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In charge but then Wembley go to pieces

Wivenhoe 4 Wembley 1
WEMBLEY have only themselves to blame for letting this game slip from their grasp on Tuesday, writes Richard Markiewicz.

They were in total command after taking the lead in the 5th minute when Bobby Hutchinson intercepted Wright's back pass, eluded the challenge of the keeper and crossed for Steve Graham to head home.

But when Lil Fucillo's free kick was glanced into the net by Phil Coleman for the equaliser in the 33rd minute, Wembley went to pieces.

Wivenhoe took the lead in the 55th minute with a diving header from Steve Clark and 10 minutes later Gittings put the game beyond Wembley's reach with a low 40 yard drive that went in off a post.

Two minutes from time Coleman completed a miserable debut for teenage keeper Andrew Smith when he headed in Fucillo's corner.

Wembley: Smith, H. Hutchinson (O'Hagan), Charles, Walsh, Kearns, Wielebnowski, Brown, Anderson (Katsiaounis), Graham, B. Hutchinson, Williams.

Wasps are at home in the Cup

WASPS have been drawn at home to Courage Division One championship rivals Gloucester in the third round of the Pilkington Cup on January 27.

The two clubs have already met in the league this season, Wasps running out convincing 29-4 winners when they clashed at Sudbury.

Wasps are in League action again this Saturday at home to Nottingham, kick off 3pm at Repton Avenue. The team is: Pilgrim, Smith, Simms, Clough, Bailey, Andrew (capt), Bates, Rendle, Simmons, Dunston, O'Leary, Pinner, Rigby, Kelly, Amoura. Subs: Hillier, Rose.

Stones, Boro' land transfer cash windfall



● Sean Norman.



● Francis Cassidy.

WEALDSTONE and Harrow Borough were laughing all the way to the bank this week after cashing in on free-spending Vauxhall League club Chesham United's apparent willingness to buy success by paying exorbitant transfer fees to strengthen their squad.

Talented Stones full back Sean Norman, who was only signed from Wycombe Wanderers just three months ago for £9,000, was transferred to Chesham at the weekend for an undisclosed five figure fee - variously rumoured to be between £15,000 and an amazing £25,000.

Stones' boss Alan Gane declined to confirm the fee. He said "We agreed with Chesham not to disclose the fee, but they made a more than acceptable bid. Both we and the player were put in a position



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where we couldn't refuse it. "But had we not been strong in that position I would not have considered it."

Wealdstone chairman Alan Clifton was equally tight lipped over the fee. "It was an undisclosed sum and I can't comment on the size of it," he said.

Just a few days after Norman's departure from Lower Mead, Chesham were waving the cheque book again, this time at Earlsmead in an attempt to lure away Borough midfielder Francis Cassidy.

Cassidy, who was signed for a bargain £400 from Bishop's Cleeve at the start of last season, had a transfer request turned down by the club a week ago, soon after former

Borough captain Steve Bateman left to join the Bucks club - something regarded by many as being more than just a coincidence.

Last week Borough rejected offers of £10,000 and then £12,000 from Chesham for Cassidy, but they then accepted a £15,000 bid.

Said Borough boss Tom McAllister: "Their manager John Clements was so anxious to get Cassidy he was ringing me night and day. In the end I gave him the figure we wanted and he accepted."

"I'm disappointed to lose him because he was an important part of the side. Before Duncan Hardy came he made the team tick but as he wanted to get away his game was al-

ways likely to suffer." Cassidy's transfer was finalised yesterday (Wednesday) morning.

A statement from the club said: "Francis Cassidy has been transferred to Chesham United. The club received a substantial offer from Chesham which we did not feel we could refuse."

With considerable finance now available, both Wealdstone and Borough will be looking to strengthen their own squads.

Injury hit Stones in particular badly need some fresh blood and manager Gane says he has "something in the pipeline."

He added: "Ideally I'd like a quick strong skilful player, but they are hard to come by."

McAllister says he has a couple of players lined up but new signings are likely to be governed by the team's recent fine performances.

"It would be wrong to chop and change the team around when things are going so well," he said.

Tom is manager of month



● Tom McAllister.

THE excellent start made by Tom McAllister as Harrow Borough's boss has been suitably recognised by the Vauxhall League who have named him as the Premier Division's Manager of the Month for October.

Four wins and a draw from the club's five league games during the month secured McAllister the award which consists of a magnum of champagne and a commemorative medal. The club will receive £300 and a new football.

McAllister said he was "surprised but delighted" by the award but was quick to point out where the credit for it should go.

"As manager of the side I'm just the new boy," he said "It's the players who go out and win the games."

The award is expected to be presented to McAllister before Borough's home game with Staines on Saturday November 18.

Fitzgerald in after match bother

Kingsbury 1 Hitchin 1
KINGSBURY defender Paul Fitzgerald looks set to face FA disciplinary action after jumping the fence at the end of this match on Tuesday night to confront vociferous Hitchin supporters, writes John Comfort.

Séree Jordan indicated that he would be reporting the incident - and that could spell trouble for Fitzgerald who had already been booked during the match for preventing Hitchin from taking a quick free kick.

Fitzgerald was one of three Kingsbury players booked by whistle happy Mr Jordan who never allowed the game to flow, Stuart Atkins for dissent and Solomon Eniemo for a foul on Conroy were the others.

