

# observer SPORT

## Unlucky Town out in extra time

**Kingsbury Town 0 Staines Town 2**  
KINGSBURY made an unlucky exit from the AC Delco Cup on Tuesday after having by far the better of the match only to lose it in extra time.

Kingsbury were firmly in charge in the first half and Dwight Marshall was twice denied goals by fine saves from the Staines keeper.

The second half was more even but

Town still had their chances. Paul Shields had a header from a Steve Lucas corner cleared off the line and Kingsbury were denied the most obvious of penalties when Gursel Gulfer was pulled down from behind as he raced clear into the area.

But in extra time it all started to go wrong for Kingsbury and they tragically went behind when a Staines corner glanced off the head of

Don Lucas, hit the crossbar and a post and then went over the line. With Paul Shields pushed forward as Kingsbury threw everything into their efforts to level, they found themselves caught out on the break and with five minutes remaining John Dawber curled home a fine shot to settle the issue in Staines' favour.

**Kingsbury Town:** Smart, Bhatia, Shields, S. Lucas, Murphy, Fitzgerald, D. Lucas, Zacharia, Clark, Gulfer, Marshall. Subs: Hill, Goodson.

## Stones book semi clash at Kingsbury

Wealdstone 2 Hayes 1

DESPITE their mounting injury problems, depleted Wealdstone did more than enough to take care of Hayes in this Middlesex Senior Cup replay on Tuesday and earned themselves an away tie against neighbours Kingsbury in the semi-finals, writes John Comfort.

Stones were always the more determined side, but they had to recover from the setback of going a goal behind after only four minutes. The defence cleared a corner by Walton to Hayward some 30 yards out and he crashed a blistering drive past the helpless Kevin Foster and into the top left hand corner of the net.

Samson Olaleye, who had a fine match standing in for the injured Alan Cordice, thought he had notched the equaliser two minutes later when he slipped the ball home from Kirk Corbin's through pass but it was ruled offside and son after he was put clear after a great one-two with Danny Bailey, only to stumble over in his efforts to shoot.

Hayes keeper Paul Hyde had an eventful and generally unhappy match. He somehow managed to claw away a point blank range header from Olaleye in the 27th minute but a minute later the hero turned villain when he pulled Olaleye down in the box to concede a penalty. To compound his misery, Mark Harrison's spot kick crashed back off a post and rebounded into the net off his diving body for Stones' equaliser.

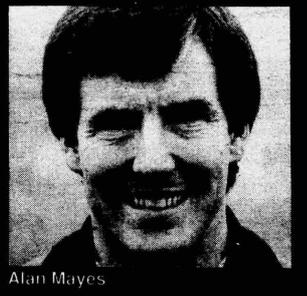
With 35 minutes gone Stones took a deserved lead. Steve Browne's cross from the left was flicked on by Olaleye and Paul Wilkins sent in a firm header which Hyde could only help onto an upright and into the net.

Stones were never in any great danger of losing after that and should have made the final scoreline more convincing.

Bailey lobbed home but was ruled offside with Hyde being booked for flattening him as he netted, and Wilkins was unlucky with a loach which beat Hyde but came back off the crossbar.

**Wealdstone:** Foster, Risk, Harrison, Morris, Corbin, La Ronde, Wilkins, Bailey, C. Browne, Olaleye, S. Browne. Subs: Oriemo, Byatt.

# BOROUGH SACK MAYES



Alan Mayes

## Chamberlin takes on the task of saving the club from the big drop



● Keith Chamberlin - back in the manager's seat at Harrow Borough.

ALAN Mayes' three month reign as manager of ailing Harrow Borough FC came to a sudden and dramatic conclusion on Monday evening when the club's board of directors unanimously voted to sack him.

In a statement issued later, club chairman Eric May said: "The directors of Harrow Borough Football Club have decided to terminate the appointment of Alan Mayes as team manager. They wish to place on record their appreciation of his efforts."

Player-coach Phil Driver has also been released and former Borough boss Keith Chamberlin, who relinquished the post to become general manager when Mayes took over, will take charge until the end of the season.

Alan Mayes enjoyed a notable Football League career as a player with Swindon, Chelsea and Watford, but his first manage-



BY JOHN COMFORT

rial appointment with the added burden of trying to guide Borough away from the Vauxhall Opel League Premier division basement proved an awesome task for him, and one that eventually cost him his job.

During his short spell in charge Borough won just three league matches and they never rose above the bottom five in the table. But Mayes, who was "absolutely dumfounded" by the sacking decision, said he felt he was not given sufficient time to right the rocky Earlsmead outfit.

"To say that I think the decision was premature is an understatement," he said. "I'm very upset about it and a bit incredulous. If I

wish the club well and pray they get out of the mire they are in."

