

SPORT



OUT — Gary Donnellan

England look to Tapley

HIGHLY rated Wealdstone full back Steve Tapley has been called into the England semi-professional squad.

Tapley, 22, was given the news as he prepared to make his Stones comeback after a three week lay-off with a knee injury.

The former Fulham defender has earned a reputation as one of the best full backs in the GM Vauxhall Conference since arriving at Lower Mead.

Ironically, he is one of several players rumoured to be unsettled at the club. But Tapley says: "I intend to stay with Wealdstone at

But Donnellan is third player to quit 'Stones

least until the end of the season. I will then review my position."

Meanwhile, winger Gary Donnellan has become the third player to leave Wealdstone since the arrival of new manager Colin Meldrum.

He quit on Saturday after being axed from the squad for the home match with Cheltenham.

Defender Steve Rutter, who walked out last week, has rejoined former Stones

manager Brian Hall at Yeovil Town.

"If player's hearts are not at the club then I would not try to stop them leaving," said Meldrum. "I want players who are prepared to battle for Wealdstone."

Meldrum has moved swiftly to bolster his depleted squad by signing former Wimbledon and Southend centre half Steve Hatter from Maldstone and striker Byron Walton from Wycombe Wanderers.



Steve Tapley

Hatter has been loaned at Lower Mead since Christmas. Walton, who has been kept out of the Wycombe side by Declan Link and Mark West, is the brother of Harrow Borough reserve keeper Stuart.

New deadline

DUE to a change in The Observer's production deadline, all sports copy must reach our office no later than first post on Tuesday.

Winners decided

THE FINAL winners of The Observer's Morris Mark awards scheme will be announced in next week's issue.

Up for grabs are the team and individual prizes for November and December 1986 and special overall awards for outstanding sporting achievement throughout the year.

County call

IN HER first year as an intermediate, Wembley's Carianne McIntosh has qualified to run for Midlands at the All England Schools cross country championships in Preston on March 28.

The Sheffisbury runner returned to action in style by winning the inaugural Confederation Life cross country event at Barnet Copthall.

Carianne shared the lead on the first lap but gradually pulled away to win the one and three quarter mile event by 100 metres.

Russell out

MIDFIELDER Russell Townsend has been released by Harrow Borough and now looks set to join Vauxhall Oval division one promotion chasers Leyton Wingates.

Coach trip

WEALDSTONE Supporters Club is running a coach to Saturday's game at Runcorn. It leaves Lower Mead at 10.30am. Tickets are £7 for adults and £5 for children and OAP's.

Called up

HARROW Borough foursome Kenny Page, Phil Disher, Stuart Walton and Paul Ripley are included in the Middlesex squad due to play a London FA XI this Saturday.

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Lions earn a point

WEMBLEY brushed I WEMBLEY slipped one place to seventh in the Vauxhall Opel Division One after drawing with fellow promotion chasers Brentford at Vale Farm on Tuesday.

But with games in hand on most of the leading pack, they are still nicely placed for the run-in.

Lions, missing the suspended Spud Murphy and Peter Rhodolinos, and injury victims Sylvester Williams, Charlie Flaherty and Don Lucas, went ahead a minute before the break.

Lance Gedegan burst through and hit his first shot against keeper Kevin Greenaway but reacted smartly to scoop home the rebound.

Colin Sturgees then became Brentford's hero and villain. He equalised from the penalty spot on the hour after Jenaway handled but was then sent off in the dying seconds for a vicious lunge at Tony Waugh.

In between, Emmon O'Connor hit the bar for Lions.

Wembley: Fanner, Kearns, S. Lucas, Bustin, Janssens, Smith, Simpson, Brown, West, Cadogan, O'Connor. Subs: Ward, Head (not used).

Double top for Adams

TWO goals from Mark Adams and another memorable strike from American import John Kerr kept Harrow Borough's astonishing revival going at Clarendon Road on Tuesday.



