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**Staines say
sorry in
'poaching' row**

VAUXHALL League club Staines have apologised to Wealdstone in a row over alleged player 'poaching'.

In a story in a local newspaper the Staines chairman was quoted as issuing a "hands off" our players warning to Stones' boss Alan Clifton, formerly in charge at Staines.

Gane described suggestions of illegal approaches as "absolute rubbish." Wealdstone have attempted to sign Staines defender Neil Price in recent weeks but Gane stressed that the correct procedures were adhered to.

Following strong verbal protests from Gane and a harshly worded letter from Wealdstone chairman Alan Clifton, Staines have now apologised over the offending article.

**One to
forget**

Uxbridge 0 Wembley 0
THIS was cup football as its worst as two struggling sides matched each other for ineptitude, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Amid the stray passes, petty fouling and countless errors in this dire Middlesex Senior Cup tie, Wembley did manage to create several interesting openings. But their moves were far too elaborate and they had the annoying habit of trying to walk the ball into the net. Suffice it to say Uxbridge keeper Dawson was hardly troubled.

Uxbridge's attacking policy was the exact opposite, shooting on sight of the target, another unproductive method of scoring as Jeff Fanner dealt comfortably with tame long range strikes.

In the end the only efforts of note occurred late in the second half when a shot by Tony Waugh narrowly missed, and a well struck low drive from Micky Perry was stopped by Fanner's legs.

Wembley's Fanner, H. Hutchinson, Sison, Walsh, McGrath, Waugh, Palfrey, Brown, Graham, Murphy, Wielebnowski (Williams). Sub: Witter.

Dream draw for local soccer fans

It's Stones v Borough in the Trophy

HARROW'S soccer fans were bubbling in anticipation this week when Monday's FA Challenge Trophy draw coupled together arch local rivals Wealdstone and Harrow Borough in a first round tie.

Borough still have the small matter of Erith and Belvedere to contend with in a second replay before the derby clash dream match becomes a reality but with the incentive of a tilt at Wealdstone before them they are unlikely to let such a golden opportunity pass them by.

The match is scheduled to be played at Lower Mead on Saturday January 17 and ironically, following a five year spell in which the paths of the two clubs have not crossed in competitive matches, this could well be the first of three possible meetings between the rivals this season.

As well as the Trophy, the draw for the Middlesex Senior Cup also has them on collision course for a quarter final meeting if they win their first round matches against Edgware and Hounslow respectively.

And with both clubs still involved in the



BY JOHN COMFORT

Clubcup Cup, which is now down to the last eight, it is not beyond the realms of possibility that they could meet in that too.

Although they drew 1-1 in a friendly at Lower Mead 18 months ago, the last time the two clubs played each other competitively was in the Middlesex Senior Cup in 1984 when Wealdstone won 1-0 at Earlsmead. The previous season Harrow had won that trophy by beating Wealdstone 2-0 in the final at Hillingdon Borough.

The last time the sides met in FA competitions was in 1981-82 when they clashed three times within 10 days. Borough won an FA Cup tie by 4-1 at Lower Mead and the following Sa-

turday they drew 2-2 at Earlsmead in the FA Trophy. Wealdstone won the replay 4-0 in a match which saw Harrow's Ray Metz sent off.

Said Wealdstone chairman Alan Clifton: "It's funny how having not played them for so long we could now meet them three times this season."

On the Trophy draw he said: "We've always enjoyed a good rapport with Harrow. It's a good local derby and I'm looking forward to it."

Said Wealdstone manager Alan Gane: "It'll be a very good game. Harrow are going well lately and of all the Vauxhall League clubs they are probably the most difficult we could have had."

"But I'm not a lover of local derby matches, they tend to be great levelers, and I don't expect this to be any exception."

Borough boss Tom McAlister said: "Obviously the tie means more to the other lads than it does to me. It won't be easy but it can't be any worse than having to go to Bishops Cleeve. And first we've got to beat Erith."

That issue is due to be settled at Earlsmead on Monday and with a derby in prospect, even the Stones' fans will be rooting for a Harrow win.

... but first Borough have to put out Erith

**Harrow Borough 2
Erith & Belvedere 2**

WINNING the toss to secure a second game at Earlsmead on Monday was Borough's lone success as they bungled their way through this FA Trophy replay on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

It was an abysmal performance all round by Borough in a match that was littered with basic errors and against a better side than Erith their exit from the competition would surely have

been a formality. Fortunately for Borough the Beazer Homes League outfit were as useful as themselves.

Neither side got their act together in a dreary first half although Paul Ripley was unlucky just before the break with a shot that hit the post, then keeper Orme and was hacked away by Tagoe as it headed back towards goal.

Ripley missed two good chances early in the second half and Ray Pennock somehow fired wide from two yards before Phil Dicker decided to get Erith

back into contention with a poor back pass which let Alexander in, but Tom McAlister saved bravely at his feet.

Borough went ahead in the 68th minute when Duncan Hardy put Eamon O'Connor away on the left and he superbly jinked past Tagoe before drilling a low shot into the far corner of the net but the lead lasted just six minutes before Wilson equalised with a well struck volley that whistled past McAlister.

When Martin Gurney broke and saw

his 25 yard shot fumbled into the net by the diving Orme three minutes into extra time it really had been the goal that settled it for Borough.

But four minutes later their blundering defence ensured that Erith were given another chance when Rogers failed to shut down Burman on the right and his cross was fired home by Fells.

Harrow Borough: McAlister, Payne, O'Connor, Rogers, Priddle, Hopson, Dicker, Hardy, Gurney, Ripley (Edwards), Pennock (Fraser).

