

# observer SPORT

## Lone goal sinks Wembley

**Leatherhead 1 Wembley 0**  
A SINGLE goal from Leatherhead's Trevor Smith was enough to decide this uninspiring midtable contest on Tuesday night, writes Richard Markiewicz.

It came in the 55th minute when Smith collected a loose ball in front of Wembley's back four, successfully avoided Paul Janaway's tackle and fired a drive past Jeff Fanner that went in off a post.

Leatherhead had earlier dominated a blank first half but woeful finishing ensured Fanner was hardly troubled. Wembley threatened at the start of the second half. Debutant Steve Graham created a good chance for Paul Bryan but his header was well saved.

After Smith's goal Wembley had several good chances to level, both falling to Bryan. The first saw him saw an excellent

through ball from John Walsh only to be thwarted by an excellent blocking save from Caswell as point blank range. Then Sylvester Williams who had demused the defence with a jinking run.

Leatherhead: Fanner, H. Hutchinson, Ray, Walsh, Janaway, Kearns, Williams, Woodstock, Graham, Bryan, Palfrey. Subs: Witter, Waugh.

### League tables

**BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE**

Premier Division

VS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rugby	24	14	5	5	34	21	47
Dartford	24	13	6	5	46	23	45
Cambridge City	23	12	6	5	32	34	44
Dover Athletic	20	12	5	3	41	20	41
Gosport Borough	22	11	6	5	39	31	39
Worcester City	25	10	7	7	38	37	37
Bromsgrove Rovers	25	9	10	6	46	36	37
Burton Albion	26	10	7	9	48	45	37
Corby Town	26	10	7	9	34	38	37
Bath City	27	9	9	9	45	36	36
Ashford Town	24	10	6	8	41	38	36
Dorchester Town	27	9	10	7	39	31	35
Crawley Town	25	8	10	7	34	31	34
Alvechurch	26	9	5	12	37	41	32
Moortown	26	9	5	12	37	41	32
Merthyr Tydfil	20	9	4	7	44	28	31
Wealdstone	22	8	7	7	33	27	31
Farnham Town	24	9	4	11	25	34	31
Waterlooville	24	8	6	10	36	41	30
Leicester United	24	4	6	14	30	43	18
Redditch United	25	3	3	19	35	58	12
Bedworth United	26	2	4	20	22	62	10

**VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE**

Premier Division

VS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leytonstone Ilford	23	17	8	3	50	31	59
Farnborough Town	27	17	6	4	55	31	57
Slough Town	28	16	3	9	44	29	51
Bishops Cleeve	28	14	8	6	54	30	50
Grays Athletic	28	14	8	4	43	30	50
Kingstonian	28	12	8	7	41	20	43
Hendon	28	10	12	7	37	31	42
Leyton-Wingate	27	9	11	7	31	31	38
Carshalton Athletic	22	10	10	5	28	18	37
Barking	22	10	10	5	28	18	37
Bognor Regis Town	23	11	4	8	18	26	37
Windsor & Eton	28	9	9	8	31	30	36
Wokingham Town	27	8	7	11	29	31	35
Bromley	28	7	11	10	40	36	32
Hayes	28	8	8	10	33	34	32
St Albans City	27	8	7	12	31	32	31
Dagenham	28	7	8	13	34	49	29
Dulwich Hamlet	25	7	5	13	36	35	28
Tooting & Mitcham Utd	26	7	4	15	26	43	25
Harrow Borough	27	4	8	15	32	58	20
Marlow	27	3	7	17	26	62	18
Croydon	27	3	7	18	12	41	13

