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Colour confusion gives Cad the Blues



● Cardew Robinson - colour confusion.

LIFELONG Wealdstone supporter, comedian Cardew 'The Cad' Robinson, suffered from an embarrassing case of colour blindness on Saturday when he watched the club's 1-0 FA Cup defeat by Wivenhoe at Lower Mead.

Cardew, watching Stones for the first time this season, was unaware that they had changed their colours to white and when Wivenhoe - who played in Wealdstone's traditional colours of blue - scored late in the game, he thought that Stones had won.

Said the former Harrow County schoolboy: "I didn't recognise any of the players other than Dennis Byatt who waved to me during the kick about. He was wearing a blue track suit, so I spent the entire game under the impression that Wealdstone were in blue."

"I leapt to my feet when the goal went in because I thought Wealdstone had scored. If the Wealdstone chairman saw me, that's why."

"It was only when Dennis came on as substitute that I realised I'd been cheering for the wrong side. I've never felt such a nana in my life."

Cardew watched the game with Lewis Gilbert, director of the new film Shirley Valentine, starring Pauline Collins, in which Cardew has a part.

McAllister lists Bateman, Bolton, Gleeson

NEW Harrow Borough boss Tom McAllister brought out the axe this week when he slapped Steve Bateman, Jimmy Bolton and Rory Gleeson on the transfer list, writes John Comfort.

Said McAllister: "I've got a large squad to work with. The three do not figure in my future plans and are surplus to my needs. There are no personality clashes or anything and they have all been good about it and accepted the situation."

Biggest shock for Borough fans will be McAllister's decision to get rid of club skipper Bateman who joined the club in 1984 and has been a stalwart in defence in over 300 appearances. Bolton was signed from Farnborough a year ago and although he was transfer listed during the short managerial reign of Alan Mayes, he was taken off the list when Keith Chamberlin returned and responded with the goals that kept Borough in the Premier Division last season.

Gleeson signed for Borough from Finchley in January and was a regular choice. But poor form has seen him out of the side this season. Said McAllister: "Obviously they are three quality players and fees will be wanted. We have had a few enquiries but nothing concrete yet."

Kingsbury inspired by Marshall to first win

Kingsbury 4 Hampton 1
KINGSBURY finally opened their league account on Tuesday with this convincing victory over Hampton which was sparked by an inspirational performance from Dwight Marshall.

Marshall was in superb form and his reward came with Kingsbury's fourth goal in the 77th minute when he took a Paul Fitzgerald pass on the left, outpaced his marker and cut in to rifle home a fierce low drive from an acute angle.

Kingsbury took the lead in the 18th minute when Paul Shields headed down a long throw from Steve Lucas for Don Lucas to fire home and three minutes after the break it was 2-0 when Solomon Eriemo scored at the near post from Paul Bhatia's free kick.

Bhatia scored a third in the 57th minute but after Downes pulled one back for the visitors 10 minutes later Kingsbury had to survive a period of heavy pressure before Marshall clinched a well deserved and long awaited win.

Kingsbury: Smart, Eriemo, Fitzgerald, Murphy, Shields, S. Lucas, White (Simpson), Bhatia, D. Lucas (Hill), Clarke, Marshall.

Wealdstone boss quits over 'lack of support'

JENNINGS RESIGNS

TONY Jennings' 19 months reign as manager of Wealdstone FC came to an abrupt end on Monday evening when talks with club chairman Alan Clifton culminated in his resignation.

He is the second local soccer boss to quit in successive weeks, following Keith Chamberlin's decision to resign his post at neighbours Harrow Borough last week.

Jennings' decision to go was not entirely unexpected for there has been considerable disquiet at Lower Mead over an inauspicious start to the new campaign, and Saturday's FA Cup disaster against Wivenhoe did nothing to ease the atmosphere of simmering discontent.

Jennings, who succeeded Terry Burton as Wealdstone's boss in December 1987 after two years as manager of Dagenham, said that his decision to quit was made when it became clear that he did not have the total support of the club's board of directors.

"I've always had a good working relationship with the club but after speaking to the chairman it became apparent that there was some question in the minds of one or two directors as to the way things were developing," said Jennings.

"Without the unanimous support of the directors it would be a different criteria from what I have enjoyed. The job would be difficult because people would be quick to criticise even when it was not de-



BY JOHN COMFORT

serving. I was not prepared to continue under those conditions."

Jennings will now turn his attentions to his other job, as manager of the England semi-professional side, but even that could be under threat following his resignation from Wealdstone. "I shall be speaking to the FA but they might want someone with their finger on the pulse," said Jennings.

Stones have spent more on new players this season than the club has paid out in all previous years put together, but they have palpably failed to buy success and their targeted aim of a return to the GM Vauxhall Conference is still a million miles away.

Said chairman Clifton: "A considerable amount of finance has been made available and Jennings' brief was to rebuild the team in order to make a serious challenge to regain out GM Vauxhall Conference status."

"Regretfully although Jennings bought astutely and assembled younger talent to-



● Tony Jennings.

gether with a number of very experienced older players, our performance on the field of play quite frankly has not reaped the rewards that had been expected and our League position with only eight points from eight games undoubtedly reflects this.