**Unhappy
Kingsbury
debut for
young
O'Shea**

**Kingsbury Town 0
Yeading 2**

17 YEAR old youth team player Simon O'Shea made an unhappy debut for Kingsbury on Tuesday night as they slid out of the Middlesex Senior Cup.

Thrown into the action after just five minutes when Solomon Eriemo limped off with an ankle injury sustained in the pre-match kick about, he gifted Yeading their opening goal in the 25th minute when he failed to control the ball and lost it to Schwartz who fired home.

Midway through the second half the unfortunate O'Shea struck an intended back pass beyond the reach of keeper Fred Smart and into his own net for Yeading clinching second goal.

Yeading had the better of the first half with Smart saving well from Schwartz and Sweales but depleted Kingsbury were unlucky not to level when Stuart Atkins found Dwight Marshall in front of the open goal but the ball bobbed and hit his arm as he netted and the effort was disallowed.

Kingsbury looked the better side after the break but were unable to make a breakthrough and an unhappy match was completed for them when they had Corey Browne sent off for retaliation.

Kingsbury: Smart, Eriemo (O'Shea), Shields, Evans, Fitzgerald, Larkins, White, Morris, Atkins, Marshall, Browne. Sub: Dafforn.

**Stones
sink to
record
defeat**

Dartford 5 Wealdstone 0

WEALDSTONE departed from the Westgate Cup in quite embarrassing fashion with this 5-0 drubbing at Watling Street on Monday evening, writes Steve Marshall.

Any hopes Stones had of pulling back the 4-0 deficit from the first leg were dashed within three minutes when Myers fired home Dartford's opener via a post from 20 yards.

Peter Taylor continued his goalscoring exploits against Stones with a glorious diving header in the 28th minute and just five minutes later Sowerby cut inside Don Shanks and brilliantly chipped Williams to make it 3-0.

Within two minutes of the restart Steve Robinson was sent away from a quickly taken free kick and stroke challenged into the penalty area to increase the lead.

Wealdstone's first shot on target came from Alan Cosby in the 58th minute and then Darren Williams made three excellent saves from Garvey, Moseley and Taylor.

He could however do little to prevent Hensenthaler crashing home Dartford's final goal in the 82nd minute to settle the tie 9-0 on aggregate - thought to be a club record defeat.

Wealdstone: Williams, Shanks, Harrison, Findley, Morris, Margerrison, Browne, Smart, O'Leary, Cosby, Lynch. Subs: Hall, Taylor.

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**Borough
mourn
Denis, Eric**

HARROW Borough FC was this week mourning the deaths of two of their original members, Denis Russell and Eric Boden, who passed away last week.

69 year old Denis had been a Borough member for over 50 years as player, manager, director, match day announcer and kit sponsor.

During his playing career he showed outstanding all-round ability and played for Harrow in all positions from goalkeeper to outside left. He had trials with Arsenal and played one Football League match for them against West Bromwich Albion.

Eric Boden began playing for the club in 1934 when they were known as Roxonians. He was team manager for three seasons in the 1940s and when he changed to the administration side of the club he held the posts of vice-chairman from 1951-53 and chairman from 1953-59.

**Dafforn set to play in derby
clash for depleted Town**

WITH Kingsbury Town in the middle of an injury crisis, manager Alan Dafforn could well find himself playing on Saturday when he takes his side to Vale Farm on Saturday for a local derby clash with his former club Wembley.

Dafforn last played a competitive match for the Lions against Grays two years ago but with his squad down to nine fit players he could well be in action again. "We really are struggling and I could well end up having to play," he said. "I've never known anything like it. Things are just going from bad to worse."

Town's injury list reads: Brendan Conroy (back), Solomon Eriemo (ankle), Steve Lucas (knee), Paul Bhatia (groin), and Chris Simpson (arm in plaster). Additionally he has Cecil Collins is suspended and Corey Browne is away on a course.

As well as drafting himself in, Dafforn could also turn to his youth team players to make up the side.

Wembley, by contrast, have no injury problems. Manager Tony Waugh's only problem is an adequate replacement for

the holidaying Bobby Hutchinson. Laurence Murphy or Sylvester Williams are the likely candidates although Nick Katsiaounis and Paul Bryan may answer an SOS.

Wealdstone look to maintain their recent good league form at VS Rugby on Saturday. Midfielder Paul Gbogidi, who has a sore toe, is an injury doubt but Tony Kelly is likely to be fit after a knee injury.

Everald La Ronde looks set to return to the Harrow Borough side at Bognor after missing the Trophy games with Erith through being cup

tied. Striker Carl Zachau is still struggling with a knee injury but Mark Hopson and Eamon O'Connor should be fit despite receiving knocks against Erith.

Lee Rider's continued knee ligaments injury again rules him out of contention for a place in the Edgware side which faces inconsistent Beaconsfield in what could prove an awkward game.

Rayners Lane manager Don Durkin adds Jimmy Schurer, Andy Hedge and Mark Hedge to his squad for their game at Almondsbury Picksons.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday December 9

Beazer Homes League Premier Division: VS Rugby v Wealdstone.

Vauxhall League Premier Division: Bognor Regis v Harrow Borough.

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

Greene King Spartan League: Beaconsfield Utd v Edgware Town.

Federated Homes League: Almondsbury Picksons v Rayners Lane.

Monday December 11

FA Trophy second replay: Harrow Borough v Erith (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

Tuesday December 12

London Senior Cup: Hanwell Town v Edgware.

Middlesex Senior Cup replay: Wembley v Uxbridge (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).

Wednesday December 13

AC Delco Cup: Molesey v Kingsbury Town.

Capital League: Wealdstone v Aldershot (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).