

# SPORT

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### The latest league tables

#### BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

##### Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Meryth Tydfil	40	24	7	9	98	56	79
VS Rugby	40	24	7	9	62	38	79
Dartford	40	23	7	10	70	33	76
Cambridge City	42	20	10	12	72	51	70
Worcester City	41	19	13	9	69	48	70
Burton Albion	41	18	10	13	79	66	64
Gosport Boro	40	17	12	11	71	56	63
Dover Athletic	40	17	12	11	62	47	63
Wealdstone	41	16	10	15	60	51	58
Bromsgrove	42	14	16	12	68	56	58
Bath City	41	15	11	15	64	50	55
Crawley Town	40	13	16	11	57	52	55
Dorchester Town	41	13	16	12	59	59	55
Moor Green	42	14	13	15	57	59	54
Corby Town	40	14	11	15	54	53	53
Alvechurch	41	15	8	18	55	59	53
Ashford Town	41	13	13	15	59	75	52
Watfordville	41	13	12	16	61	51	51
Fareham Town	41	15	6	20	43	65	51
Leicester Utd	40	6	10	24	43	79	28
Redditch Utd	42	5	7	30	36	105	22
Bedworth Utd	40	4	7	29	34	92	19

#### VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE

##### Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Leiston	41	25	11	5	70	32	86
Farnborough	41	24	9	8	82	56	81
Slough Town	41	23	6	12	69	41	75
Grays Athletic	41	19	13	6	61	45	70
Carshalton Ath	40	18	14	8	55	33	68
Bishop Stortford	41	20	6	15	69	53	66
Kingstonian	41	18	11	12	51	37	65
Hayes	41	17	12	12	59	46	63
Essex	41	16	13	12	49	44	61
Bognor Regis	40	15	11	13	34	46	59
Wokingham	42	15	11	16	60	54	56
Windsor & Eton	41	14	13	14	52	47	55
Bromley	42	15	14	6	61	48	54
Hendon	41	12	17	12	49	67	53
Leyton-Wingate	41	12	15	14	53	56	51
Dulwich Hamlet	41	11	12	16	56	56	45
St Albans City	41	12	9	20	51	56	45
Dagenham	41	11	13	19	53	69	45
Harrow Borough	41	8	13	20	50	75	37
Marlow	41	9	10	22	46	81	37
Tooting & M	41	10	6	25	40	77	36
Croydon	41	4	9	28	27	79	21

#### VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE

##### Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Staines Town	39	26	9	4	78	27	87
Basingstoke	39	14	8	14	61	48	54
Woking	39	23	10	6	69	25	79
Hitchin Town	39	21	10	8	60	32	73
Leaves	39	21	7	11	70	52	70
Wivenhoe	39	21	6	12	60	43	69
Watson & H	39	20	7	12	53	36	67
Kingsbury Town	39	20	7	12	65	40	67
Uxbridge	39	19	6	14	59	53	63
Wembley	39	18	5	16	45	58	59
Boreham Wood	40	16	9	15	57	52	57
Leatherhead	40	14	8	18	56	58	50
Met Police	39	13	9	17	51	66	48
Chesham Utd	39	12	8	19	54	67	44
Southwick	39	9	15	15	44	55	42
Chalfont St Peter	39	10	9	20	54	81	39
Hampton	39	7	13	19	36	61	34
Worthing	40	8	10	22	49	80	34
Collier Row	39	8	7	24	37	79	31
Bracknell Town	39	7	6	26	35	68	27
Basildon Utd	39	6	7	26	32	74	25

Last chance for Boro' to stave off the drop

# It's D Day in the Survival Stakes

**Only victory over Windsor will ensure their safety**

THE 'Survival Stakes' in the Vauxhall Opel League's Premier Division gets down to the wire on Saturday with under-threat Harrow Borough, together with fellow strugglers Marlow and Tooting, facing relegation full in the face if they falter in the



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final furlong. All three play their final games on Saturday and for Borough the task is a clear one - beat Windsor at Ear-

lsmead and safety is assured.

If they fail, Borough will be looking to either Slough Town or Carshalton for a favour to save them from the drop. Third in the table Slough play host to Tooting while fifth placed Carshalton visit Marlow. If either of them win then Borough will stay up.

The race for safety reaches its climax with Borough narrowly out in front thanks to their vastly superior goal difference which in the final reckoning could well prove to be a vital life-line. It currently keeps them ahead of Marlow, who have the same number of points, while Tooting, who are the red hot favourites to join already doomed Croydon in Division One, are a point further behind.

The importance of Borough's clash with Windsor, who have already beaten the Earlsmead outfit twice this season, is not lost on manager Keith Chamberlin. "The club's future is at stake," he said. "This is probably the most important game for the club since they played Telford in the semi-finals of the FA Trophy in 1983. That was a pressure game but this is a pressure game of a different type. It's very important for the club that we do well, full stop."

"We're playing well at the moment and our recent results have kept our heads above wa-

ter. But the players are fully aware of the situation and we're going to do our best.

