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Steve's super hat-trick

Gillingham 2
Wealdstone 4

A SUPERB hat-trick from Steve Browne steered Stones to victory in this Capital League game on Tuesday, writes Graham Smith.

Wealdstone made a great start when Tony Kelly headed home a Tony Lynch cross after only four minutes but only the quick reactions of Alex Tsitsis prevented an equaliser when he smothered Beadles shot soon after.

Browne opened his account with a splendid 25 yard lobbed shot in the 23rd minute as Stones outclassed the opponents and two minutes from the break Browne slotted home a Craig Johnstone pass to make it 3-0.

Browne completed his hat-trick five minutes into the second half when he took a long pass from Neil Price and rounded keeper Wood before netting.

Gillingham reduced the arrears through Eeles midway through the half and Dunne scored their second with seven minutes remaining.

Wealdstone: Tsitsis, Watson, Price, Risk, Morris (Goyette), Johnstone, Browne, Gbogidi, Wilkins, Kelly, Lynch. Sub: Williams.

George joins Northwood

FORMER Harrow Borough physiotherapist George Price, who was released by the Earlsmead club last month, has joined Northwood, who are managed by ex-Borough reserve team boss Alan Merison.

Cup victory

GOALS from Robert Holland, Steve Fraser and Steve Mowle saw Harrow Borough Reserves to a 3-1 victory over Chalfont in their replayed Suburban League Cup tie.

Wembley on course for glamour tie

Wembley 3 Uxbridge 1

WEMBLEY lined up a Middlesex Charity Cup quarter final tie away to Finchley on April 10, with the winners set to meet Chelsea, following this comfortable win over Uxbridge on Tuesday - the third time they have beaten their rivals in five meetings this season, writes John Comfort.

Wembley opened the scoring in the 25th minute when Steve Graham wriggled his way into the area. His mishit shot wrong footed the Uxbridge defence and spun onto a post and Paul Bryan fired in the rebound.

Perry should have levelled four minutes later but chipped over after being put clear by White. But they finally equalised in the 35th minute, Hippolyte puttung Messitt in to shoot past Andy Smith after Wembley had failed to clear a corner.

Steve Sailsman was unlucky not to restore Wembley's lead before the break when his angled shot was cleared off the line.

After Nelson had failed to cash in on Larkin's poor back pass in the opening minutes of the second half, Wembley took the lead in the 51st minute when Graham put Bryan through to superbly chip over keeper Steele.

And in the 61st minute Gursel Gulfer sealed Wembley's place in the last eight when he scored from close range after Graham and Fred Cummings had helped on a Dereck Brown corner.

Substitute Sylvester Williams should have made the win more emphatic when Birch's miskick left him in the clear but with only Steele to beat he tamely miscued his shot straight at the keeper.

Wembley: Smith, H. Hutchinson, Cummings, Johns, Larkin, Graham, Sailsman, Brown, Bryan, B. Hutchinson, Gulfer (Williams). Sub: Simpson.

Gane rejects Browne bid

BY JOHN COMFORT

WEALDSTONE have rejected a substantial offer for talented midfielder Steve Browne from big spending Vauxhall League Division One club Chesham United who have set new highs in transfer deals this season.

Chesham boss John Clements was at Lower Mead earlier in the season to splash out a fat five figure fee to lure away defender Sean Norman, only three months after he had signed for Stones from Wycombe.

And Clements was back at Wealdstone on Saturday to watch their game against Worcester, intent an another big money buy.

Most thought that he was after transfer listed striker Tony Kelly, who cost Stones a club record £10,000 when he signed from Hayes at the start of the season. But in fact Browne was his target.

Said Wealdstone manager Alan Gane: "He made me an offer but I turned it down flat. I told him Steve Browne is not available - it's as simple as that."

Gane has a high regard for Browne and has no wish to part with a player who is an integral part of his squad.

The midfielder's quality was confirmed against Worcester. In his first full game since recovering from an injury that has sidelined him for the past six weeks he gave an immaculate performance and also scored in a 4-1 victory.

But while Browne stays put, Kelly's future could be decided this week. His availability has attracted an inquiry from Ted Hardy, boss of struggling GM Vauxhall Conference club Enfield.

Hardy was having Kelly watched in Stones' Capital League match at Gillingham on Tuesday and after performing well and scoring a goal, the striker will have done his chances of an early move considerable good.

Transfer listed defender Steve Tapley, who has been on loan with neighbours Harrow Borough for the past three weeks, returns to Lower Mead this week for talks with Alan Gane that could finalise his future.

