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3rd round draw  in next week's Observer

Mayes signs two

HARROW Borough boss Alan Mayes has been busy in the transfer market signing striker Wayne Wanklyn from Slough Town and defender Rory Gleeson from Finchley.

The giant Gleeson was signed after impressing for Finchley in a recent Division Two South match at Egham when watched by the Borough manager.

Finchley agreed to release him and as he was a non contract player and no fee was involved, Borough are to make a donation to the north London club.

The signing of Gleeson was prompted by the groin injury sustained by loan centre back Kevin Day. He is to see a specialist about the injury and is likely to be sidelined for at least a month.

Experienced ex-Wokingham striker Wanklyn was snapped up after finishing a six week suspension but he has been unable to command a regular place in the Slough side this season.

To accommodate the arrival of Gleeson and Wanklyn, Harrow have released midfielder Eamon O'Connor who joined the club from neighbours Wembley in the close season.

O'Connor's recent form has been disappointing and his release will come as no surprise. News of his availability has already attracted the attention of Hounslow, Chesham and Hayes as well as locals Kingsbury Town and his former club Wembley.

Borough have received an enquiry from fellow Premier Division club Slough Town about their transfer listed striker Jimmy Bolton. But they have not yet followed it up with a positive offer for the player.

Wealdstone turn on the cup style again

Wealdstone 2 Hendon 1
WEALDSTONE'S recent league form hasn't exactly been setting the world alight, but there has been more than adequate compensation for their suffering supporters in their cup confrontations in the past week, writes John Comfort.

On Saturday they turned on the style to put Bromley out of the FA Trophy and on Tuesday night they were again in great shape as they dumped Hendon out of the Middle-

sex Senior Cup in a ding dong battle at Lower Mead.

Stones were simply bubbling over from the moment they took the lead after only two minutes in their first attack of the game through the very much in form Alan Cordice.

With Hendon pressing at a corner, Stones got the ball away and Danny Bailey sent Cordice clear for goal with a precision pass and the striker made no mistake, lashing the ball past advancing keeper Root.

Hendon thought they had equalised in the 9th minute when Smith slipped home the loose ball after Darren Williams found a Hendry shot too hot to handle but their joy was short lived for the goal was ruled out for offside.

With 17 minutes gone Wealdstone increased their lead. Root somehow managed to tip over a point blank range header from Cordice and from Harrison's corner the ball went in via Alan Risk and a defender.

Chances came thick and fast for Stones after that with Risk and Williams both going close, but they had a lucky escape when Smith somehow managed to head onto a post with the goal at his mercy.

However, Stones equalled that effort on half time when Corey Brown headed a Cordice cross onto the crossbar.

The second half was just as lively and when Hendry scrambled the ball in from Drummy's cross in the 66th

minute to reduce the arrears for Hendon the tie was wide open again.

But Stones coped magnificently with the visitors' efforts to save the game, which were aided by referee Vosper's inexplicable addition of 8 minutes of stoppage time, and they now go to Hayes in the quarter finals on Tuesday.

Wealdstone: Williams, Risk, Harrison, Morris, Corbin, La Ron, Wilkins, Bailey, Cordice, C. Browne, S. Browne.

Stones get a home draw in the Trophy

WEALDSTONE'S magnificent FA Challenge Trophy win at Bromley on Saturday has been rewarded with a home draw in the last 32 of the competition on February 4.

Stones will face the winners of the replay between Wycombe Wanderers and Bath City which was scheduled to take place at Loakes Park last night (Wednesday).

Either way, Wealdstone manager Tony Jennings is expecting it to be a tough task.

"It's nice to be at home but either way it's going to be a difficult game," he said.

"We had a good look at Bath when they came here two weeks ago and won and they looked a good, strong side.

"And Wycombe are doing well in the Conference and they've been winning away against some useful sides."

He added: "The odds must be in Wycombe's favour to get through but whichever one it is, it's not going to be easy for us."

However, with his side's sudden emergence as cup battlers Jennings is clearly quietly confident that Stones can win a place in the next round.

"We may not be the favourites, but those who have seen us recently will know we're



BY JOHN COMFORT

now starting to play a bit and I'd like to think we wouldn't be without some sort of a chance."

Jennings believes that the return of former Lower Mead favourite John Margerrison, who was released by the club in Allen Batsford's time in charge and returned last week for a £2,500 fee, has marked a turning point in Stones' fortunes.

"We're playing better since his arrival with the tactical swap of Mark Harrison from defence has given our midfield more zest and taken some of the weight off the front players," he said.

"We've always been attempting to play good football but we've got bogged down in November and December and things have not gone well.

"Hopefully we can now start to put things right and move back up the league table."



● Tony Jennings - "It's going to be difficult."

