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Zachhau's last gasp goal saves Boro'

Harrow Borough 4 Hounslow 4
BOROUGH are fast becoming football's cup replay specialists as in this latest Middlesex Senior Cup match at Earlsmead on Tuesday only a last minute goal from sub Carl Zachhau gave them a draw against Beazer Homes League Hounslow, writes Keith Chamberlin.

Missing Gurney, Pennock, Priddle, James and McAlister, Borough's makeshift line up hardly got the start they required, keeper Stuart Walton recklessly fouling Hounslow's Goodison in the 4th minute and from the resultant penalty Kevin Reynolds put the visitors in front.

Goodison should have made it two soon after but Mark Hopson levelled in the 25th minute from a Dave Edward's cross.

10 minutes later Hopson ran on to a Fraser pass to beat the diving Crompton with a fine finish to make it 2-1.

The second half certainly provided the crowd with full entertainment value. Paul Goodison netted a fine equaliser for Hounslow and Everal La Ronde was injured trying to stop him and had to be substituted.

With the game drifting to a draw the last eight minutes saw a remarkable four goals as slipshod defending prevailed. Paul Herbert ran through to put Hounslow in front in the 85th minute but two minutes later Steve Fraser levelled things. In injury time Hounslow's Justin Hare netted a fine individual goal but hardly had the visitors' celebrations died down when Borough equalised again with virtually the last kick of the game. A speculative effort from Carl Zachhau took a deflection to leave Crompton stranded and earn Borough a draw.

Harrow Borough: Walton, Waddock, Rogers, Payne, La Ronde (Zachhau), Hopson, Hardy, Edwards, O'Connor (Haynes), Fraser, Dicker.

Another draw is just Capital

Wealdstone 1 Cambridge Utd 1
WEALDSTONE are the Capital League draw specialists. This game on Monday night was their fifth in eight matches, writes Graham Smith.

Cambridge keeper Black did well to save from John Collins in only the second minute, but it was Cambridge who opened the scoring when Parnell's cross found the totally unmarked Robinson who shot past the helpless Darren Williams.

Stones levelled right on half time when Dennis Byatt's free kick was headed into his own net by Cambridge defender Fensome.

Darren Williams impressed in the second half. He saved a good header from Dennis and then Ryan got clear he got down well to block his effort.

Wealdstone: Williams, Smart, Harrison, Byatt, Shanks, Wilkins, Campbell, Goyette, Collins, Kelly (Johnston), Gbogidi (D. Brown).

A very merry Christmas



Price signs for Wealdstone

Gane gets his man

WEALDSTONE manager Alan Gane finally got his man this week when he went back to his former club Staines Town to sign left sided defender Neil Price.

Price, 26, was one of Gane's first targets to boost the Lower Mead squad when he took over from Tony Jennings nearly two months ago.

But when Staines began to talk telephone numbers for the player, the deal went on ice.

Hopes of a transfer were further complicated two weeks ago after Staines accused Gane of making illegal approaches to their players, and relations between the two clubs reached a considerable lull.

Gane vehemently denied

the allegations, and following strong protests from both him and Wealdstone chairman Alan Clifton, Staines climbed down and apologised over the unhappy affair.

Talks to secure Price's signature then re-opened and Gane pushed the deal through this week for what he described as "a small fee."

Price, who is expected to

BY JOHN COMFORT



Beazer Homes League debut on Saturday in the 2-0 defeat at Gravesend.

Also signed was versatile defender Steve Smart, for a small fee, from Barnet. Smart has impressed during the past month when he has been on loan to Wealdstone.

On the debit side Gane has released defender Rod Findley who was signed from Burnham at the start of the season but has failed to command a regular place in the side since Gane's arrival.

Over at Earlsmead, neighbours Harrow Borough have received no enquiries for transfer listed striker Carl Zachhau who cost Borough a club record £6,000 when he signed from Bishops Cleeve.

More gloom as Lions get a cup hiding

Wembley 0 Uxbridge 4

THERE was no end to the doom and gloom at Vale Farm on Tuesday as Wembley slumped to a depressing defeat in this Middlesex Senior Cup replay, writes John Comfort.

Wembley's last league victory was a 6-2 success at Uxbridge back in October but there was rarely any chance of that being repeated as the Lions carelessly blundered their way out. The Middlesex Charity Cup is now their only hope of honours. Coincidentally their opponents in that will again be Uxbridge.

Wembley should have gone behind in the first minute when White missed a sitter, firing at Jeff Fanner from only two yards.

There was another let off when a glancing header from Jones was cleared on the line but in the 22nd minute Uxbridge finally broke the deadlock when Nelson slid in unmarked at the far post to steer home a Lions cross.

Fanner denied Pope and Nelson before his defence again let him down in the 34th minute. Murphy missed a clearance attempt and Perry fired in Uxbridge's second goal.

Wembley conjured up few chances, the best of which came late in the half when keeper Sean Dawson blocked Thompson's effort after Janaway had put him clear and then repeated the save from Steve Graham's follow up shot. Dawson also got his leg to a Graham shot to turn it wide after the striker latched onto a poor back pass from defender Bobby Dawson.

Any hopes of a second half Wembley revival disappeared a minute into the second half when Pope glanced home White's corner for Uxbridge's third goal. Fine saves from Dawson denied both Derek Brown and Steve Graham a consolation goal before Pope completed Wembley's misery by crashing home a 30 yarder to make it 4-0 in the 75th minute.