Division One

VS	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Staines Town	25	17	4	3	51	18	56
Kingsbury Town	25	17	4	3	52	32	52
Basingstoke Town	24	15	5	4	54	22	50
Lewes	27	14	5	8	46	42	45
Wivenhoe Town	27	14	5	8	39	26	45
Woking	23	11	8	4	42	20	41
Uxbridge	25	12	5	8	34	22	40
Leatherhead	26	14	4	10	32	40	40
Hitchin Town	26	10	9	7	35	27	39
Boreham Wood	26	11	6	9	42	36	39
Walton & Hersham	26	10	4	12	38	31	34
Wembley	26	10	4	12	28	41	34
Metropolitan Police	27	9	5	13	32	47	32
Southwick	27	8	5	13	31	43	28
Chalfont St Peter	26	7	7	12	37	45	28
Cheam United	26	6	7	13	32	51	27
Worthing	28	6	7	15	25	58	26
Bracknell Town	28	6	6	16	25	43	24
Hampton	26	4	9	13	25	45	21
Basildon United	27	4	9	13	25	45	21
Collier Row	25	5	5	18	24	55	20

## Town on trail of the Wembley dream

# Kingsbury set to make it hot for Spurs

WITH the dream of playing at Wembley Stadium just two matches away from fulfillment, Kingsbury Town manager Alan Dafforn will be looking for his side to rediscover their championship chasing form tonight (Thursday) when they take on mighty Tottenham Hotspurs.



BY JOHN COMFORT

This Russell Grant Middlesex Charity Cup quarter final tie is the biggest match in the club's history and they are expecting a bumper crowd of up to a thousand to pack into their Silver Jubilee Park ground.

And although Kingsbury go into the game having lost their last three matches, Dafforn is confident that his side can pull off a shock result and book a semi-final place against Finchley.

"If we play well on the night, it is definitely not beyond us," he said. "We're capable of playing good football and the

prospect of playing at Wembley will be an incentive.

"In our last five or six games we've been creating chances and not taking them but there's no reason why we shouldn't come good for this one."

Dafforn will be expecting the kind of commitment from Kingsbury that they showed in their last encounter with Football League opposition when they met Brentford at the same stage of this competition last season. Then they fought back magnificently from 5-0 down to draw 5-5, only to sadly lose 7-5 in extra time.

Kingsbury can expect Spurs to be equally as resolute, and with Wembley so invitingly close, the visitors are certain to field a strong side,

probably not too dissimilar to that which ejected Harrow Borough in the previous round.

On that occasion Chris Houghton, Paul Moran, David Howell and John Moncur were among the stars with first team experience who were on parade. Recent signing from Barcelona, Mohamad Amar, another who played against Borough, is also likely to face Kingsbury.

As for Kingsbury's line up for the big match, Dafforn once again finds himself beset by the kind of selection problems that have been commonplace for him in recent weeks. Injuries, illness and unavailability have all combined to play their part as a nine match unbeaten streak was dramatically halted by the run of three defeats.

Town's biggest injury doubt is Stuart Atkins who has ankle problems and is unlikely to start. Definitely out is the injured Chris Simpson while Eamon O'Connor is ruled out by ineligibility.

On the plus side, Dafforn is hopeful that Paul Fitzgerald will have recovered from knee injuries and Steve Lucas will be back if he gets over the virus which caused him to miss Saturday's defeat against Lewes.

But whatever line-up takes the field one thing is certain. There will be no lack of dogged determination from Kingsbury. The 'Wembley dream' will ensure that.

## Hardy boosts Boro

Harrow Borough 1 Hounslow 0

A DUNCAN Hardy 15 minutes from time gave Boro' a welcome boost when they defeated Beazer Homes League Hounslow in a friendly on Tuesday night.

Hardy latched onto a Phil Dicker pass to half volley past ex-Wealdstone keeper Alex Welch.

In an entertaining match both sides had their chances with Steve Scott hitting the bar while at the other end Hounslow were thwarted by a superb performance from Mark Stuart in his first team debut.

Harrow Boro': Stuart, Payne, Bateman, Cassidy, Gleeson, Flynn, Dicker, Cassidy, Scott, Hopson, Hardy, Bolton. Subs: Haynes, Howard.

## Bateman is second in command

HARROW Borough manager Keith Chamberlin, who took over last week following the sacking of Alan Mayes, has appointed Steve Bateman as his assistant at the Earlsmead club.

