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Yeading shatter Gane's dream

Wieldstone 1 Yeading 2 STONES' boss Alan Gane saw his Middlesex Senior Cup dream of a final clash against his former club Staines shattered on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

Staines played their part by beating Uxbridge in a replay but Stones failed to join them, their lack of killer touch again proving fatal as they slumped to a disappointing defeat against Yeading.

"We're a good side except where it counts, in the penalty areas," was Gane's verdict. "We can't score in theirs and we give away silly goals in ours."

Yeading's opener in the 24th minute was a clear case of the latter as confusion between Alan Risk and Steve Smart over a clearance attempt let in Schwartz, whose cross was netted by Hector Welsh with a diving header.

Dave Flint's determination gave Stones an equaliser 10 minutes later. His persistence in hassling defender

Wickens eventually won him the ball and he beat keeper McKenzie with a low drive into the corner of the net.

The second half was almost embarrassingly one-sided, with the all too familiar sight of Stones squandering chances. Flint hit the best of them straight at McKenzie from close in while substitute Steve Brown was unlucky with a blistering shot that Denton headed off the line.

But almost inevitably it was Yeading, not Stones, who scored the decider, Cordery putting Schwartz through to fire past the helpless Darren Williams in the 76th minute. It was a goal which ended Gane's dream - and Stones' season.

Wieldstone: Williams, Smart, Price, Risk, Morris, Harrison, Johnstone (Browne), Goyette, Westley, Flint (Kelly), Lynch. Other subs: Gbogidi, Wilkins, Tsitsis.

Borough make their point

Wokingham Town 1 Harrow Borough 1 BOROUGH fully deserved the point they gained at Finchampstead Road on Tuesday night, taking the game to League leaders Wokingham and making a mockery of the two teams' respective league positions, writes Tony Booth.

The visitors had two early chances with Eamon O'Connor having his shot held, and then Ray Duffy and Martin Gurney set up Billy Beggs whose 25 yard shot was tipped onto the post by Westwood, with Paul Barrowcliff following up to hit the rebound wide.

Wokingham rallied with Williamson shooting wide and Broome seeing his shot blocked by Oogood, but with neither side quite able to score of their own volition, it took a refereeing decision to break the deadlock in the 37th minute.

Duncan Hardy was adjudged to have fouled Broome,

a decision that was bitterly disputed both on and off the pitch, and Barnard's spot kick just eluded Osgood's dive to put Wokingham ahead.

To their credit, Borough overcame their disappointment and deservedly equalised in first half injury time. Duffy's persistence on the right saw a dangerous cross floated in and although Rogers could not finish it off, Barrowcliff returned the ball goalwards and Gurney slid it home from close range.

After the break the balance of play swung towards Wokingham but Borough defended well.

Borough's only clear opening saw Rogers head over from La Ronde's cross but they were more than happy with a point.

Harrow Borough: Osgood, Duffy, Tapley, Rogers, Priddle, O'Connor, La Ronde, Hardy, Gurney, Beggs, Barrowcliff. Subs: Hopson, Edwards.

Andrea books place in World Championships

PARKSIDE Athletic Club's Andrew Whitcombe won the Great Britain Junior World Cross Country Championships trials at Bellahouston Park, Glasgow, on Sunday.

Andrea started as the pre-race favourite for the race as the holder of the Senior Ladies National title and she turned out an easy winner over the 4,380 metres course.

She sat at the front of a pack of athletes for the small loop at the start of the race and then pushed on to open up a gap of 100 metres, finishing unchallenged to win by 19 seconds.

Alison Wyeth took a great third place in the senior ladies event with the first six athletes all finishing very close together.

Alison and Andrea will now represent Britain, and Parkside's Christine Kennedy will represent Ireland, in the World Cross Country Championships at Aix-les Bains, France in two weeks time.

Parkside's athletes competed in the Garland Trophy relays at Brunel University, Uxbridge, on Sunday and the senior team took first place with Helen Wilkinson taking the fastest leg.

The intermediate team took second place with Angela Cross taking the fastest leg. The girls team also finished second.

Kelly - no offers

WEALDSTONE have received no offers £10,000 striker Tony Kelly who was transferred last week after a bust up with manager Alan Gane.

County League joins pyramid

OBSERVER astrologer and Middlesex campaigner Russell Grant was celebrating another personal success story this week with the news that the Middlesex County Football League is to become part of the non-league pyramid next season.

Russell has been campaigning for almost two years to get the County League established as a feeder league and his efforts were finally rewarded following a successful conclusion to negotiations between Middlesex County FA officials, County League officials and officials of the Vauxhall League at the Hilton Hotel.

Agreement was reached which will see the County League feed into either the Greene King London Spartan League or the Dan Air Combined Counties League, depending on the geographical location of clubs involved whose promotion will be subject to their facilities being of the required standards.



BY JOHN COMFORT

The agreement will be sealed on April 27 when County League officials sign the charter to pyramid football.

Said an elated Russell Grant: "I'm absolutely delighted. When I first muted the idea I was laughed out of court, just as I was when I said I was going to take the Charity Cup Final to Wembley Stadium, but now they both happened.