Wembley: Fanner, H. Hutchinson, Simpson, Walsh, Janaway, Strachan, Thompson (Williams), Brown, Graham, Bryan (B. Hutchinson), Murphy.

Kingsbury at home

KINGSBURY Town have been drawn at home to either Barking or Woking in the quarter finals of the Vauxhall League's AC Delco Cup.

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Bath City	20	12	5	3	31	15	41			
Dover	20	12	4	4	34	19	41			
Darford	17	11	4	2	29	13	37			
Burton	20	11	4	5	37	24	37			
Atherstone	20	9	7	4	33	24	34			
Gravesend	18	9	5	4	23	20	32			
Cambridge City	18	10	7	1	37	23	31			
Crawley	21	6	8	7	30	30	26			
Worcester	19	9	3	9	35	35	24			
Moor Green	18	7	3	8	28	32	24			
Wealdstone	19	6	5	8	27	26	23			
VS Rugby	17	6	6	19	22	22	22			
Bromsgrove	17	6	4	7	21	26	22			
Ashford	16	6	4	6	18	23	22			
Grays Adf	19	5	5	2	19	22	22			
Dorchester	15	5	6	3	22	23	21			
Weymouth	18	5	5	8	27	26	20			
Waterlooville	16	5	9	22	36	19	19			
Alvechurch	20	4	12	24	42	16	16			
Corby	19	4	3	12	24	32	15			
Chelmsford	20	3	6	11	20	36	15			
Gosport B	18	3	12	15	33	12	12			

VAUXHALL LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Slough	18	11	6	1	36	15	39			
Aylesbury	16	11	3	2	37	11	36			
Wokingham	17	11	3	3	28	15	36			
Kingstonian	19	10	5	4	44	25	35			
Hendon	18	10	3	5	32	23	33			
Windsor	22	8	6	3	33	23	32			
Dagenham	20	9	5	6	25	22	32			
Basingstoke	16	10	0	6	25	22	30			
Redbridge F.	20	8	5	7	33	32	29			
Hayes	19	8	3	9	37	35	28			
Carshalton	18	6	3	7	32	26	27			
Leyton-Wingate	17	7	2	9	20	26	23			
Grays Adf	18	5	7	2	32	22	22			
Bishops Cleeve	18	5	4	8	24	33	22			
Staines	18	6	3	9	32	33	21			
Harrow Boro.	17	5	6	6	23	27	21			
Marlow	19	5	6	17	25	21	21			
St Albans	20	5	5	10	23	32	20			
Bognor	16	3	8	8	16	34	14			
Barking	11	4	8	27	42	16	16			
Dulwich Ham	20	2	4	14	14	33	11			
Bromley	19	1	12	13	41	9	9			

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Rider is set to return after six week lay-off

AFTER a six week lay off with a knee ligaments injury, Lee Rider could win a place in the Edgware squad for Saturday's home match with North Greenford.

Edgware, who now lead the Spartan League by seven clear points from chief rivals Northwood will be without Ray Mangan, who aggravated a groin injury against Hanwell. It will mean some reorganisation with Shamus Finnerty having to drop back into defence.

Kingsbury are another of the few clubs playing this weekend after bringing forward their Boxing Day clash with Uxbridge to Saturday. Manager Alan Dafforn's selection still continues to be plagued by injury doubts and from that lengthy list only Stuart Atkins has a chance of returning to the side.

Wealdstone midfielder Steve Browne is doubtful for Boxing Day's home clash with Crawley Town, which kicks off at 11.30am. He suffered a rib injury against Gravesend. Steve Tapley, Samson Olaleye and Don Shanks are all suffering from flu but are expected to be fit for selection.

Ray Pennock and Martyn James were both rested for Harrow Borough's Middlesex Senior Cup match with Hounslow on Tuesday but will be back in the action on Boxing day when Borough journey to Hendon for a derby clash which kicks off at 11.30am.

Manager Tom McAlister should also return in goal while flu victims Martin Gurney and Sean Priddle are also expected to play, but Everal La Ronde will be missing following an ankle ligaments injury sustained against Hounslow. The replay against Hounslow has been fixed for Monday January 8.

Wembley have no injury problems for their Boxing Day clash at home to Boreham Wood but manager Tony Waugh is fast running out of selection options after his attempt to turn the tide of gloom at Vale Farm by introducing several reserve players to the first team against Uxbridge failed to pay dividends. His squad is however boosted by the return of Bobby Hutchinson after a two week holiday.

Rayners Lane have no injury problems and expect to be at full strength when they take on bottom of the table Ruislip Park on Saturday. Park held Lane to a 1-1 draw early in the season.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday December 23	
Vauxhall League Division One:	Uxbridge v Kingsbury Town.
Greene King Spartan League Premier Division:	Edgware v North Greenford (White Lion ground, 3pm).
Federated Homes League:	Rayners Lane v Ruislip Park (Lucas Avenue, 2.15pm).
Tuesday December 26	
Vauxhall League Premier Division:	Wealdstone v Crawley Town (Lower Mead, 11.30am).
Vauxhall League Premier Division:	Hendon v Harrow Borough (Claremont Road, 11.30am).
Vauxhall League Division One:	Wembley v Boreham Wood (Vale Farm, 11am).