Winger Mark Adams, scorer of two of Boro's goals at Hendon on Tuesday.

This latest triumph hoisted Boro into fourth in the Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division and stretched their unbeaten sequence to nine matches *with Tony Booth*. Manager Keith Chamberlin, his target of a top three place now within reach, could hardly contain his delight.

"It was another fabulous display," he beamed. "We have all put a lot of hard work in over the past six weeks and at the moment we are reaping the rewards."

"Now we all have to do the difficult part and that is keeping the run going. Satur-

day's game against Worthing will be difficult but the only decision I have to make is whether to keep Matt Luddy and Tony Guard as subs or give them a run out in the reserves. I know what they want to do."

Boro could have found themselves a goal down at half time but instead went 2-0 up after snatching two goals in as many minutes.

Keeper Stuart MacKenzie, who turned in another near-flawless performance, somehow kept out a fiercely struck 35th minute penalty from Dermot Drummy, awarded for Ray Duffy's foul on Kiely.

And Hendon were made to pay dearly for failing to take the lead as Boro responded with goals in the 41st and 43rd minutes. Former Hendon winger

Mark Adams sidefooted home the first from a Holmes cross to quieten a home crowd which had abused him for much of the half.

Two minutes later Kerr, stood them completely when he hit the roof of the net from 25 yards after Bateman had set him up.

The second half was barely 30 seconds old when Adams claimed his second and Boro's third from a Kerr cross to kill the game dead.

Hendon did mount a belated fightback with Tate and Knapman hitting the crossbar and post respectively. But it was Boro who finished the stronger, as Kerr, Holmes and substitute Luddy all went close.

Harrow Borough: MacKenzie, Duffy, Johnson (Luddy), How, Bateman, Dill, Emmanott, Holmes, Kerr, Morris, Adams. Other subs: Guard (not used).

Pressure's on for 'Stones

WEALDSTONE face a tough test at Runcorn on Saturday as they bid to ease their relegation worries.

Manager Colin Meldrum hopes to choose from a full strength squad, with the exception of suspended defender Doug McClure. Steve Tapley should be fit.

In form Harrow Borough will be without

Colin Payne for the third match in a row as they bid to stretch their unbeaten run to ten matches at Earlsmead.

Second from bottom Worthing are the opponents and manager Keith Chamberlin has warned his men against being complacent.

Third placed Slough are the visitors to Earlsmead next Tuesday. Wembley travel to

Southwick without several suspended or injured regulars, while Kingsbury go to league leaders Leytonstone and Ilford.

Edgware, second in the London Spartan League, take on third placed Redhill at the White Lion ground.

Rayners Lane could be without the injured Steve Card at home to Morris Motors.

Davies on standby

WASPS look set to recall England duo Huw Davies and Rob Lozowski for Saturday's John Player Cup quarter final against Coventry.

Both men made their comebacks after injury in Sunday's win at Vale of Lune. "Coventry have made the most appearances in John Player Cup games," said Wasps skipper Dave Pegler. "It won't be an easy game."

The match kicks off at 2.30 pm at Repton Avenue. Wasps are at home the following day to Rushlip in the Mid-lex Cup semi-finals, also at 2.30.

Wasps Ladies brought their points tally for the season to almost 600 for and only 16 against with a 58-0 demolition of Oxford on Sunday.

Greg paves the way

KINGSBURY 2, Maidenhead 0 **KINGSBURY** leapfrogged over neighbours Wembley into sixth place in the Vauxhall Opel division one after a comfortable victory at the expense of Maidenhead on Tuesday.

They did so without Logan Lewis and Ian Bolton, who were both ruled out with flu.

Greg Zacharis put Town in front in the second half when he chested the ball down and fired a half volley into the roof of the net to cap a superb move.

And Bobby Hutchinson made it 2-0 soon after, tucking a low shot under the visiting keeper.

At the other end, struggling Maidenhead were restricted to only two chances.

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