With the spectre of relegation still haunting the club, the task of achieving safety now falls on Keith Chamberlin who, although a member of the club board, opted out of the meeting which culminated in the axing of Mayes.

"I'm as experienced as they come in this league and I'll tackle the job the best I can," he said.

"We've got a difficult job in front of us but it is now down to everyone to pull together and get us out of this mess. Confidence is important and it's low at the moment and we badly need a win. But I'm optimistic that the players will pull us through."

His first move has been to take unsettled striker Jimmy Bolton and midfielder Phil Dicker off the transfer list. And he also expects to smooth things over with striker Richard Evans who rowed with Mayes last week over his absence at the cup game at Buntingford and a transfer demand was pending.

### Soccer fixtures

**Saturday February 4**  
FA Challenge Trophy 2nd round: Wealdstone v Wycombe Wanderers (Lower Mead, 3pm).  
Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Bishop's Cleeve (Earlsmead, 3pm).  
Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Basildon Utd v Wembley; Kingsbury Town v Lewes (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).  
Greene King Spartan League Premier Division: Amersham v Edgware Town.  
Federated Homes League Premier Division: Rayners Lane v Wallingford Town (Lucas Avenue, 3pm).  
Middlesex Premier Cup: Edgware Res. v Harrow Borough Res. (White Lion ground, 3pm).  
**Monday February 6**  
Capital League: Wealdstone v Colchester Utd (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).  
**Tuesday February 7**  
Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Leatherhead v Wembley.  
Wednesday February 8  
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Corby Town v Wealdstone (subject to possible FA Trophy replay).

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## Banned Bobby out for three matches

WEMBLEY will be without striker Bobby Hutchinson for their visit to Basildon on Saturday as he starts a three match suspension for being sent off against Walton.

But manager Tony Waugh will have Derek Brown back after injury and Sylvester Williams is also available after returning from a month's holiday in the West Indies.

John Coleman was unavailable at Leatherhead and will be without Glen Charles who starts a two match ban for accumulating five bookings.

Richard Evans has an ankle injury and is doubtful for Harrow Borough's match at home to Bishops Cleeve.

Phil Dicker, Stuart Howard and Mark Hopson are all added to the squad by manager Keith Chamberlin.

Kingsbury Town take on Lewes at home in the League

on Saturday hoping that recent injury problems will abate as they bid to regain their top of the table place.

Manager Alan Dafforn is hopeful that Stuart Atkins will be fit after injury and Eamon O'Connor returns after being cup tied for Tuesday's AC Delco Cup match with Staines.

Also in contention for a place is new signing Paul Daley.

John Coleman was unavailable for Edgware's match with Chesham but he is set to return on Saturday when Brian Rider's side look for vital Spartan League points away to Amersham Town.

On form Rayners Lane take on lowly Wallingford Town on Saturday with manager Don Durkin able to strengthen his squad with the addition of Jimmy Schurer who has just returned from holiday.

## Kingsbury face Spurs

A PLACE in the final will be just two matches away for Kingsbury Town on Thursday February 2 when they take on the might of Tottenham in the quarter finals of the Russell Great Middlesex Charity Cup.

In the final the winners will meet Finchley who were surprise winners over Queens Park Rangers in their quarter final match last week.

## Stones' Trophy hopes hit by injury crisis

WITH their vital FA Challenge Trophy clash with Wycombe Wanderers at Lower Mead only two days away, Wealdstone are reeling under an incredible injury crisis that has devastated Tony Jennings' squad.

Striker Alan Cordice is the worst of Jennings worries. He was carried off at Merton on Saturday and the knee ligaments trouble that has been diagnosed is expected to sideline him for a month. It was a similar injury which led to Cordice going into 18 months retirement before being tempted back to the club by Jennings at the end of last season.

John Margerison, who was also stretched off at Merton, has a leg injury, midfielder partner Paul Goyette is sidelined with a hand injury and goalkeeper Darren Williams is limping with a bruised calf after dropping a block on his leg at work.

Striker Tony Lynch is making progress from his knee injury but will not be fit to face Wycombe and neither will Cordice. But Jennings is hoping that Margerison,

Goyette and Williams will all play in a match that will be tough to say the least.

On form Wycombe chalked up an amazing run of six successive Conference wins before Tuesday night's draw at Stafford - an amazing run which has taken them up to fourth place in the table. And in Mark West and John Kerr they have two of the most potent strikers in the League.

Said Jennings: "They have invested heavily in the side and it's paid off. The defence is not conceding the goals they were last year and they are a lot better going forward. It's no surprise to me they are doing well, they're a good all round side."

But despite his injury problems, Jennings is not without confidence over the possible outcome. "We're on a good run ourselves so there's certainly no air of defeatism about. It's a difficult game but one that can be won, all being well."

If a replay is needed it will take place at Lookers Park on Tuesday and Wealdstone's scheduled League match at Corby on Wednesday will be postponed.