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Clubcall quandry

WEALDSTONE are at loggerheads with Vauxhall League Bognor over their second round Clubcall Cup tie which is scheduled to be played next week at Lower Mead.

Stones want to play the match on Wednesday November 8 to give them breathing space between weekend games but Bognor would prefer Thursday November 9 to give them time to recover from their scheduled FA Trophy replay with Marlow on Monday.

If the clubs are unable to agree on a date, the Cup's competitions committee will make a final decision, but whatever the outcome the game will definitely be played either on Wednesday or Thursday and supporters should check with the club on 427-4064.

Definitely off however is Stones' scheduled Capital League game at Enfield on Tuesday.

Charity match

A TEAM of television celebrities will take on Wembley Football Club for charity at Vale Farm on Sunday.

Soap stars from Eastenders, Brookside, Grange Hill and Coronation Street will help raise funds for the St Luke's Hospice Appeal. Adam Woodyard (Ian in Eastenders), Chris Quinden (Brian from Coronation Street), Nigel Pivaro (Terry Duckworth), Simon O'Brien (Damon in Brookside), Steven Pinder (Roy from Crossroads), Ricky Simmonds (Ant Jones from Grange Hill) and Simon Vaughan (Freddie) are all on the shortlist for the TV Entertainers XI team.

Daniel Day-Lewis, star of the Unbearable Lightness of Being and A Room with a View, and former World Champion boxer Terry Marsh may also play.

Observer astrologer Russell Grant has donated prizes to raise cash at the event.

The match will kick off at 4.15pm on Sunday. Admission is by programme, price £2, children and OAPs 50p, available at the gate.

'No changes' says Gane

NEW Wealdstone boss Alan Gane says he will not be making any wholesale changes to his squad in the light of what he has seen in his first two weeks in the job, writes John Comfort.

"We've got a lot of good players, in fact I'm very surprised at the number we've got," he said.

"But a lot of them have been playing out of position and I feel that's been a mistake."

"Everybody expects that when a new

manager takes over he will sign on a lot of new players but I don't think we need them.

"There are no obvious weaknesses and we're not far short of being a good side. Just the morale needs raising."

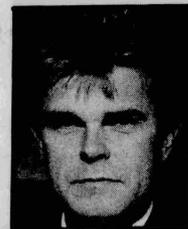
However, if quality players become available Gane will of course be interested.

Wealdstone's ultimate aim has always been the Beazer Homes League title and a return to the GM Vauxhall Conference

and Gane shares that ambition. "It's what we're going for," he said. "I don't believe in just trying to finish in the top six - either you go for it or you don't bother."

Is the title a live possibility this season? "It's a bit too early to make predictions," he said.

"The next few months will be critical and we must hope that no-one gets away on a run. It's a shame that we made such a bad start."



Alan Gane.

Goyette saves Stones' blushes

Wealdstone 1 Burnham 1 (aggregate 6-2)

A PAUL Goyette penalty in the dying minutes saved Stones from an ignominious defeat against Burnham in the second leg of this Westgate Cup tie on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

5-1 up from the first leg, Stones should have easily doubled that tally, but Goyette proved beyond.

And when Kevin Connolly put Burnham ahead from a 34th minute penalty after Paul Morris had mysteriously been penalised for handball, Stones appeared set for a defeat as embarrassing as that suffered against Ruislip in this same competition last season.

But with time almost up the ever-elusive Tony Lynch was upended in the area by Turner and Goyette saved Stones' blushes from the spot.

It was all one-way traffic in the first half but the visitors goal led a charmed life and the closest Stones got to a goal was when Lynch lashed a shot against the crossbar.

The second half was a similar story but again Stones found goals elusive. Tapley headed their best chance over an open goal.

Wealdstone: Williams, Tapley (Hall), Norman, Findley, Morris, Browne, Rivero (Byatt), Goyette, Campbell, Cosby, Lynch.

Gurney plays

HARROW Borough striker Martin Gurney played for the Middlesex FA representative side beaten 2-1 by the Essex FA at Hendon on Wednesday.

Cassidy transfer request rejected



Francis Cassidy - transfer request turned down.

HARROW Borough midfielder Francis Cassidy dropped a dramatic transfer request bombshell on the club this week - and had it rejected.

Said Borough boss Tom McAllister: "He asked to go on the list, I thought about it and said no."

"He asked for my reasons and I told him and he appears to have accepted it."

"In effect every player is available for transfer and if the right offer came along then obviously I'd be foolish to refuse it. But at the moment no one is leaving Harrow Borough."



BY JOHN COMFORT

Cassidy's name has been linked with big spending Vauxhall League Division One club Chesham United.

It was Chesham who a week ago snapped up former Borough skipper Steve Bateman for £5,000 after he had been listed by McAllister in a "new broom" clear out when he took over the Earlsmead

hot seat and coincidentally Borough have since received an enquiry from the Bucks club about Cassidy's availability.

But despite persistent rumours to the contrary, McAllister says there does not appear to be any link between Bateman and Cassidy's transfer request.

"The Bateman thing is just speculation," said McAllister. "I asked Cassidy about it and he said 'I've been on the phone about to do with it'."

Although defender Rory Gleeson has been transferred to Harlow Town for £500, McAllister says that at the moment he is more in the business of trying to sign players than off-loading them.

"I'm looking to strengthen the squad in all areas," he said "and I've been on the phone about a couple of players. What we need is competition for every place."

