allowing Marshall to snap up the rebound.

Borough battled on and in the 70th minute Steve Scott levelled the score line again, giving renewed hope of a Borough victory.

Then, ten minutes from time, after Stuart Howard had twice cleared off the line, Kingsbury got their astounding winner.

Right back Steve Jarvis, in the starting line-up for the first time, attempted to pass back from the edge of the penalty area but instead chipped the ball over the head of his own keeper into the net.

That mistake effectively sent Kingsbury into the quarter final of the cup with a home tie against Staines to be played on January 31.

Borough manager Alan Mayes said after the game: "Considering the side we had it was always going to be difficult. I was delighted with the youngsters' performance but the own goal was unfortunate. There are encouraging signs for the future but we have a lot of work to do."

Borough: Bozier, Jarvis, Howard, Payne, Bateman, Haynes, O'Connor, Cassidy, Mowle, Scott, Bolton.

Kingsbury: Smart, Bhatia, Fitzgerald, Atkins, Shields, Lucas S, Zacharia, Lucas D, Gullifer, Clark, Marshall. Subs: Simpson, O'Donoghue.

Stones win last ditch cup reprieve

A PENALTY in the 91st minute earned Wealdstone a replay at Lower Mead in the Middlesex Senior Cup at Hendon on Tuesday evening, writes Steve Marshall.

Wealdstone had the better of a quiet first half and Chris Wright came close to giving the Stones the lead in the 24th minute, but Dave Rout produced a brave point blank save. One minute later, Paul Morris' header was goal bound until it struck Gridel-et and safely rebounded into Roots arms.

Hendon came close to scoring in the very first minute of the second half when Keen just failed to reach a cross from Kiely. Darren Williams was called into action on many more occasions in the second half and excelled when making point blank saves from Keen and Kiely.

The Stones survived a remarkable incident in the 65th minute when La Ronde attempted to head away to concede a corner but only succeeded in directing the ball towards the corner of the net. Williams tipped the ball onto the post and only Kiely and Keen can explain how they failed to score from a yard before Williams pounced. Shortly after Williams had again denied Keen, Solomon Eriemo replaced Chris Wright. Corey

Hendon 1 Wealdstone 1

Browne broke clear only to be denied by Root and then Eriemo appeared to handle in the penalty area. The referee, however, ignored Hendon's protests.

With two minutes remaining and a goalless draw in prospect, Keen broke clear down the left wing and crossed for the unmarked Kiely to power a header past Williams.

Wealdstone pushed everyone forward in an attempt to equalize. A minute into injury time, Olaleye crossed into the penalty area and Mark Harrison was bundled to the ground by Dave Root. Harrison duly converted the spot kick to earn a well deserved replay.

The replay will be on Tuesday at 7.30pm.
 Team: Williams, Risk, Harrison, Wright, Corbin, La Ronde, Browne C, Morris, Cordice, Olaleye, Browne S, Byatt J, Eriemo.

Bobby dazzler puts Reds ahead

A MUCH-changed Wembley side inflicted Woking's third league defeat of the season and frustrated the opposition with a defiant defensive display, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Woking dominated the entire game, but having seen their initial assaults comfortably repelled by Wembley's highly efficient defence, they were felled by a typical sucker punch when the visitors scored the only goal of the game in their first and only real attack in the 18th minute.

Recent signing Mark Davis, in the line-up for the first time this season, successfully controlled a Jeff Fanner drop-kick and hooked the ball over the Woking defence for Bobby Hutchinson who nipped through the home side's rearguard, collected the ball in his stride and then neatly slotted it between the diving Jezz Jukes and his right post into the bottom of the net.

Woking resumed fire and put Wembley under pressure until the end of the game. But Wembley continued to blunt the home attack, swiftly curtailing any danger with alert and instant tackling.

The home side's best period occurred

shortly before half-time after Derek Brown hobbled off with an injured right knee in the 30th minute. But Jeff Fanner was in top form and a superb instinctive save denied Woking centre half Trevor Baron a short range header following a corner.

Paul January hacked off the goal line a close range strike from Richard Buzalgo after a cleverly worked free kick had penetrated the Lions' defence.

Fanner came to his side's rescue shortly after the interval, halting a Mark Biggins effort after he had raced through the Wembley defence from the half-way line.

As the game wore on Wembley continued to remain solid as Woking began to search vainly for openings.

Fanner made another excellent flying save to foil Biggins again seven minutes from time. And when Buzalgo hit the side netting from close range in the final moments a well earned Wembley victory was secured, temporarily denting Woking's promotion hopes.

Team: Fanner, Kearns, Charles, Hutchinson H, Walsh, Smith, Brown (Phillips), Davis, Hutchinson B, Palfrey.

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Tough battle for darts honours

DARTS fans continue to stay on target as the league moves into the second half of the season.

The top of the Harrow and District Charity Darts league's Premier Division is a close-run battle led, at the moment, by Harrow Borough A with the Cavaliers one point behind and Legionaires - winners for nine out of the last 11 years - a further point adrift in third place.

The William Morris Labour Club are walking away with Division A with only one defeat on their record. Division B sees the Queens Arms and Kodak Bar level at the top and Division C is led by The Vine, who have yet to lose a match.

Division A		Division B		Division C	
W Morris Lab	11 10 01 102 63 10	Queens Arms	09 08 01 86 49 08	The Vine	11 11 00 112 53 11
Dick Wittington	11 07 04 89 76 07	Kodak Bar	09 08 01 83 52 08	Case is Alrd	12 10 02 119 61 10
Harrow Postals	10 06 04 78 72 06	St John Amb	08 06 02 74 46 06	Brit Leg C	12 10 02 115 67 10
The Fusiliers	10 06 04 74 76 06	The Swan	09 04 05 66 69 04	N.H.H.G.C	11 08 03 100 65 08
LT Mer	10 05 05 79 71 05	Qu of Hearts	09 03 06 59 76 03	W Stone S/C A	9 07 02 73 62 07
B'stock Sports	09 05 04 72 78 05	Har St Marys	08 03 05 56 64 03	The Jet	10 05 05 71 79 05
Edgware FC A	10 05 05 72 78 05	W & Sud LTC	08 03 05 53 62 03	Tithe Farm S/C	10 04 06 65 85 04
Tithe Fm Elms	10 04 06 76 74 04	The Stoned	07 02 05 39 66 02	Kodak A	11 03 08 72 93 03
The Hare	11 03 08 77 88 03	W Stone ex-serv	07 00 07 34 66 00	W Stone S/C B	10 03 07 68 82 03
LNER	10 03 07 69 81 03			Brit Legion	10 02 08 65 85 02
Edgware FC B	10 02 08 52 98 02			LPR Postmen	10 02 08 53 97 02

Soccer fixtures

Saturday January 14

FA Trophy first round: Bromley v Wealdstone.
Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division: Marlow v Harrow Borough.
Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Wembley v Boreham Wood (Vale Farm, 3pm); Leatherhead v Kingsbury Town.

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