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## Gurney's a winner for Boro'



● Martin Gurney

**Harrow Borough 1**  
**Bognor Regis 0**  
 A 72nd minute goal from Martin Gurney saw Borough to three points on Tuesday night. An eventful first half came to a head just before half time when Carl Zachhau was fouled in the area and Borough were awarded a penalty. However, Francis Cassidy's spot kick was saved by keeper Lee Edwards.

The second period was played at a lively pace and the Bognor defence was hard pressed to keep Borough at bay. Phil Dicker was unlucky with a header which just scraped the post but Borough finally got the winner they deserved with a classic goal. Jimmy Bolton turned well on the halfway line and put Colin Payne away on the right. Payne's accurate cross was firmly headed home by Gurney.

Bognor had a late chance to snatch an equaliser only for Guille to fire wide and Borough deservedly claimed the points.

**Harrow Borough:** McAllister, Dicker, Flynn, Gleeson, Bateman, Payne, Priddle, Bolton, Gurney, Zachhau, Cassidy. **Subs:** Fennoch, O'Connor.

## Foster's blunder sinks Stones

**Wealdstone 0 Ashford Town 1**  
**GOALKEEPER Kevin Foster's** horrendous blunder six minutes from time sent Wealdstone sliding to a disappointing defeat at Lower Mead on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

A right wing cross that was adequately covered by a posse of defenders tempted Foster to unwisely leave his line and when he failed to reach the ball David Arter was left to effortlessly fire into an unguarded net.

Such a disaster had somehow seemed inevitable after a real Jekyll and Hyde performance by Stones.

Inspired by the superb form of full back Sean Norman, Stones should have had the

match sewn up by half time, such was their dominance. But after the break they fell away badly.

Paul Goyette, Tony Kelly and Tony Lynch all went close as Stones piled on the pressure in the opening period.

But the best chance of the half fell to Paul Wilkins who was found in space by Lynch on the half hour and crashed a fierce drive onto the crossbar. The ball cannoned back to Lynch but keeper Scott somehow managed to scramble away his follow up shot.

Having promised so much, Stones sadly gave very little after the break as they went totally off the boil and with Ashford offering lit-

tle, a goalless draw appeared the likely outcome, barring an error.

Rod Findlay supplied one in the 57th minute when he failed to notice the lurking Arter as he knocked the ball back to Foster. However, with just the keeper to beat, Arter shot hopelessly wide.

Stones must have wished Arter's accuracy had been as good when Foster him his second chance of glory in the closing minutes. Unfortunately on this occasion he was not so obliging.

**Wealdstone:** Foster, Tapley, Norman, Findlay, Morris, Harrison, Rowe (Margerrison), Goyette, Wilkins (Mason), Kelly, Lynch.

## Two goal Bobby boosts Lions to first points

**Wembley 3 Purfleet 0**  
**WEMBLEY** obtained their first league points of the season with this comfortable win over newly promoted Purfleet on Tuesday, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Bobby Hutchinson notched two goals, his first coming after just nine minutes when Derek Brown lofted the ball over Purfleet's five-man defence for Hutchinson to race clear and neatly slot past keeper Dockrill.

Dockrill denied Wembley a second goal in the 16th minute, superbly halting Stuart Palfrey's full blooded 15 yard drive and Tony Waugh went close with two headers following corners as Wembley threatened to overwhelm their opponents.

But suddenly Wembley switched off and in a brief period at the end of the half and at the beginning of the second, surrendered the initiative. The visitors never looked like scoring but Wembley still had to endure several anxious moments before regaining superiority.

Sylvester Williams was thwarted on three occasions by Dockrill before leaving the action with an ankle injury in the 76th minute. Nick Katsiaounis replaced him and three minutes later scored his first goal for the club, side-footing the ball home after the tireless Brown had brilliantly intercepted and crossed from the right.

Wembley's third goal came right on the final whistle. Katsiaounis's cross from the left was helped on by Tony Waugh and Bobby Hutchinson demused two defenders with some fancy footwork before thumping in his second goal.

**Wembley:** Fanner, H. Hutchinson, Salsman, Charles, Janaway, Waugh, Williams (Katsiaounis), Brown, Graham, M. Hutchinson, Palfrey. **Sub:** Woodstock.

## Wealdstone slap star defender on the transfer list

# 'Risk can go' says Jennings

**ALAN Risk** has played his last game for Wealdstone.

Manager Tony Jennings slapped his star defender on the transfer list this week and will be asking for a substantial fee.

Risk's pending departure follows the breakdown of almost two months of protracted talks with Jennings over his future after his contract came up for renewal at the end of last season.

"Terms for a new contract were no problem," said Jennings. "But where Alan lives is very remote and he doesn't drive. We managed to get him to games last season but that is something that is not going to be repeated."

Failure to come to an agreement has resulted in Risk failing to show for pre-season training and he has not made himself available for any of Stones' pre-season friendlies and his departure now appears just a matter of time.

Risk was signed by Jennings from Maidstone a year ago for £4,000 but Stones will be looking for at least double that figure from any prospective buyer.

"We had to pay large fees for both Sean Norman and Steve Tapley," said Jennings. "As Alan is as good if not better than them, a fee of that order will be required." Norman cost Wealdstone £9,000 from Wycombe while Tapley's return from Yeovil cost £7,000.



