

Dunston last gasp try is a winner

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Lions turn off at half time

Wembley 1 Boreham Wood 2
LOWLY Wembley forgot to realise that a football match lasts for 90 minutes and not as they thought against Boreham Wood on Tuesday, for 45, writes Richard Markiewicz.

This was a typical tale of two halves. Wembley totally dominated the first period, taking the lead in the 14th minute. A couple of Boreham Wood defenders got themselves in a muddle trying to clear on the left, inviting Laurence Murphy to steal the ball. He ferried it along the line before squaring it into the goalmouth for Bobby Hutchinson to tap home his 11th goal of the season.

Bobby Hutchinson went close to extending the lead in the 25th minute with a soaring header which flashed just over the bar after John Walsh had nodded a Dereck Brown corner into the goal area.

Brown himself had a similar flying header hit the side netting following a cross from the left by Sylvester Williams shortly before half time.

But when they reappeared for the second half Wembley simply switched off and allowed the visitors to take the initiative. Former Wembley player Steve Smith gave an indication of what was going to come by appearing unchallenged in the six yard box. Jeff Fanner, falling to his right, prevented Smith's low strike from entering the net with a fine save.

Wembley however failed to emerge from their second half stupor and continued to allow the opposition unnecessary openings and it was no surprise when Boreham Wood equalised in the 63rd minute. Fanner, who appeared to be impeded, failed to gather a high cross and the ball fell to Alan Hunter who stabbed it into an empty net.

Wembley's fate was sealed eleven minutes later. Mark Lincoln spectacularly volleyed Paul Baxter's crossfield pass from the left into the roof of the net.

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

Rogers is a winner after Gurney penalty miss



● Borough match winner Ian Rogers.

Hendon 0 Harrow Borough 1
A 72nd minute header from central defender Ian Rogers was enough to bring Borough a maximum return from their visit to Claremont Road on Boxing Day and nobody could deny they were good value for their win, writes Keith Chamberlin.

They outfoiled what was a disappointing Hendon side on the day and could even afford the luxury of missing a penalty.

Hendon's Dave Root was by far the busier keeper in the first half which Borough dominated. He saved well from Sean Priddle as the Borough front line of Martin Gurney and Ray

Pennock gave the home defence continual problems.

Borough should have taken the lead on the half hour. Ray Pennock made a superb run into the box and just as he appeared certain to score he had his feet taken from under him. Unfortunately from the resultant penalty Martin Gurney's shot was superbly saved by Root to ensure the half remained goalless.

Hendon's best spell of the game came immediately after the break. Substitute Gavin MacPherson really should have scored when presented with a free header but his poor effort was saved by Tom McAlister.

It was McAlister again who minutes later made the save of the match when a mishit back pass by Rogers seemed destined for the net before McAlister made a superb reflex save to turn the ball round for a corner.

However, Rogers, an excellent defender who is improving with every game, did find the net at the other end in the 72nd minute for what proved to be Borough's winner, heading home a corner from Mark Hopson.

Gurney almost made it 2-0 when he unleashed a fine left foot shot which Root did very well to turn over.

Hendon tried hard to get back in the game but four; the Borough defence

in good form. Colin Payne was particularly impressive and the decision to play him as sweeper with Sean Priddle in midfield worked well.

Near the end Andy Waddock was able to divert Ray Duffy's goalbound effort away for a corner and with the resulting kick coming to nothing, referee Stoddart's whistle brought a welcome three points for Borough and a good deal of confidence for the return game at Earlsmead on New Years Day.

Harrow Borough: McAlister, James, Waddock, Rogers, Payne, O'Connor, Hopson, Hardy, Gurney, Pennock, Priddle. Subs: Zachau, Haynes.

Gane pips Enfield to land ace striker

Stones are the choice for Flint



BY JOHN COMFORT

WEALDSTONE boss Alan Gane pulled off a significant transfer coup this week when he signed highly rated Redbridge Forest striker Dave Flint for £4,000.

Gane had hot opposition for Flint's signature, notably from the player's former club Enfield, but the striker eventually plumped to come to Lower Mead and he made an impressive debut in Boxing Day's comprehensive 4-0 beating of Crawley Town.

It was at Conference club Enfield that 28 year old Flint made his name.

He spent nine years there and was their leading scorer on numerous occasions before joining Vauxhall League Redbridge a year ago.

When Flint became available recently Enfield, who are currently struggling at the wrong end of the Con-

ference table, wanted their former player back but he turned them down in favour of Wealdstone - a decision that left Gane "delighted."

Although Flint's reputation is as a goalscorer, Gane will also be looking to him to fulfill the task of

a goal provider.

"He is under no pressure here to score loads of goals," said the boss.

"He's the sort of player we need because other than Tony Lynch we've got no other player who can get behind defences.

"He's quick and he's strong and I think he'll be a great asset to us."

Gane was more than pleased with Flint's debut match on Tuesday.

"He didn't score but he came close on many occasions - mainly from chances he created himself."

Wealdstone inspired by super Steve

Wealdstone 4 Crawley Town 0

WEALDSTONE, inspired by the excellent Steve Browne, convincingly beat Crawley Town on Boxing Day, but what a pity only 602 people bothered to turn up to enjoy a fine performance which extended Stones' run of home league victories to four writes Steve Marshall.