Striker Ray Pennock, who joined Borough in the summer from Swansea City, has signed a one year contract with the club. McAllister offered him the deal last week and he signed on Saturday.

Borough keep up their winning run

Harrow Borough 4 Grays Athletic 2

BOROUGH'S good run continued on Tuesday with this fine win over Grays.

The visitors started stronger and Colin John should have scored in the first minute when a Paul Flynn back pass failed to reach Tom McAllister. But the striker's shot was saved by the Boro' keeper.

However, John made amends in the 7th minute when his chip from outside the area gave the visitors the lead.

The lead lasted just five minutes before Boro' were level when Ian Rogers scored his first goal for the club, heading home a Francis Cassidy corner.

Just before the interval Borough went in front when a fine run from Phil Dicker ended with him shooting past Barry Delf.

On the hour Grays equalised. Again Colin John provided the finish with a good left foot effort.

But the 70th minute saw Boro' striker Carl Zachau impeded in the area and referee Hard-

ie pointed to the spot. Zachau got up and netted the resulting penalty.

Martin Gurney completed the scoring in the 82nd minute after some terrific trickery from Mark Hopson gave him the opportunity.

A fine save from McAllister thwarted Grays at the end but Boro' were good value for their win.

Harrow Borough: McAllister, Dicker, Flynn, Rogers, Priddle, O'Connor, Hopson, Hardy, Gurney, Zachau, Cassidy. Subs: Pennock, Edwards.

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier Division

Table with 10 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Dover, Bath, Dartford, Althorne, Cambridge C, Gravesend, Bromsgrove, Waterlooville, VS Rugby, Dorchester, Alvechurch, Weir's youth, Chesham, Gosport, and Cobly.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE Premier Division

Table with 10 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Wokingham, Aylesbury, Kingstons, Carshalton, Slough, Hayes, Basingstoke, Dagenham, Windsor, Harrow Boro, Staines, Bishops Cleeve, Grays Ath, Redbridge For, Hendon, St Albans, Marlow, Leyton-Wingate, Bognor Regis, Dulwich Ham, Barking, and Bromley.

Division One

Table with 10 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Southwick, Woking, Hitchin, Worthing, Dorking, Wivenhoe, Lewes, Whyteleafe, Tooling, Walton & H, Boreham Wood, Mel Police, Chesham, Charlton St P, Wembley, Harlow, Leatherhead, Kingsbury, Uxbridge, Croydon, Purfleet, and Hampton.

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Dislocated shoulder blow ruins Rivero's return

FRANCISCO Rivero's return to Lower Mead took an unfortunate turn on Tuesday night when he dislocated his shoulder against Burnham and is set to be sidelined for several weeks.

Rivero, who was last with Stones during Terry Burton's short management spell, was only signed on loan from Staines on Saturday and he is just one of several injury problems for new boss Alan Gane.

Stones visit Moor Green this Saturday with Mark Harrison (ankle), Paul Wilkins (ribs) and Samson Olaleye (gashed head) all out but Gane hopes to have Alan Risk fit after a bout of flu. Also out is Tony Kelly who completes a three match ban.

The Moor Green game was originally at home but the Birmingham club agreed to a switch to enable Stones to play their last game of the season at Lower Mead.

Harrow Borough are still unbeaten in competitive matches since Tom McAllister took over and the boss is "thrilled" about it. "The players have worked hard and they deserve it," he said.

But Borough get their stiffest test to date under McAllister on Saturday when Aylesbury visit Earlsmead, returning from losing the top of the table spot to Wokingham on Tuesday. McAllister keeps faith with the side that did well against Grays.

Colin Payne joined Borough's injury list when he again dislocated his shoulder in training on Thursday. The club is now arranging for him to see a specialist.

Alan Dafforn has an injury free squad for his side's match at Purfleet. Other commitments have forced veteran defender Spud Murphy into retirement and Dafforn has released striker Andy McCollin who is now being linked with Leatherhead.

Paul Janaway is Wembley's only injury doubt for

their match with Chesham on Saturday. He jarred his right knee against Met Police.

Skipper Paul Abell (ankle) is one of three injury problems for manager Don Durkin as Rayners Lane travel to Vauxhall League Aveley for their important FA Vase clash. Andy Hedge and Mark Hedge are also both doubtful with groin injuries and new signings Manny Fail and Neil Owen stand by as replacements.

Midfielder Kevin Charalambous has returned to Edgware and is in line for a place in the side to meet Thamesmead. Manager Brian Rider has injury doubts over Lee rider (swollen knee), Vince Deritis (hamstring) and Shamus Finnerty (ankle), but all are expected to be fit.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday November 4: Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Moor Green v Wealdstone. Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Aylesbury UD (Earlsmead, 3pm). Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Chesham UD (Vale Farm, 3pm); Purfleet v Kingsbury Town. FA Vase: Aveley v Rayners Lane. Greene King Spartan League: Edgware v Thamestead (White Lion ground, 3pm). Sunday November 5: Charity Match: Wembley XI v Entertainers XI (Vale Farm, 4.15pm). Monday November 6: Clubcall Cup: Chesham City v Harrow Borough. Tuesday November 7: Vauxhall League Division One: Kingsbury Town v Hitchin Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm); Wivenhoe Town v Wembley. Wednesday November 8: Midax Charity Cup: Edgware v Brimsdown (White Lion ground, 7.30pm). Provisional: Clubcall Cup: Wealdstone v Bognor (Lower Mead, 7.30pm) (Could be switched to Thursday November 9 - check with club on 427-4064).