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Dyno-Rod does the job

ROD Findley set up three goals for Alan Cosby and netted one himself against his old club in this Westgate Cup first round tie on Tuesday night, writes Graham Smith.

Wealdstone's first goal came in the 24th minute when the ball rebounded off the keeper into the path of Cosby who put it in the empty net.

A minute later Burnham were unlucky not to score when Hyatt hit the crossbar from a 20-yard free-kick.

The second goal was scored in the 37th minute when Find-

Burnham 1 Wealdstone 5 ley's cross was misjudged by Cook leaving Alan Cosby free to slot it past the keeper.

Minutes later a fine free-kick from Paul Morris found Findley who controlled the ball with his chest and hammered the ball into the net — a goal any forward would be proud of.

After the break another long pass from Findley again found Cosby who ran 15 yards to push the ball past the approaching keeper for his hat-trick.

Stones' fifth goal came in the 57th minute when a Burnham

defender's back pass went into his own goal.

The home team scored their consolation goal in the 70th minute from Surridge.

Five minutes from time Wealdstone should have made it six when Olaley's through ball split Burnham's defence. Goyette got on the end of it and beat the keeper but his shot went wide.

Wealdstone: Foster, Findley, Harrison (Olaley), Risk, Morris, Margerrison, Norman, Goyette, Cosby (Hall), Kelly, Lynch.



● Dyno-Rod Findley

ATHLETICS Gayt's cut the mustard

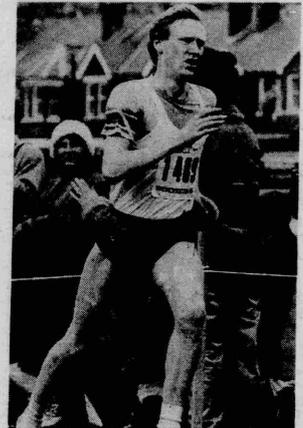
OLD Gaytonians Athletic Club made an excellent start to their Chiltern League campaign on Saturday winning two of the three races and holding second place in the overall league table.

Gavin Crowe demonstrated his great potential by defeating a good class youths and boys field of 105 runners, moving past the highly rated mark Benham in the closing stages.

Pinner's Richard Godden ran his best ever cross-country race to take seventh spot and there was good support from Terry Mackin and Graham Brown.

Christian Leech, 13, had an astonishing run to place 20th against athletes up to three years older than him.

Ameet Rao, Gordon Tyler and Daniel Reading all performed well to clinch a narrow team victory over the host club.



● Philip O'Brien — back to form

The colts team enjoyed a comfortable win, defeating nearest rivals Windsor by 43 points and placing all five of their scoring team in the top 13.

Luke Hunt extended his run of good form to take third position while South Harrow's Tiro Bestonson ran well for fourth spot. Stuart McLuskey, Nick Heller and Shane Wareham were Gayts other scorers.

International Philip O'Brien showed a welcome return to form by taking fourth position in the 195-strong senior/junior field.

Nigel Flint also performed well for 8th place but Gayts lacked depth and had to settle for sixth spot in the team event.

The overall league table looks interesting with Gayts three points behind defending champions Bracknell but more than 100 ahead of third placed Oxford.

Header finishes hat-trick

Wembley 3 Harefield United 2

WEMBLEY moved into the third round of the Middlesex Charity Cup thanks to three well-executed goals from Bobby Hutchinson.

Harefield took the lead in the 18th minute from a penalty awarded after Adrian Woodstock slipped and accidentally handled the ball in the Wembley penalty area. Gary Downer sent Jeff Fanner the wrong way with the kick.

Wembley then set about repairing the damage. A long free-kick from Harry Hutchinson in the 30th minute was flicked to Bobby Hutchinson in the goalmouth who accurately swept the ball beyond the reach of the keeper and into the bottom corner of the net.

A minute after the interval Harefield regained the lead. Pedro Herbert connected with Barry Steele's left-wing cross beating Fanner with a looping header.

Wembley then went on the offensive, pressure eventually rewarded when Bobby Hutchinson made it 2-2 in the 63rd minute.

Nine minutes later he completed his hat-trick, heading the ball past the keeper. Wembley: Fanner, Hutchinson H, Woodstock, Charles, Janaway, Graham, Williams, Anderson, Waugh, Hutchinson B, Murphy. Subs (not used): Brown, Paley.

'Stones Gane new manager

by Ian Gallagher

WEALDSTONE FC yesterday confirmed that Alan Gane will be the club's new manager.

The appointment follows the departure of Tony Jennings who resigned two weeks ago claiming he did not have the total support of the club's directors.

Gane, who was on the shortlist for the job before Jennings took over 19 months ago, has enjoyed considerable success at Staines Town and last season led them back into the Vauxhall League Premier Division.

Before then he steered Wycombe Wanderers into the GM Vauxhall Conference League.

Club chairman Alan Clifton told the Observer yesterday: "My bringing Alan Gane to Lower Mead is certainly the boost the club needs after our indifferent start to this season's campaign."

"Although I am not expecting

miracles overnight I am nevertheless delighted to welcome Alan to the club.