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE						
Premier Division						
P	W	D	L	F	A Pts	
Dartford	22	12	6	4	1	18
Cambridge City	26	11	8	7	46	27
VS Rugby	22	12	5	5	3	21
Dover	18	11	4	3	38	19
Worcester	20	10	5	5	31	24
Bath	23	7	8	43	33	34
Corby	23	9	6	8	29	32
Bromsgrove	20	8	8	4	40	29
Alvechurch	22	5	8	32	32	32
Burton	23	8	7	8	35	37
Gosport	18	9	4	5	27	24
Moor Green	22	4	9	9	33	31
Ashford	21	8	6	7	32	26
Dorchester	20	8	6	6	26	29
Wealdstone	28	8	5	7	32	29
Mentley	18	3	7	3	41	25
Crawley	22	6	9	7	29	31
Fareham	21	8	2	11	21	32
Waterouvie	21	6	5	10	21	26
Leicester	22	3	6	13	25	41
Redditch	21	2	3	16	15	57
Seaworth	22	2	18	21	49	8

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE						
Premier Division						
P	W	D	L	F	A Pts	
Farnborough	24	16	6	2	52	54
Bishop's St	26	15	2	9	48	33
Leytonstone	23	12	8	3	41	25
Slough Town	23	14	2	7	32	24
Hendon	22	9	10	3	32	24
Carshalton Ath	21	10	6	5	27	17
Grays Ath	21	9	8	4	30	23
Windsor & Eton	24	8	9	7	30	27
Leyton-Wingate	23	8	9	6	26	26
Barking	23	7	10	6	26	22
St Albans	25	8	7	10	28	26
Kingsnorton	20	8	6	6	21	16
Wokingham	23	8	6	8	38	29
Bromley	24	7	8	9	39	29
Bognor Regis	20	8	4	8	12	23
Dagenham	24	7	7	10	31	43
Dulwich Hamlet	22	7	5	10	35	26
Hayes	23	6	7	10	27	32
Tooting	22	6	3	13	23	21
Harrow Borough	22	8	13	30	33	28
Marlow	23	2	6	15	21	56
Croydon	23	1	7	15	11	11

Division One						
P	W	D	L	F	A Pts	
Staines Town	23	15	5	3	47	18
Kingsbury Town	26	16	4	7	56	29
Scampton	23	14	4	3	48	17
Wivenhoe	20	13	2	5	34	20
Lewes	24	12	5	7	45	40
Woking	22	10	8	3	40	18
Uxbridge	23	11	4	8	30	25
Hitchin Town	23	9	7	7	32	25
Leatherhead	22	10	3	9	35	26
Boreham Wood	23	9	6	8	35	33
Walton & H	22	9	5	8	24	22
Wembley	23	8	4	10	28	31
Met Police	24	8	5	11	28	41
Southwick	22	7	7	8	28	28
Chalfont St P	24	6	7	11	33	42
Chesham Utd	24	6	6	12	30	54
Worthing	25	5	7	13	32	49
Stratford Town	25	6	14	20	35	21
Basildon Utd	24	5	4	15	23	49
Collier Row	22	5	4	13	23	48
Hampton	23	3	9	11	24	18

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Margerrison back to face Dover

WEALDSTONE take on high flying Dover Athletic at Lower Mead on Saturday as they look to regain the Beazer Homes Championship chase.

£2500 new signing from Barnet, John Margerrison returns to the side after missing Tuesday's Middlesex Cup game with Hendon through being ineligible, as will Paul Coyette, who is on loan from Maidstone.

Harrow Borough have no game on Saturday but face a tough task away to Enfield in the Middlesex Senior Cup on Tuesday when midfielder Steve Scott will be back after spending three days in Wales with Swansea City.

Defender Kevin Day is expected to be out for a month. He has a groin injury and is expected to see a specialist this week.

Defender Paul Shields sustained a gash over his eye in the win at Leatherhead but is expected to play in Kingsbury's home match with Hampton as they bid to stretch their unbeaten run to

eight games.

Dereck Brown is out for two weeks with an injured right knee and misses Wembley's league match at Walton on Saturday. Bobby Hutchinson is on holiday and will also be missing, but should be available for Tuesday's Middlesex Senior Cup clash with neighbours Kingsbury.

Manager Brian Rider will be hoping Andy Ferguson

shrugs off a bout of flu in time for Edgeware's Spartan League match at Hanwell Town on Saturday. John Coleman, who had a recurrence of his groin injury is another doubtful starter.

With no injury problems, Rayners Lane manager Don Durkin will have a full squad to pick from for his side's visit to Bishops Cleeve on Saturday.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday January 19
Friendly: Harrow Borough v West Ham United (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).

Saturday January 21
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Dover Ath. (Lower Mead, 3pm).
Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Kingsbury Town v Hampton (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm); Walton & Hershaw v Wembley.
Greene King Spartan League Premier Division: Hanwell Town v Edgeware Town.
Federated Homes League Premier Division: Bishops Cleeve v Rayners Lane.

Tuesday January 24
Middlesex Senior Cup: Enfield v Harrow Borough; Hayes v Wealdstone; Wembley v Kingsbury Town (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).
Capital League: Wealdstone v Brentford (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).

Borough take on Hammers

HARROW Borough are to play West Ham United in a friendly match at Earlsmead tonight (Thursday) at the request of the First division club.

Hammers' reserve team boss Billy Bonds asked for the match to enable him to get two of his players fit. And it suits Boro' as they have no league match this week.

It will be the second time the sides have met this season. In a pre-season friendly Boro' beat West Ham 2-1. HARROW Borough midfielder

Steve Scott is in Wales again this week with Swansea City at the invitation of their manager Terry Yorath.

Scott, who spent three days training with the Welsh club last month, was due to play for the Swans in a reserve team game against Burnmouth at the Vetch Field last night (Wednesday).

WEALDSTONE have released striker Lance Pedlar who they signed from Hounslow last month.

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