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Stones release Byatt



● Dennis Byatt - released after nine years at Lower Mead.

WEALDSTONE have released veteran defender Dennis Byatt - the last surviving member of the club's historic double winning side.

In his nine years at Lower Mead, Byatt has made over 400 appearances in the club colours and scored a total of 27 goals - the last of them in Stones' 6-0 Clubcup Cup win over Bognor Regis in November.

Byatt's outstanding service with Wealdstone was rewarded with every major honour in non-league football. As well as Gola League and FA Trophy winner's medals, he was also in Wealdstone sides that won the Southern League Championship, the Southern League Cup, the Southern League Championship Play-off, the Southern League Challenge match and the Middlesex Senior Cup.

As well as player, captaining the side on many occasions, Byatt also served the club as a coach under Tony Jennings, and when Jennings resigned he became caretaker manager until Alan Gane took over.

There's only one team in Harrow!

And after their Trophy triumph Borough fans are delighted to tell you who they think it is

THERE'S only one team in Harrow' was a much rendered chant from Wealdstone's fanatical army of supporters during the FA Trophy 'Battle of the Borough' against neighbours Harrow Borough.

And after Borough had secured a 1-0 victory in Tuesday night's replay at Earlsmead, following a 1-1 draw at Lower Mead on Saturday, it was a viewpoint that Borough fans wholeheartedly agreed with. Quite simply Borough were the better side on the night and deserved their place in the second round where they now meet either Slough Town or Redbridge Forest at home on Saturday February 3.

Borough had many heroes in Tuesday's replay success but top of the list was player manager Tom McAlister who played superbly despite suffering from pneumonia and having a temperature of 103.

McAlister, whose was mercifully barracked by Stones' fans over the size of his anatomy throughout the two matches, said "I felt awful."

But the sparkling performance of his team proved a



considerable healer.

"I was really pleased with the way the lads played" he added. "They worked hard and gave everything, particularly in defence."

As for Borough's opposition in the next round, McAlister surprisingly has a preference for facing Slough who are very much in-form and currently lead the Vauxhall League Premier Division.

"I think I would prefer Slough because we've played Redbridge twice already this season and they know a bit too much about us. But whoever we meet, it's going to be a hard game."

But while Borough look ahead to another big Trophy tussle, Stones are left to lick their wounds and reflect on what might have been.

They should have sewn things up in Saturday's first game, only to let Borough back in it, but manager Alan Gane, whose side was ravaged by injury, suspension and ineligibility, had no complaints about the final outcome.

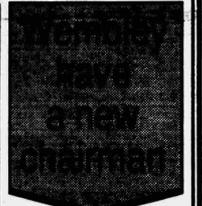
"They were the better side over the two games," he conceded. "I was disappointed with our performance. We just didn't play well."

"We were sloppy early on and conceded an early goal and we were always chasing it after that."

The derby clash proved a money spinner for both clubs with well over 2,000 fans watching the two games. 1,015 watched Saturday's match at Lower Mead and there were 1,199 at Earlsmead for Tuesday's replay.



● Eric Stringer (left) and Brian Gumm, the old and the new at Vale Farm.



POPULAR Wembley Football Club chairman Eric Stringer has decided to call it a day.

Said Mr Stringer: "I'm 65 in March and I've done the job for the past seven years so I thought it was time someone else took over."

"But I won't be leaving the club. I've been asked to be vice-chairman and have accepted."

Mr Stringer, a Wembley committee member for 21 years, will also be taking on the role of club secretary.

Wembley's new club chairman is local businessman Brian Gumm who has ambitious plans to get the club to the top in non-league circles.

Mr Gumm's firm G & B Enterprise Specialist Builders has now become the club's sponsors, replacing Sports Programmes who have sponsored the club since 1981.

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Rogers goal wins 'Battle of Harrow'



● Borough's goalscoring Trophy hero Ian Rogers.