Bateman, who will continue to captain the side, is Borough's longest serving player.

## Swansea at Earlsmead

SWANSEA City are to send their first team to Earlsmead to play a friendly against Harrow Borough on Tuesday March 7.

The match continues the good relationship built up between the clubs following the recent trial periods of Borough midfielder Steve Scott at the Vetch Field.

## 'We can avoid drop'

RELEGATION from the Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division is still very much a live possibility.

But Harrow Boro' boss Keith Chamberlin is quietly confident that his side can claw their way to safety and avoid the big drop. "We've got a lot to do and the players have got to be aware that it's going in the three months ahead.

"But I'm confident that they will see us through," said Chamberlin, who last week took over following the dramatic sacking of Alan Mayes.

And third from the bottom Boro' will not be relying on fellow strugglers Marlow and Croydon to save them, added Chamberlin. Marlow are currently running into form and Croydon, with a spell of home matches coming up, could also pick up vital points.

"The situation is very much in our own hands," said Chamberlin. "And I have every confidence that we'll get out of it."

## 'Still in with chance'

ALTHOUGH Wealdstone lay in a lowly 17th place and uncomfortably closer to Beazer Homes relegation than an exit return to the Conference, they could still figure in the honours race, says boss Tony Jennings.

"Statistically it is not impossible," he said "but it is going to need something special to make it happen. We must keep on playing well and the top teams must have a lapse of form.

"It would be foolhardy for me to say we can win the league but if we can register a first win and make it the first of a run, people will be surprised at how high we can get."

Jennings clearly recognises that the biggest obstacle to Stones' success is the lack of a regular goalscorer - a patent obvious in Conference, but unlikely Trophy defeat against Wycombe. But solving that problem is no easy matter. "We badly need someone capable of scoring," said Jennings "but the price for the kind of player required would be immense."

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## Bozier blow gives Boro' a goalkeeping headache

HARROW Boro' boss Keith Chamberlin has goalkeeping problems for Saturday's visit to new League leaders Leytonstone Ilford.

Lee Bozier is rated very doubtful with a knee injury and Chamberlin, who is loath to risk young reserve Mark Stuart against lofty opposition, might be forced into another loan deal to get an experienced keeper.

Boro' will be without striker Richard Evans who starts a two match suspension for accumulating five bookings, but welcome back Steve Scott, missing against Stortford. Phil Dicker comes in for Wayne Wanklyn who has been released by Chamberlin.

Wealdstone return to the business of climbing back up the league table with a visit to Leicester United on Saturday but there is no sign of any end to the injury problems they have suffered recently.

Paul Wilkins with a stomach virus has been added to the list of casualties. Alan Cordice is likely to be sidelined

for at least another month with knee ligament trouble and although he is back in training, Tony Lynch is unlikely to be fully fit to face Leicester. Paul Goyette will be out for another two weeks with his hand injury and while keeper Darren Williams could possibly be fit, manager Tony Jennings may well stick with the in form Kevin Foster who has proved a sound stand-in.

New signing from Basildon, Steve Graham is in Wembley's squad to face Wivenhoe while Derek Brown could be fit after injury. But Bobby Hutchinson and Glen Charles are still banned.

John Coleman returns to an Edgware side looking for a league double over Hanwell Town at the White Lion ground on Saturday.

Manager Don Durkin has no major injury problems for Rayners Lane's league match at Wantage Town. Durkin sticks to the same squad as Lane look to extend their unbeaten run.

**Soccer fixtures**

Thursday February 9  
Russell Grant Middlesex Charity Cup: Kingsbury Town v Tottenham (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

Saturday February 11  
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Leicester United v Wealdstone.  
Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division: Leytonstone Ilford v Harrow Borough.  
Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Collier Row v Kingsbury Town; Wembley v Wivenhoe Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).  
Green King Spartan League Premier Division: Edgware v Hanwell Town (White Lion ground, 3pm).  
Federated Homes League Premier Division: Wantage Town v Rayners Lane.

Tuesday February 14  
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Redditch United v Wealdstone.

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