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Luckless Lions get sinking feeling

Walton 4 Wembley 1

DON'T be fooled by the one-sided scoreline, this was another travesty of justice as Wembley's relegation blues turned a shade darker in a match they dominated yet still managed to lose, writes Richard Markiewicz.

After Lions conceded a 10th minute goal when Phil Wingfield rifled home a low shot from 20 yards through a crowded goal area, Wembley put the home side under intense pressure.

But despite peppering the Walton goal with shots from all angles and forcing the opposition into errors, Wembley were unable to capitalise, thwarted by another goalkeeper in admirable form.

Trevor Roffey twice denied Gursel Gulfer by palming clear close range efforts and Robert Larkin's accurate strike was blocked instinctively by the keeper.

But four minutes after the break Gary Powell's vicious 25 yard half volley flew over the fully stretched Jeff Fanner and into the roof of the net for Walton's second goal and Wembley disintegrated.

Wingfield made it 3-0 in the 58th minute with another accurate 20 yard strike after Paul Janaway's block tackle cannoned off Thornton into his path, and six minutes later Thornton set up Wingfield to complete his hat-trick.

Lions rallied towards the end but simply had no luck at all in front of goal. Roffey thwarted both Bobby and Harry Hutchinson and Janaway had a header slap against the crossbar.

Wembley finally pulled a goal back in the 85th minute when Bobby Hutchinson thumped home his 14th goal of the season after good work by the tireless Derek Brown but it was a mere consolation in a game that Wembley didn't deserve to lose.

Wembley: Fanner, H. Hutchinson, Cummings, Walsh, Janaway, Simpson, Larkin (Murphy), Brown, P. Bryan, B. Hutchinson and Janaway (Graham).

Gane slaps four on transfer list

WEALDSTONE manager Alan Gane has slapped four players on the transfer list as he looks towards building a squad capable of figuring in the Beazer Homes League Championship chase next season.

Big money signing Steve Tapley tops the Lower Mead discards. He cost Stones £7,500 when he was signed from Yeovil by Gane's predecessor Tony Jennings at the start of the season but has failed to impress.

Also transfer listed are striker Paul Wilkins, who signed from Chelmsford in the summer of 1988, striker Samson Olaleye, signed from Tooting two seasons ago, and midfielder John Collins, one of Gane's recent signings from Vauxhall League Dulwich Hamlet.

Gane has already had a few enquiries about Wilkins, but as yet there have been no definite moves for any of the listed players. Of his squad rebuilding programme, Gane

said: "I think we only need one or two players, but they are vital players and between now and the start of next season I've got to find them.

"When we get to the end of this season I want to have a clear idea of how we stand."

Gane has already pruned his squad by releasing striker John Campbell on loan to Finchley where former Wealdstone stalwart Dennis Byatt is now the player-coach.

Ex-Borough boss to manage Southall

Chamberlin in resignation row

FORMER Harrow Borough manager Keith Chamberlin was named as Southall FC's new boss this week while Borough were claiming that he was still a director at Earlsmead.

Southall chairman Jim Loftus announced on Saturday that Chamberlin was taking over at Western Road following the departure of Pat Morrissey, but on Tuesday Borough chairman Eric May insisted: "Everybody tells me that Keith has left but as far as I am concerned he is still a director of Harrow Borough."

Mr May added that as a director, Keith Chamberlin had certain responsibilities to the club and until such time as they are discharged he would remain as one.

That should have occurred at a board meeting on Monday but Chamberlin, who dropped his "I'm leaving" bombshell on the chairman on Saturday evening, was unable to attend.

Said Chamberlin yesterday (Wednesday): "There is no question of me not going to South-



all. Word of mouth is normally acceptable but the chairman has now asked me for my resignation in writing and I will be sending it to him."

Chamberlin joined the Borough board as the club's press and publicity director in November after 15 years in management with the club, firstly as youth team boss, then as reserve team manager and in 1984 as first team boss.

He relinquished the manager's post late in 1988 but returned to the job three months later

after Alan Mayes' short and unhappy spell in the hot seat, and guided Borough to safety last season after they had been in serious danger of relegation.

A new job which he said gave him insufficient time to devote to managerial duties, led to him handing over the reins to Tom McAllister last November but now he has decided to move back into management at Western Road.

"It's a new challenge to which I'm looking forward to," he said. "I had 15 great years at Harrow and it's a tremendous wrench to leave but things change as time goes on and I'm looking forward to serving Southall to the best of my ability."