Harrow Borough 1 Wealdstone 0
AN Ian Rogers goal after only seven minutes settled the 'Battle of Harrow' on Tuesday night and sent Borough into the second round of the FA Trophy, writes John Comfort.

It was a win they richly deserved for they were always the better side in this replay against a Stones team that was disappointing, to say the least.

In marked contrast to Saturday's clash at Lower Mead, it was Borough who made the early running and their pressure was rewarded with a succession of corners which eventually led to them going ahead. Eamon O'Connor's kick was cleared out to Andy Waddock on the right and his perfect cross saw Roger outjump Alan Risk to send a looping header over a static Kevin Foster into the net.

That early success put Borough in confident mood and they dictated play until the closing stages of the half when Stones finally woke up. But despite some hectic activity in the Borough area, with both Paul Morris and Dave Flint going close, Stones were unable to find a way through a determined Borough rearguard.

Martin Gurney almost added to the Borough lead early in the second half with a rising shot that Foster finger-

tipped away for a corner but Stones hit back and Tony Kelly's superb turn at the near post after collecting Johnston's cross left him with only McAlister to beat, but the keeper did well to smother his shot.

But it was still Borough who called the tune and Ray Pennock rattled the Wealdstone crossbar from a Mark Hopson cross.

Stones replied with their best move of the match which culminated in Kelly heading just over after great work down the left from Smart, Johnston and Flint, and soon after McAlister superbly saved a fierce drive from Smart.

Stones pressed forward in the closing stages but their attacks lacked penetration against Borough's solid defence, and even though referee Phil Don added on six extra minutes of stoppage time, it was not sufficient to save them from a derby disaster that they will quickly want to forget.

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

Wealdstone: Foster, Smart, Harrison, Risk, Morris, Tapley (Olalaye), Browne, Goyette, Flint, Kelly, Johnston (Wilkins).

Stones back to full strength in bid for a league double

WEALDSTONE look to shrug off the disappointment of Tuesday night's Trophy defeat at Earlsmead when they bid to record their first league double of the season at home to lowly Alvechurch on Saturday.

Stones, who beat the midlanders 2-0 on the opening day of the season, will be reinforced by the return of the influential John Margerrison after suspension, along with Paul Gbogidi, John Collins and Neil Price who were all ineligible for the Harrow game.

Harrow Borough hope to have Phil Dicker fit after a groin injury for their tough league game away to Kingstonian.

Manager Tom McAlister has signed ex-Borough striker Greg West for his third spell with the club and he could be included in the squad to face Kingstonian.

Apart from long term injury victims Steve Lucas and Paul Bhatia, Kingsbury Town expect to be at full strength for their tough home game against promotion hopefuls Dorking.

Wembley have no game on Saturday as their scheduled opponents Worthing are involved in a county cup tie.

On Tuesday Lions have a tough away game at Woking where new signing Gursel Gulfer is likely to start, having impressed after coming on as a substitute against

Tooting.

Gulfer was signed by Wembley this week after being released from his contract with Harlow Town. It is his second spell at Wembley, having spent a brief period with the club at the beginning of the 1985/86 season.

Edgware are without a league game on Saturday but on Tuesday journey to Kent to face Erith in the London Senior Cup. Seamus Finnerty has a groin injury but is expected to be fit.

Manny Fall, who sustained a knee injury in training, is the only serious injury doubt for Rayners Lane's home match with Headington Amateurs on Saturday.

Soccer fixtures

- Saturday January 20
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Alvechurch (Lower Mead, 3pm).
Vauxhall League Premier Division: Kingstonian v Harrow Borough.
Vauxhall League Division One: Kingsbury Town v Dorking (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Federated Homes League: Rayners Lane v Headington Amateurs (Lucas Avenue, 2.30pm).
Monday January 22
Midx Senior Cup: Wealdstone v Hounslow (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).
Tuesday January 23
Capital League: Gillingham v Wealdstone.
Vauxhall League Division One: Woking v Wexley.
London Senior Cup: Erith & Bevedere v Edgware (7.45pm).