Said Borough boss Tom McAlister: "They want him back but I know he wants to stay with us. I would dearly love to buy him but I can't at the moment. If he's still available I might try in the close season."

Andrew Haye wins cricket award

● Andrew Haye with the Wilf Slack award trophy.

WEMBLEY CC colt Andrew Haye was confirmed as one of the country's leading cricketing prospects last week when he won the prestigious Wilf Slack Award for the MCC Young Cricketer of the Year.

The award, named after the former Middlesex and England batsman who tragically died 18 months ago, is given to the country's most promising young cricketer selected from a list of nominations made by each county club.

Said Andrew, of Park View Road, Wembley: "It really was a complete surprise to get the award, but I'm very pleased about it."

17 year old Andrew began playing cricket four years ago and, after joining Wembley, soon earned a fine reputation as a pace bowler who could also bat.

He won a place in the Middlesex Colts team and for the past two years he has been attending nets at Lords where he has clearly made a big impression for on April 19 he has been selected to make his debut in the County 2nd XI in their match against England under-19s.

Physio wanted

WEMBLEY Football Club urgently require a qualified physio to take on first team duties at Vale Farm.

Anyone interested in the post should contact team manager Tony Waugh on 961-5791 for further details.

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Problems pile up for Boro'

HARROW Borough boss Tom McAlister will be counting up the walking wounded again on Saturday when he selects his side to face Bishops Stortford at Earlsmead.

He is hopeful that both Ian Rogers and Duncan Hardy will have recovered from the after effects of suffering concussion at Aylesbury but striker Martin Gurney is doubtful after sustaining a badly gashed shin in the same match.

McAlister's selection headache is further complicated by the loss of striker Steve Fraser, who has signed for former Borough boss Keith Chamberlin at Southall, while Steve Tapley has been recalled by Wealdstone after his loan spell and Andy Waddock has indicated that he might not want to play for the club again.

With long term injuries to Phil Dicker and Colin Payne adding to McAlister's problems, he is hoping to make several loan signings this week to help him out of his unhappy plight.

Paul Morris is suspended for one match and will miss **Wealdstone's** big clash against League front runners Bath City at Lower Mead on Saturday. Either Alan Risk, who missed the Worcester game through illness, or Steve Tapley will replace him.

Craig Johnstone is also added to Alan Gane's squad for the game, but Kevin Collins is still unfit with a groin injury.

Goalkeeper Jeff Fanner is out for two weeks with a broken finger sustained against Hampton and will miss Wembley's home match against bogey team Metropolitan Police on Saturday. Andy Smith again deputises.

John Walsh, who sustained a back injury at Chesham, will also be missing, but Paul Janaway, who is due to have stitches removed from a badly cut ankle during the week, is expected to be fit to play.

Kingsbury have no injury problems for their AC Delco Cup replay at Woking tonight (Thursday) but they will be without the cup tied Stuart Atkins.

Edgware face another struggle for Championship chasing Spartan League points when they take on Waltham Abbey at home on Saturday. John Mangan, who still has a slight hamstring injury, is likely to be fit but Lee Rider's knee injury will definitely rule him out.

Rayners Lane face a difficult fixture on Saturday away to **Swindon Athletic**, a team they have never beaten. Lane boss Don Durkin hopes to have Stuart Howard available for selection after recovering from a groin injury which has kept him out for the last four weeks.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday March 22
AC Delco Cup replay: Woking v Kingsbury Town (7.45pm).
Friendly: Wealdstone v Guernsey FA XI (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).
Saturday March 24
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Bath City (Lower Mead, 3pm).
Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Bishop's Stortford (Earlsmead, 3pm).
Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Met Police (Vale Farm, 3pm); Chalfont St Peter v Kingsbury Town.
Greene King Spartan League: Edgware v Waltham Abbey (White Lion ground, 3pm)
Federated Homes League: Swindon Athletic v Rayners Lane.
Tuesday March 27
Vauxhall League Division One: Kingsbury Town v Boreham Wood (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

No respite for Town

Wivenhoe 3
Kingsbury Town 0

LEAGUE leaders Wivenhoe gave Kingsbury no respite in their battle to avoid relegation on Tuesday night.

They took the lead after 10 minutes when Phil Coleman side footed home a Keith Bain cross and almost had a second when Smart turned a Gittins shot onto a post.

Kingsbury battled back and Dwight Marshall fell over the ball after working his way into the box and a minute later he fired over when well placed.

But a Gittins goal a minute from the break deflated Kingsbury and although they matched Wivenhoe in the second half their demise was finally confirmed when Bain scored the home side's third goal in the 89th minute.