Kingsbury rocked unbeaten Hitchin with a goal after only 50 seconds. Paul Shields nodded down a long throw from Steve Lucas and Atkins was on hand to supply the finishing touch.

Baldry cleared off the line followed another Lucas throw and Eniemo missed an open goal as Kingsbury threatened to add to their lead but Hitchin gradually recovered from the early battering and equalised in the dying seconds of the half when Lindsay's hotly disputed free kick put Neufville in to beat Mick Coffey with a low shot at the near post.

The points could have gone either way in a hard fought second half. Neufville put Hitchin's best chance wide of an open goal while for Kingsbury Dwight Marshall's fierce goalbound drive brought a fine save from keeper Luff. Kingsbury: Coffey, Eniemo, Fitzgerald, Evans, Shields, S. Lucas (Marshall), Ray, Bhatia, Atkins, Morris, Collins. Sub: Dafforn.

McAllister changes pay cup dividend

Chelmsford City 0 Harrow Borough 2

WITH Francis Cassidy having departed to Chesham, Tom McAllister brought in ex-Swansea pro Martyn James and dropped Danish striker Carl Zachau for this Clubcall Cup tie on Monday and saw his changes pay dividends as Borough moved comfortably into the last 16 of the competition.

Borough made a good start, pinning the home side in their own half for a

long period and they fully deserved their opening goal after 17 minutes. Phil Dicker made a run into the box only to be pulled down by Kettleby and skipper Martin Gurney netted from the resultant penalty.

It was 2-0 in the 25th minute when the steady Eamon O'Connor made a good overlap down the left and his precision cross was swept home by Dicker at the far post.

So much were Borough in control

that McAllister only had one save to make in the half when a downward header by Paul Marlow was diverted round the post.

The second half was again Borough's. The pace and direct style of their front men Pennock and Hopson gave the big Chelmsford defence all kinds of problems. O'Connor set up Pennock who should have scored but keeper Phillips made a fine save and then Hopson hit the crossbar when put

through. It was only in the last 15 minutes when Chelmsford brought on winger Barry Roberts that they threatened, but McAllister and the Borough defence held firm to secure an excellent victory.

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

Injury hit Wealdstone give Gane a selection headache

INJURY hit Wealdstone will again be struggling for a side on Saturday when they visit Gloucester.

Tony Kelly is back after suspension but Alan Risk is still struggling to shrug off a bout of flu and Francisco Rivero, Mark Harrison, Paul Wilkins and Alan Cosby are all sidelined with injuries.

Only good news is that Samson Olaleye has been passed fit after having stitches removed from his gashed head wound and could be in line for a return.

Ex-Harrow Borough striker Jimmy Bolton will be out to prove a point when Borough visit his new club Carshalton on Saturday.

Borough boss Tom McAllister released Bolton when he took over from Keith Chamberlain six weeks ago and the striker said when he left that he would be waiting for the chance to prove McAllister wrong.

McAllister will choose his side for the match from the same squad that performed superbly to beat Chelmsford in the Clubcall Cup on Monday.

Due to work commitments Adrian Woodstock has decided to stand down as Wembley's assistant manager. Club skipper and coach Paul Janaway has accepted the post. Janaway meanwhile misses Wembley home game with Dorking with an injured right knee that could keep him out for six weeks.

Jeff Fanner will have a late fitness test and Harry Hutchinson is also doubtful with an ankle injury. Andrew Smith and Fergal O'Hagan stand by.

Gary White suffered a thigh injury in an accident at work and is doubtful for Kingsbury's match at Woking. Injuries to keeper Fred Smart and defender Steve Lucas provided added selection problems for Alan Dafforn.

Spartan League leaders Edgware can expect a tough game on Saturday when ex-Spurs star John Pratt brings his Barkingside outfit to the White Lion ground. Wares manager Brian Rider expects to stick with the side that demolished Thamesmead.

Edgware midfielder Peter Grant is back in training after

two months out with a bad shin injury while Andy Ferguson is expected to resume training soon after having the plaster removed from his injured foot.

Rayners Lane take on bottom of the table Supermarine on Saturday with manager Don Durkin likely to make changes after their disappointing FA Vase exit at Aveley. Mark Hedge, Neil Owen and new signing from Edgware Joe Pasco are all in line for places as Lane look to change their games advantage over the league leaders into points.



● Samson Olaleye - passed fit.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday November 9
FA Youth Cup: Kingsbury Town Youth v Peterborough Utd (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

Saturday November 11
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Gloucester City v Wealdstone.

Vauxhall League Premier Division: Carshalton Ath. v Harrow Borough.

Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Dorking (Vale Farm, 3pm); Woking v Kingsbury Town.

Green King Spartan League Premier Division: Edgware v Barkingside (White Lion ground, 3pm).

Federated Homes League: Rayners Lane v Supermarine Sports (Lucas Avenue, 2.30pm).

Tuesday November 14
Westgate Cup second round: Wealdstone v Dartford (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).

AC Delco Cup: Kingsbury Town v Chalfont St Peter (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm); Wembley v Ware (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).

Wednesday November 15
London Intermediate Cup: Edgware Reserves v Fisher Ath Res. (White Lion ground, 7.45pm).

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