BY JOHN COMFORT

Jennings' hopes that Danny Bailey would be returning to the club were finally dashed this week when the popular midfielder signed a year's contract for Fourth Division Exeter City after spending a month on trial with the Devon club.

Bailey, who joined Stones from Kingsbury a year ago, declined to sign a contract with Wealdstone and as a consequence Stones get no transfer fee from his move to Exeter.

"Danny was a consistent performer for us and we all wish him well," said Jennings.

In anticipation of Bailey's departure, Jennings has already signed his replacement with the capture of 19 year old John Campbell from Barking who was formerly with Jennings when he was boss at Dagenham. But Campbell will not be able to make his debut until next week as he is currently serving a three match suspension.



● Alan Risk - put on the transfer list by Wealdstone.

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## Goal burst stuns Kingsbury

**Whyteleafe 3 Kingsbury Town 0**

TWO goals in a minute at the start of the second half killed Kingsbury just when they seemed set for their first league points of the season at Whyteleafe.

They had enjoyed the better of the first half and were unlucky not to score when Henry Clarke's effort came back off the woodwork. But five minutes after the break a rash challenge by Steve Evans gave Whyteleafe a penalty which they converted and from the kick off a rasping 40 yard shot made it 2-0.

Kevin Morley went close as Kingsbury fought back but the home side sealed the points 15 minutes from time when Milton made the most of Smart's challenge and earned another penalty from which they notched their third goal.

**Kingsbury Town:** Smart, Conroy, S. Lucas, Murphy, Evans, Collins, Bhatia, White, Clarke, Marshall, Morley. **Subs:** Williams, Hill.

## Edgware are out of luck

**Brimdawn 0 Edgware 0**

A ROCK hard pitch that made ball control difficult and inadequate finishing combined to deny Edgware their third successive league win on Tuesday.

Edgware had almost all the play and should have been three up in 10 minutes. Jim Davey missed the target, Ron Tully fired at the keeper when clean through and Martyn Kidd put the ball over from close.

It was a similar pattern of missed chances in the second half before Edgware finally had to settle for just a point. Seamus Finnerty and Ray Mangan both headed over when well placed while John Coleman elected to shoot from an angle and missed when teammates were waiting in better scoring positions.

**Edgware:** Whelan, White, R. Mangan, Derris, J. Mangan, Coleman, Finnerty, Gerardi, Kidd, Davey, Tully. **Subs:** Flynn, Rider.

## Hamstring blow for Wilkins

PAUL Wilkins suffered a hamstring injury against Ashford but should be fit to take his place in the Wealdstone side to face Burton Albion at Lower Mead on Saturday.

Manager Tony Jennings was unhappy with striker Tony Kelly's performance on Tuesday and tonight Stones' record signing faces additional training in a bid to regain his sharpness.

New signing John Campbell completes his three match suspension after the Burton game and is likely to make his debut in Tuesday's Capital League match at Wokingham.

**Harrow Borough** boss Keith Chamberlin has no injury problems and he keeps faith with the side which beat Bognor for Saturday's home match with Kingstonian. Chamberlin will this week be discussing the future of midfielder Steve Scott

who was placed on the transfer list two weeks ago. So far Borough have received no enquiries about the player's availability.

Wembley will be looking for another three points on Saturday when they take on Worthing at Vale Farm. Tony Waugh's only injury doubt is new signing from Kingstonian Gary Seward who has a strained knee.

Utility player Steve Ray has left the club and has joined Chalfont St Peter.

The loss of key players Stuart Atkins to Chesham, Gursel Gulfer to Harlow, Paul Goodison to Yeading and Greg Zacharia to Hendon, plus a host of injuries and unavailabilities, have made it a difficult start to the season for Kingsbury Town boss Alan Dafforn.

He is hopeful that Steve Parsons will be fit after a hamstring injury for Satur-

day's tough clash at Dorking while Paul Shields will definitely be back after suspension.

Paul Fitzgerald is unlikely to make it through injury but Chris Simpson is available after returning from holiday.

Andy Ferguson, who has a foot injury and John Coleman who has a groin strain, are both doubtful for Edgware's Spartan League match at Thamesmead on Saturday, while Peter Grant, who suffered a shin injury against Beckton is a definite non starter.

Jim Davey is away on holiday and misses the Thamesmead game and Monday's home clash with Harwell.

**Rayners Lane** are at home to Kintbury Rangers on Saturday and manager Don Durkin will have Wayne Coakley and Andy Hedge available for selection.

## Fixtures

**Saturday August 26**  
**Besser Homes League Premier Division:** Wealdstone v Burton Albion (Lower Mead, 3pm).

**Veuszhall League Premier Division:** Harrow Borough v Kingstonian (Earlsmead, 3pm).

**Veuszhall League Division One:** Wembley v Worthing (Vale Farm, 3pm); Dorking v Kingsbury Town.

**Greene King Spartan League:** Thamesmead v Edgware.

**Federated Home Leagues:** Rayners Lane v Kintbury Rangers (Lucas Avenue, 3pm).

**Monday August 28**  
**Greene King Spartan League:** Edgware v Harwell Town (White Lion ground, 3pm).

**Tuesday August 29**  
**Veuszhall League Premier Division:** Bromley v Harrow Borough.

**Veuszhall League Division One:** Kingsbury Town v Southwick (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).

**Capital League:** Wokingham Town v Wealdstone.

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