We've got to be adventurous and take the game to Windsor and hope we get the breaks.

"Thankfully our fate is still very much in our own hands. You just can't rely on other. We found that out last week when Marlow won at Hayes who hadn't been beaten for 16 games.

"But hopefully we'll win against Windsor and then we won't have to worry about what's going on at the other games."

However, how Borough's rivals are faring will still be a high priority for Chamberlin on Saturday and he is arranging a hotline to keep him in touch with events at Slough and Marlow.

"All I'm interested in is Harrow Borough beating Windsor," he said "but in the event of it being a tight game I think it will be important to know what's going on. We could be dictated by what's going on elsewhere."

Against Windsor Chamberlin will be placing his faith in the same side that drew at Bromley. Reserve team striker Mark Hopson is likely to win a place on the subs bench.

With Marlow having recovered miraculously from what at one stage appeared to be a lost cause six weeks ago, Tooting are now everyone's red hot favourites to make the drop - and that would prove somewhat ironic.

Three years ago Tooting escaped relegation when mid-table Staines were demoted by the league to Division One because their ground was considered to be not up to the required standard. Staines remain the Premier Division next season after having won the Division One Championship and it will be considered poetic justice in many quarters if they replace Tooting.

## Morris is the choice of the Stones supporters



WEALDSTONE FC's supporters have voted Paul Morris as their Player of the Year. Supporters Club Chairman Ray Kemp is pictured above (left) presenting the popular defender with his award, the Jock Law Trophy, before Saturday's game with Meryth Tydfil at Lower Mead.

## Samson's goal sinks Dartford

**Dartford 0 Wealdstone 1**  
HAVING blown Rugby off championship course last week, Wealdstone gave a repeat performance at Watling Street on Monday to seriously dent Dartford's title hopes, writes John Comfort.

It was a magnificent performance by Stones who confidently frustrated Dartford throughout and a solitary goal from Samson Olaleye proved enough to see the visitors take maximum points and gain ample revenge against the side which inflicted their first league defeat of the season and effectively opened up the cracks in Wealdstone's own championship aspirations.

Stones victory was built on the foundation of a solid defensive performance in which Kirk Corbin did an excellent job in snuffing out the threat of Dartford danger-man and player-manager Peter Taylor, while Alan Risk, Paul Morris and Mark Harrison were in equally superb form.

And they had to be in the early stages as Dartford pressed strongly only to be denied any hope of a goal.

Stones themselves flickered only briefly in an attack but their first real threat to the Dartford goal in the 17th minute saw them shock the home side by taking the lead.

Paul Wilkins began the move when he robbed Ken midway in the Dartford half and found Tony Lynch top the left of the area. He evaded Myers and squared the ball for Olaleye who elegantly fired past exposed keeper Harrold.

It was just the tonic Stones needed and although Dartford continued to enjoy the bulk of play right to the final whistle, the confident visitors saw to it that their chances of salvaging the match were few.

Kevin Foster's only really anxious moments came in the latter stages of the first half. He did well to parry away a fiercely struck free kick from Mahoney and just

before the break he magnificently clawed the ball away via the woodwork when Sweeney got a goalbound touch to a Cannon free kick.

Dartford continued to hold the upper hand in the second half but the thin blue held firm to earn Wealdstone an unexpected yet totally deserved victory.

It also confirmed manager Tony Jennings' view that although the club was precariously placed a month ago, they were always more than capable of saving themselves despite their difficult financial run in.

"I was always of the opinion that we'd be good enough to give most teams a game," he said "but consistency has been our problem all the way through this season."

Wealdstone: Foster, Corbin, Harrison, Risk, Morris, Olaleye, Bailey, Margerrison (La Ronde), Wilkins, Goyette, Lynch, Sub: Davila.

## Doubt over Wealdstone trio

WEALDSTONE have injury doubts over Dennis Byatt, Everald La Ronde and Paul Goyette for their final Beazer Homes League game of the season, away to Dover on Saturday.

Byatt has a slight hamstring injury while La Ronde has an ankle injury and Goyette has a heel problem, but all three are expected to be fit for selection.

Suspension and injury deprive Wembley of Dereck Brown and Stuart Palfrey respectively as they take on Hitchin Town at Vale Farm on

Saturday. Bryan Kearns, who missed the Worthing game with a damaged shoulder, is likely to be fit.

Apart from the suspended Paul Shields, Kingsbury manager Alan Dafforn has a full squad to select from to face Chesham.

For their final game of the season at home to league champions Yate, Rayners Lane will be without the holidaying Shaun Nevin but both Steve Brian and Tony Kiely will be available for selection.

## Soccer fixtures

Thursday May 4  
Capital League: Watling Utd v Wealdstone.  
Saturday May 6  
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Dover Athletic v Wealdstone.  
Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Windsor (Earlsmead, 3pm).  
Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Wembley v Hitchin Town (Vale Farm, 3pm); Chesham Utd v Kingsbury Town.  
Federated Homes League: Rayners Lane v Yate Town (Lucas Avenue, 3pm).

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