Many will link his decision to leave Harrow with the club's recent release of the Welsh duo Ray Pennock and Martyn James, who were signed by Chamberlin in the summer. He was known to be far from happy over the release. But he declined to comment on such speculation.

Slough join Earlsmead goal rush

Harrow Borough 1 Slough Town 5

EARLSMEAD has proved a happy goal hunting ground for the League's title chasers this season, writes John Comfort.

Aylesbury slammed home five there in November, Wokingham helped themselves to four on Saturday and on Tuesday night Slough grabbed their share with another five against benevolent Borough.

The final scoreline flattered Slough for the game was a lot closer than the outcome suggested,

particularly in an evenly contested first half which seemed set to end goalless until a three goal burst just before the break.

Slough opened the scoring in the 40th minute when Thompson scrambled the ball home from How's cross and within a minute ex-Borough striker Mark Adams - one of five former Borough players in the Slough line-up - slotted home a second after Tom McAllister had beaten down a firm shot from Dell.

Borough hit back a minute later when Steve Fraser volleyed

past Lester from Hopson's free kick and the game was wide open again.

Seven minutes into the second half Borough though they had levelled when referee Coniam decided to ignore a linesman flagging for an obvious offside decision when Hopson put Beggs through to fire home. He awarded the goal and raced back to the centre circle before Slough players persuaded him to consult the linesman after which he belatedly but correctly ruled out the score.

Five minutes later Stanley glanced home a Thompson cross to stretch Slough's lead and Borough visibly wilted.

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Darts set to give Darren an uncomfortable return

THE unfortunate injury to Kevin Foster gives Darren Williams the chance to re-establish himself as Wealdstone's first choice keeper, and with title chasing Dartford the visitors to Lower Mead on Saturday he's likely to have plenty of opportunity to prove himself.

Stones conceded nine goals against the Darts in their two legged Westgate Cup tie against them earlier in the season but they did earn a 1-1 draw in the league at Walling Street. "That was one of our best performances of the season," said manager Alan Gane. "Hopefully we can do as well again."

Stones will again be without the injured Paul Gbogidi and Steve Brown.

Harrow Borough will be looking for their first league double of the season on Saturday when they visit St Albans - a side they beat 3-2 at Earlsmead earlier in the season.

Martin Gurney and Sean Priddle will both be facing their former club but Borough will be without Duncan Hardy who is suspended.

Wembley have no game on Saturday as scheduled opponents Woking are involved in the FA Trophy.

Kingsbury Town's match at Leatherhead on Saturday is a real six pointer with both sides struggling desperately to avoid relegation. Kingsbury will have Paul Shield available after completing his sus-

pension but Jason Dale is an injury doubt.

Kingsbury play their AC Delco Cup quarter final at home to Woking on Tuesday, kick off 7.45pm, providing the Surrey side are not involved in an FA Trophy replay.

Edgware journey to Beckton on Saturday in search of more points to boost their Spartan League Championship chase.

"Every game is difficult from now on," said manager Brian Rider as he looks for a repeat of the form that has seen Edgware hit 12 goals in their last two matches.

Lee Rider and Peter Grant have slight strains both of which are expected to be fit for selection.

Rayners Lane have no injury problems for their away game at Moreton, although they will be missing Stuart Howard who is unavailable.

This is the first meeting between the two sides this season and Lane will need to improve their recent form if they are to get anything out of the game.

Keeper keeps Stones at bay

Wealdstone 1 Welling 1

WEALDSTONE gained a point from this Capital League fixture on Tuesday but had it not been for Welling keeper Parsons it would surely have been three, writes Graham Smith.

Stones' best chance in the first half came when the dependable Steve Smart found Paul Goyette but Parsons saved his hard shot at the expense of a corner.

Welling took the lead in the 35th minute when Penfold's free kick found Wayne Brown whose header beat Darren Williams.

Nine minutes into the second half both sides were reduced to 10 men when Paul Goyette and Welling's Brown were sent off in a scuffle following Brown's late tackle.

The equaliser finally came in the 73rd minute when Paul Morris flicked on a corner and Paul Wilkins headed home and from then on it was all Stones. Parsons saved well from Mark Butler in the 80th minute and three minutes from time the keeper somehow managed to block a blistering shot from Tony Lynch.

Wealdstone: Williams, Tapley, Price, Collins, Morris, Johnstone, Goyette, Smart, Westley, Wilkins, Butler (Lynch).

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