"In this situation discussion, criticism, concern and frustration with our inability to make progress has occurred within the club and Jennings informed me that, in the best interests of Wealdstone, I should accept his resignation. This I have agreed to do and it therefore takes immediate effect."

While Jennings contemplates his future, Wealdstone will now turn to the task of finding his successor.

"Our main concern now of course is to put the many setbacks that have plagued the club over the last four years or so firmly behind us and make a concerted effort for the future and engage as quickly as possible a team manager," said Clifton.

No appointment is expected for at least two weeks, but Staines boss Alan Gane, who was high on Stones' hit list before Jennings was appointed, is again expected to appear prominently among the front runners.

In the meantime veteran Wealdstone player-coach Dennis Byatt will take control of the team.

Late goals thwart Wealdstone

Welling Utd 2 Wealdstone 2
STONES conceded two goals in the last seven minutes to let victory slip from their grasp in this Capital League match on Monday, writes Graham Smith.

Stones started well and went ahead after only four minutes when Tony Lynch headed in a Kevin Hills cross and they made it 2-0 after 41 minutes when John Campbell was brought down in the area and Paul Goyette hammered home the resultant penalty.

Paul Wilkins looked to have made it 3-0 in the second half when he headed home a free kick but it was disallowed for offside.

Welling then got on top but Stones still seemed to be heading for victory until they were reduced to 10 men in the closing stages when Hills limped off injured with both substitutes already on.

Morris reduced the deficit for Welling with seven minutes to go and in the last minute they snatched the equaliser when Elifert headed home.

Wealdstone: Foster, Hills, Norman, Byatt, Risk, Martin, Browne, Goyette (Macklin), Wilkins, Campbell, Lynch (Hall).

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Hardy is back to boost Borough at Dulwich

STRIKER Duncan Hardy is back from a summer playing in New Zealand and goes straight into Harrow Borough boss Tom McAllister's squad for Saturday's league match at Dulwich after impressing in a reserve outing on Tuesday.

Marlin Gurney is expected to be fit after injury but both Andy Waddock and Andy Goodchild have long term injuries and will now be out for two to three weeks.

Mark Harrison is still struggling for fitness and is likely to miss Wealdstone's visit to Worcester on Saturday. The club is running a supporters coach to the game, leaving the Lower Mead car park at 11am sharp. Seats can be booked from the club office, telephone 427-4064.

Derek Brown is still struggling with an ankle injury but hopes to be fit for Wembley's league game at Uxbridge where they have a pretty dismal record. Lions have never won or even scored there.

Gary White, who has a back injury, is Kingsbury's only doubt for their home clash with Walton, but he is expected to be fit for Tuesday's Middlesex Charity Cup Final against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

Edgware take on Aveyley in the FA Vase on Saturday without the holidaying Ray Mangan, the injured Eugene Flynn and John Mangan who will be at a wedding. But manager

Brian Rider will be boosted by the return of John Coleman from holiday.

Rayners Lane manager Don Durkin still has a goal-scoring problem to solve and was leaving his final selection for Saturday's important FA Vase tie at home to Biggleswade until after last night's (Wednesday's) Middlesex Charity Cup tie with Viking Sports.

Soccer fixtures

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| Thursday October 5 Friendly: Kingsbury Town v Woodside (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm). |
| Saturday October 7 FA Vase preliminary round: Edgware Town v Aveyley (White Lion ground, 3pm); Rayners Lane v Biggleswade (Lucas Avenue, 3pm). Besser Homes League Premier Division: Worcester City v Wealdstone. Vauxhall League Premier Division: Dulwich Hamlet v Harrow Borough. Vauxhall League Division One: Kingsbury Town v Walton & Heron (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm); Uxbridge v Wembley. |
| Tuesday October 10 Russell Grant Middx Charity Cup 1988-89 Final: Chelsea v Kingsbury Town (Stamford Bridge, 7.30pm). Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Lewes (Vale Farm, 7.30pm, to be confirmed). |
| Wednesday October 11 Clubcell Cup: Redbridge Forest v Harrow Borough. |

Chelsea can expect no charity from Town

THERE'S no dream trip to the Mecca of soccer for Kingsbury Town, but Alan Dafforn's side will be no less determined to win the Russell Grant Middlesex Charity Cup when they take on the night of First Division giants Chelsea on Tuesday night in the long delayed 1988/89 final.

After months of wrangling over costs with the Stadium authorities, the Middlesex County FA decided against a showpiece Wembley final and plumped for Stamford Bridge, a decision which found little favour with Dafforn.

"We're disappointed that it's not being played at Wembley," he said. "I think with a bit more effort it could have gone ahead. "One minute we had got to Wembley and then all of a sudden it was off. We feel very let down."

As for the game itself, Chelsea chairman Ken Bates, who has enthusiastically supported the competition, has said that his club will be fielding a full first team squad for this prestigious match. Certainly that is a distinct likelihood for Chelsea have no first team game on Saturday and their next is not until they go to Norwich on Saturday week.

Regardless, Kingsbury have a tough task on their hands as Dafforn readily admits. "When you play any professional opposition it's going to be hard," he said. "But we're not going to be frightened of them. I'll just be looking to us to play a bit and express ourselves and hopefully we'll get a result."

The match kicks off at 7.30pm. Tickets are being sold at the gate, price £4.