Kingsbury: Smart, White, Augustin, Findley, Shields, Kearns, Halloran, Bhatia, Atkins, Marshall, Simpson. Subs: McPherson, Surridge.

How the locals stand in the latest league tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Dover	32	22	6	4	59	26	72
Bath	31	21	7	3	59	22	70
Dartford	31	20	8	3	59	23	68
Burton	34	15	10	9	52	38	55
Cambridge C	33	15	7	11	62	45	52
Gravesend	33	14	10	9	37	39	52
VS Rugby	31	14	9	8	36	25	51
Atherstone	33	14	9	10	49	44	51
Moor Green	35	15	6	14	54	53	51
Wealdstone	33	13	7	13	48	43	46
Bromsgrove	32	13	7	12	43	42	46
Worcester	34	12	7	15	53	55	43
Dorchester	31	12	6	13	40	56	42
Gloucester	30	11	7	12	55	49	40
Weymouth	30	10	8	12	40	36	38
Crawley	31	9	10	12	40	45	37
Waterlooville	33	9	7	17	46	66	34
Ashford	30	9	6	15	30	42	33
Chelmsford	32	8	9	15	40	52	33
Corby	32	7	5	20	35	54	26
Alvechurch	34	6	5	23	39	69	23
Gosport	33	5	4	24	24	72	19

VAUXHALL LEAGUE Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Slough	33	21	9	3	68	28	72
Wokingham	32	21	7	4	52	25	70
Aylesbury	31	19	7	5	66	22	64
Kingstonian	31	18	7	6	67	38	61
Dagenham	34	14	11	9	48	40	53
Leyton-W.	32	16	5	11	41	36	53
Grays Ath.	33	14	10	9	45	40	52
Carshalton	33	15	4	14	50	46	49
Hayes	33	13	9	11	51	45	48
Hendon	31	13	8	12	43	41	45
Windsor	33	10	13	10	40	33	43
St Albans	34	11	9	14	40	45	42
Basingstoke	31	11	8	12	37	44	41
Bishop St.	33	12	5	16	41	51	41
Redbridge F.	32	10	10	12	50	51	40
Staines	34	11	5	18	44	59	38
Marlow	32	9	9	14	31	43	36
Harrow Boro'	30	9	8	13	49	54	35
Egham	31	6	13	12	28	52	27
D.Judah H.	30	6	8	21	38	76	24
Barking	32	5	6	19	43	69	23
Bromley	32	3	10	19	24	59	19

VAUXHALL LEAGUE Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Wivenhoe	31	22	5	4	67	26	71
Dorking	32	18	11	3	55	19	65
Hitchin	32	17	12	3	49	18	63
Southwick	31	17	11	3	47	19	62
Woking	28	17	5	4	58	20	56
Walton & H.	33	16	8	9	53	37	56
Boreham W.	33	15	10	8	49	44	55
Chesham	33	13	9	11	37	36	48
Met Police	32	13	7	12	40	46	46
Worthing	32	13	6	13	45	47	45
Chalfont St P.	34	10	11	13	37	49	41
Whyteleafe	32	9	13	10	41	48	40
Tooting & M.	34	10	10	14	31	45	40
Harlow	32	9	10	13	39	45	37
Lewes	32	9	9	14	38	46	36
Uxbridge	32	8	8	16	38	54	32
Wembley	32	7	9	16	43	62	30
Croydon	30	5	13	12	34	42	28
Hampton	32	5	10	16	35	43	25
Kingsbury	31	5	8	17	34	62	23
Purfleet	34	5	6	23	27	63	21
Leatherhead	34	5	5	20	27	60	20

GREENE KING SPARTAN LEAGUE Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Edgware	30	21	5	4	77	29	68
Northwood	29	20	6	3	77	31	66
Cheshunt	27	17	5	5	67	31	56
Haringey	29	16	4	9	54	47	52
Barkingside	30	14	9	7	68	42	51
Southgate	28	13	10	5	49	35	49
Corinthian Cas.	25	14	6	5	57	30	48
Walth.Penn.	25	13	8	4	41	25	47
Waltham Abb.	29	12	7	10	51	49	43
Beckton	29	10	8	11	50	49	38
Hanwell Town	30	8	7	15	38	57	31
Brimsdown	29	7	8	14	35	43	29
Brook House	30	7	8	15	38	59	29
Wands & Nor.	27	6	7	14	38	49	25
North Greenford	29	6	7	16	38	55	25
Ethan	27	7	3	17	32	64	24
Beaconsfield	29	4	9	16	27	65	21
Thamesmead	29	5	6	18	35	67	21
Amersham	27	4	7	16	33	63	19

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