Browne made his mark as early as the 12th minute when he cut inside from the right then spread the ball wide to Paul Goyette and the vastly influential midfielder steadied himself before driving low past the advancing Walker to open Stones' account.

Crawley should have been level within a minute but O'Sullivan dragged the ball wide after racing past Risk - a rare error in itself.

Wealdstone increased their lead in the 19th minute with a glorious goal. Browne combined with Kelly who then found Goyette wide and his cross to the near post was met by Browne whose fine glancing header easily beat keeper Walker.

Crawley made little headway against a resilient Wealdstone rearguard and the home side had plenty of chances to extend their lead. Margerison set up Dave Flint in his debut but the rangy striker pulled the ball just wide of the post.

The powerful Paul Gbogidi set up Flint in the 40th minute after breaking clear of Vessey but Walker blocked Flint's shot.

The keeper was again in action stopping Goyette's powerful free kick and Flint was just over after excellent work by Margerison. Then Vessey was forced to head over his own net after Flint had sidestepped Walker.

Browne threatened to bring the house down when he dribbled through the entire defence only to be thwarted by Walker.

Two substitutions, which brought on Collins and Price, finally saw Stones back among the goals. Within minutes Kelly had nodded on Margerison's corner for Browne to head over Walker for goal number three.

With two minutes remaining Steve Browne completed a splendid performance by converting a penalty after Steve Smart had been upended, and Stones supporters were left hoping that this form could be produced away from home as well as at Lower Mead.

Wealdstone: Foster, Smart, Harrison, Risk, Morris, Margerison, Browne, Goyette, Flint (Price), Kelly, Gbogidi (Collins).

Gane eyes up six point haul from strugglers

WEALDSTONE look to pick up a six point haul when they face struggling Waterlooville on Saturday and then red hot relegation candidates Chelmsford on Monday.

But manager Alan Gane does not expect either game to be easy after both sides secured good wins in their respective Boxing Day matches.

However, he feels that if Stones can reproduce the excellent form they showed in beating Crawley then Wealdstone will take some beating.

Apart from the injured Paul Wilkins and Tony Lynch, who is recovering from his knee operation, Gane will have a full squad to select from on Saturday. But for Monday's game with Chelmsford, which kicks off at 7.30pm, he will be without midfielder Paul Gbogidi who begins a two match suspension for accumulating five bookings.

After their fine performance at Hendon on Boxing Day,

Harrow Borough are likely to be unchanged for Saturday's visit to neighbours Hayes.

Everalud La Ronde is still recovering from an ankle injury and Phil Dicker has a knee injury and neither will be fit for selection.

Borough have still had no enquiries for their transfer listed striker Carl Zachau who again looks certain to be on the subs bench.

With their winless run now standing at 10 games, Wembley have a difficult match at title chasing Wivenhoe.

Manager Tony Waugh hopes to persuade reluctant footballer Paul Bryan to turn out again for that game but he will be without the injured Steve McGrath. Glen Charles has left the club, and joined Southall while Mark Wojednowski has been released.

With last week's game against North Greenford being called off, and Northwood get-

ting into winning form, Edgware find themselves only four points clear in the title race - although they do have a game in hand.

And that makes Saturday's game at Haringey a vital one. Manager Brian Rider will be missing Ray Mangan who is away in Ireland but otherwise will have a full squad to select from.

On Wednesday Edgware take on Third Division Brentford in the Middlesex Charity Cup at the White Lion ground.

The Bees are expected to field a strong side for this clash.

Rayners Lane travel to league leaders Biceston on Saturday, determined to avenge the unlucky 2-1 defeat they suffered a fortnight ago.

Manager Don Durkin has no injury problems but will probably make changes despite the win over Ruislip Park.

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Own goal peps Lane

Rayners Lane 4 Ruislip Park 1

LANE duly disposed of bottom of the table Ruislip Park but they didn't take control of the game until the second half.

Lane missed plenty of chances in the first half which gave the visitors confidence to get on top and they took the lead when Lane succumbed to get a cross away and the ball was powerfully headed home.

Lane got a lucky equaliser when a cross from the left was flicked on by Bicknell and a defender managed to head the ball over his own keeper into the net.

In the second half Lane took control as they showed more urgency and soon took the lead when Neil Owen received the ball, passed to Bicknell and then took the return pass to hit a cross-shot into the net.

They went further ahead after 20 minutes when good work again by Owen saw him force his way through to score again at the near post. Just before the end Lane scored again when a move between substitute Schurer and Meaney gave game Manny Fail the chance to volley the ball into the net off a defender.

Rayners Lane: Rendle, Clements, Abell, Mills, M. Hedge, A. Hedge (Coakley), Meaney, Fail, Howard (Schurer), Bicknell, Owen.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday December 30	
Bazaar Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Waterlooville (Lower Mead, 3pm).	
Vauxhall League Premier Division: Hayes v Harrow Borough.	
Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Wivenhoe Town (Vale Farm, 3pm); Hitchin Town v Kingsbury Town.	
Greene King Spartan League Premier Division: Haringey v Edgware Town.	
Federated Homes League: Biceston Town v Rayners Lane.	
Monday January 1	
Bazaar Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Chelmsford (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).	
Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Hendon (Earlsmead, 3pm).	
Tuesday January 2	
Vauxhall League Division One: Boreham Wood v Wembley.	
Wednesday January 3	
Middx Charity Cup: Edgware Town v Brentford (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).	