"It's a quite attractive proposition and

an incentive for every club in Middlesex. In effect it means that clubs such as Harrow St Marys are just six seasons away from the Football League."

Russell now plans a pyramid of Middlesex clubs to feed into the County League, which will open up the way for clubs at the very grass roots of soccer in the county.

The County League's elevation in status could also be the carrot that will lure the likes of Kodak to their ranks from the westerly based Chiltonian League, or possibly even Rayners Lane from the Federated Homes League.

The Chiltonian has also been given pyramid status but with Kodak not in the Premier Division they are already a step down the ladder from where they would be if they were County League members.

Both the Chiltonian and the Federated Homes League feed up to the Beazer Homes League. Lane might feel that joining the County League and its consequent path to the Vauxhall League side of the pyramid would be in their long term interests.

It's a blank night for Kingsbury

Boreham Wood 3 Kingsbury Town 2

KINGSBURY were unlucky not to get a point on Tuesday in a good end to end game at Boreham Wood.

They had a Stuart Atkins goal disallowed for offside before going ahead in the 18th minute with a Peter Augustin penalty after a defender handled but Boreham Wood quickly equalised through Alan Hunter and in the 24th minute they went ahead when Bourne headed home out of keeper Fred Smart's hands as he went up for a high ball.

Kingsbury quickly levelled four minutes into the second half when Peter Halloran's free kick was headed down by Paul Shields for Chris Simpson to score with a blistering shot and they looked good enough for at least a point.

But in the 73rd minute Boreham Wood got their winner, substitute Mark Lincoln netting from Nnamak's cross.

Kingsbury Town: Smart, Kearns, Augustin, Findley, Shields, Halloran, Bhatia, Ray (White), Atkins, Marshall, Simpson. Sub: O'Rourke.

Harrow lead London to cities crown

HARROW School of Tae Kwon Do members pulled off a remarkable achievement on Saturday when they represented London and won the first European/United Kingdom Individual City Championships at Milton Keynes.

Harrow's victorious team took on tough opposition from Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Ireland and Greece in the championships, but easily came out on top, winning two individual gold medals and five bronze medals on the way.

Alex Edwin and Darren Calladine took the golds and there were bronze medals for Kevin Hicks, Mark Edwin, and Ossey Onuma.

The City Championships are ranked second only to the World Championships.

Wealdstone lose Westley

GRAHAM Westley's loan period at Wealdstone is up this week and with Kingstonian having injury problems, an extension has been ruled out and he is returning to the Surrey club.

However, Stones will be boosted for Saturday's home game with Worcester by the return of John Margerrison after suspension, together with Steve Browne and Paul Gbogidi, who are now over their recent injuries. All are expected to play, as is impressive new signing Robbie Eccles who is in the RAF.

Manager Alan Gane will be making substantial changes to his side as he looks to cure their infuriating habit of missing chances and conceding soft goals. "It's something we've got to put right, but we've got to put it right permanently," he said.

Colin Payne's shoulder injury kept him out of the Har-

row Borough team at Wokingham on Tuesday and now seems certain to undergo an operation to cure the problem. He will be an absentee when Borough face a tough task at Aylesbury United on Saturday.

Striker Stuart Atkins is cup tied and misses Kingsbury Town's much postponed AC Delco Cup quarter final clash at home to promotion favourites Working tonight (Thurs-

day), kick off 7.45pm. Gavin McPherson, who missed the defeat at Boreham Wood due to the after effects of being concussed against Chesham, could replace him.

Gary White, now fit after a lengthy injury spell, is also in line for a place in the side.

Wembley are away to big spending Chesham United on Saturday in their quest to avoid the drop. Defenders Fred Cumming (calf) and Paul

Janaway (gashed ankle) both have injury problems but should be fit to play.

Edgware look to stay on top of the Spartan League table when they take on lowly Amersham at the White Lion ground on Saturday but they will be without Lee Rider who sustained a knee injury playing Sunday football.

John Mangan could be fit after missing the win over Brook House with a hamstring injury and an ankle injury sustained by Jim Davey in that game is unlikely to deny him his place in the side.

After the good win against Moreton, Rayners Lane manager Don Durkin is not expected to make any changes when his side look for revenge on Saturday against Shortwood who beat them 3-1 away two weeks ago.

Lane defender Danny Mills has left the club to join Vauxhall League Finchley.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday March 15 AC Delco Cup quarter final: Kingsbury Town v Working (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.45pm). Saturday March 17 Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Worcester City (Lower Mead, 3pm). Vauxhall League Premier Division: Aylesbury Utd v Harrow Borough. Wednesday March 21 Vauxhall League Division One: Chesham Utd v Membury (Kingsbury Town v Purfleet (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm). Greene King Spartan League Premier Division: Edgware Town v Amersham (White Lion ground, 3pm). Federated Homes League: Rayners Lane v Shortwood (Lucas Avenue, 4pm). Tuesday March 20 Vauxhall League Division One: Wivenhoe Town v Kingsbury Town. Wednesday March 21 Vauxhall League Premier Division: Redbridge Forest v Harrow Borough (7.45pm).

How the locals stand in the latest league tables

Table with 4 columns: League Name, Division, and Player Statistics (P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts). Includes Beazer Homes League, Vauxhall League, and Greene King Spartan League.

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