"His ability is well documented and with his no-nonsense approach to the game I am sure our players and supporters will be equally delighted with his appointment."

Gane certainly has no easy task ahead of him at Lower Mead.

For with only three wins from nine league games and a quick exit from the FA Cup, the Stones goal scoring ability has been disappointing to say the least.

The reaction at the club to the bad start to the campaign appears to be one of frustration rather than anger. The general consensus of opinion is that the ability is certainly there but it needs that extra quality.

Gane takes charge of the team tonight in time for a training session prior to Saturday's Beazer Homes League clash at Lower Mead against newly-promoted Gravesend and

Northfleet.

The match looks like being no pushover for Stones. Gravesend, currently seventh in the table, drew 1-1 away to Gane's old GM Conference outfit Wycombe Wanderers on Saturday in the FA Cup.

● POPULAR Wealdstone FC vice-chairman Peter Braxton was rushed to Mount Vernon Hospital on Friday with a suspected heart attack.

Latest reports indicate that Mr Braxton, who is also the club secretary, is comfortable and is waiting for the results of extensive tests.

Club chairman Alan Clifton said: "We were all shocked at the suddenness of his admission to hospital but I have visited him daily at Mount Vernon where he is cheerful and hoping for a quick discharge."

"We all wish him well for a speedy recovery and return to Lower Mead."

Saturday October 21

FA Challenge Trophy second qualifying round: Harrow Borough v Kingsbury Town (Earlsmead, 3pm).

Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Gravesend & North-

fleet (Lower Mead, 3pm).

Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Whyte-leave (Vale Farm, 3pm).

Wednesday October 25
Clubcall Cup: Weymouth v Wealdstone (replay)

Soccer fixtures

RUGBY

Fighting comeback left too late

Lensbury 19 Harrow 17

A SUPERB second-half performance from Harrow could not repair the damage they had sustained in the first 40 minutes.

They finished on the wrong side of an exciting game and lost the chance to secure important points in both the league and the merit table.

Once again Harrow started very slowly and the fired up Lensbury side took full advantage of their chances to run into a 19-0 lead after only 35 minutes.

But just on half time Guy Evans started the revival with a penalty closing the gap to 3-19.

The Harrow pack then took Lensbury apart for the rest of the game. An astute decision to play close driving rugby — rather than trying to run outside the fast set of Lensbury three-quarters — paid dividends for the visitors.

Lock Phil Thompson, playing superbly, scored the first try with a terrific drive to the line after earlier retrieving an attempted clearance kick.

Constant pressure was further rewarded after 66 minutes when scrum-half Colin Porter took full advantage of the only strike against the head of

the game to score from a five metre scrum.

As time ran out Harrow were desperate for another score.

This came in the 79th minute when Colin Porter tore away from a midfield scrum and found David Maskell in support to score close to the posts. Guy Evans converted.

Harrow: Smith D, Green, Smith V, Argent, Williams, Evans, Porter, Dalling, Wright, Hehir, Thompson, Fulcher, Curtis, Maskell, Armstrong. Subs: Harris, Frowen.

Roxeth rout rivals

Roxeth Manor OB 27 Old Gaytonians II 6

A CONVINCING all-round performance gave Roxeth a well-deserved victory on Saturday over local rivals Old Gayts' seconds.

The first of four first-half tries was scored by captain Andy Miller who drove over the line after good back-row play.

Shortly afterwards scrum-half Adrian Phillips powered his way

through the Old Gayts defence for a second. Phillips immediately followed this with another try after a fine individual run from the 22-metre line. He converted both tries.

Hooker Nick Brock scored the fourth after having won a tight head scrum on his 22-metre line. He took advantage of some mistakes in defence to touch down in the corner.

After the break Old Gayts came back hard, keen to cut the deficit, and were soon rewarded with a try from winger Nigel Murray after the backs created an overlap.

The only other try of the match came from Roxeth forward Tony Voden who drove over from a five-metre scrum.

Roxeth: Ferris, Cowling, Rowe, Mills, Billon, Williams, Phillips, Voden, Ainsworth, Weatherall, Miller, Burgess, Pearham, Brock, Dixon.

Court, the conquerors

Hendon 6 Sudbury Court 8
COURT certainly had the lions share of this Middlesex Division One clash

and should have won by a much larger margin.

The home side scored first with a well taken penalty but Sudbury soon began to pile on the pressure.

Their efforts were rewarded when centre Colin Russel, playing his debut for the first team, scored a fine try which unfortunately was not converted.

After Hendon had scored their second penalty just after the break Court began to get their game together.

Winger Matt Riddich broke free on the right, beat his opponent and flicked inside to Colin Ellis who broke through a tackle to score. Again the try went unconverted.

Sudbury continued to dominate the game — and could easily have scored more tries — until five minutes from time when Hendon narrowly missed scoring a try.

The visitors held their breath again just before the final whistle when the home team were awarded a penalty. Hendon kicked from very long range but the ball fell just short.

Sudbury: Whent, Watson D, Burns, Perrin, Smith, Watson C, Barry, Cranwell, Mitchell, Ellis, Russel, Shudwick, Bands, Riddich, Wallis.

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