

Kingsbury caught out

Walthamstow 2, Kingsbury 0
TWO GOALS in the last three minutes killed off Kingsbury's hopes of taking a point at Walthamstow on Tuesday.

"At half-time, I thought there was no way we could be beaten," admitted Town boss Terry Dyson. "But we got caught at the end."

Town had the better of the first half and some good chances, the best coming when Chris Simpson swung in a cross and Bobby Hutchinson was just inches away from making the decisive contact.

But with the game ambling towards a goalless draw, Town's naivety at the back was exposed and punished. A cross from the wing eluded the defence and a Walthamstow forward got to the ball first to poke it past Mick McDonough.

And with Terry Dyson's team throwing men forward to search for a last-gasp equaliser, the home side pushed up again to score a second.

Shodeinde doubles up

Wembley 2 Staines 0
STRIKER Peter Shodeinde's excellent early season form continued at Vale Farm on Tuesday as he bagged both goals in Wembley's win over Staines.

Shodeinde struck after Lions had spent the opening 45 minutes trying in vain to penetrate a five man Staines defence.

All too often their final pass went astray but there was no stopping them once they found their feet.

Lions went ahead in the 61st minute when Smith's excellent crossfield pass sent Brown away on the right.

He backed to the by-line and cut the ball back for Shodeinde to hook home from close range.

Staines promptly pulled off their sweeper in a bid to get back into the match.

But the move backfired, allowing Lions to settle the issue in the 77th minute. Sylvester Williams jinked his way through, swapped passes with Cadogan and his neat flick allowed Shodeinde to score with a low shot from the edge of the box.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, S. Lucas, Bhatia, Janaway, Smith, O'Connor, Brown, Shodeinde (D. Lucas 80), Cadogan, Williams.

Meldrum's injury dilemma

WEALDSTONE could face a struggle to field a full side for Saturday's game at Altrincham.

Midfielder Barry Lowe is definitely out with a twisted knee, and Dennis Byatt, Mike Perry and Gary King are all rated doubtful.

And manager Colin Meldrum is sweating on a possible suspension for centre-half Steve Hatter following his sending-off at Hendon before the start of the season.

The only good news for Meldrum is the return from sus-

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pension of Paul Bowgett.

Wingers Mark Adams and Matt Loddy both have hamstring strains and are out of the reckoning for **Harrow Borough's** first home game of the season against Croydon on Saturday.

Kingsbury Town travel to Lowestoft in the FA Cup preliminary round on Saturday, with their player problems continuing.

Greg Zacharia and George Costa are both still on holiday,

Stuart Atkins should be fit to return however, and Cecil Collins is also back after injury.

Rayners Lane make the trip to Swindon to face Supermarine Sports on Saturday.

Seamus Finnerty has definitely left **Edgware Town** to sign for Yeading and Wares will also be without three regular players for their FA Cup preliminary round trip to Banbury on Saturday.

'Our defensive display was scandalous'

Boro' take a battering

ARCH rivals Hendon plunged Harrow Borough into an early season crisis at Claremont Road on Tuesday night.

And, after watching his lack lustre side simply demolished by their neighbours, furious Boro boss Keith Chamberlin promised: "Changes will be made."

Chamberlin refused to hide behind excuses and put the blame for the disaster firmly on his team, with the notable exceptions of striker Richard Evans and keeper Stuart MacKenzie.

He said: "We got exactly what we deserved. Our defensive performance was scandalous and the players are not going to get away with it."

The full first team will be put out in a reserve game tonight and they will also be hauled in for extra training tomorrow night as punishment, he added.

And Chamberlin is expected to announce a vastly different side for Saturday's home clash with Croydon, which should include 21-year-old midfielder Peter Davy.

Hendon 5 Harrow Borough 1

Boro now face a battle to restore shattered confidence after this result. For make no mistake, they were well and truly beaten.

This was their heaviest league defeat in almost two years and Chamberlin's first in 12 years with Boro at Hendon.

The floodgates were wide open by the 11th minute, when Boro were already two down.

Hardy fired Hendon ahead and Keen added a second from the penalty spot before Boro clawed a goal back in the 28th minute.

Robbie Johnson's corner was headed on by Paul Morris and Richard Evans fired home his first goal in two games after his first headed attempt had rebounded off the crossbar.

But, as far as Boro were concerned, that was it. They went further behind on the hour when Duffy allowed Keen plenty of space in the box to hammer number three.

Evans, ploughing a lone furrow up front, thumped a shot against the crossbar after an astute through ball by Emmanuel.

But Hendon's tails were up and they completed Boro's misery ten minutes from time with a double strike.

Ian Dowie scored their fourth and Hardy grabbed his second of the night with a powerful header to leave Chamberlin's side in tatters.

Harrow Borough: MacKenzie, Payne (Tate), Johnson, How, Bateman, Dell, Emmanuel, Holmes, Evans, Morris, Duffy. Sub: White (not used).

ENGLAND star Stuart Pearce will be trying to attract more young fans to Wealdstone at Sunday's Harrow show.

The former Stones full back, now with Nottingham Forest, will

be at the Supporters Club stall in Headstone Manor park from 2pm.

He will be promoting the Junior Stones Club, which offers youngsters under 14 free admission to home GMVC matches.

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Stanmore still there

STANMORE are still in with a chance of finishing top of the Middlesex County League. They must beat Richmond on Saturday and hope that Finchley lose their final game to share the title with their rivals. See page 26.

Prior the destroyer



IF Stanmore are looking for new talent to replace their missing Middlesex men, they may soon be able to call on their third XI prodigy Jeremy Prior. He devastated the opposition at the weekend with a spectacular display of batting and bowling. See page 27.

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Stones draw home blank

GUTSY WEALDSTONE showed great courage to hang on for a point from their first home GM Vauxhall Conference game of the season, but manager Colin Meldrum knows that he must buy, and buy soon.

For Wealdstone simply are three or four quality players short of doing well, despite the skill they displayed in the first half of this match.

Both Steve Hatter and Gary King refused to leave the pitch after receiving injuries, and Barry Lowe hobbled on for 20 minutes before finally being replaced.

But Stones were in trouble from the start. Missing the injured Dennis Byatt and Mike Perry, and the suspended Paul Bowgett, they were forced to name 16-year-old triallist Gary King and reserve goalkeeper Andy Haxton as substitutes.

Even so, they gave as good as they got in the first half,

Wealdstone 0, Sutton United 0 — playing some neat, attractive football.

The energetic Byron Walton stretched to poke a shot just wide after 15 minutes, and Steve Hatter saw a header turned wide.

Then Cordice himself hit a rasping drive that grazed the crossbar from fully 30 yards.

Meanwhile, Alex Welsh endeared himself to the Wealdstone faithful with a string of brave, and often spectacular saves.

Stones suffered a further blow when Barry Lowe was replaced by King after suffering a twisted knee.

Sutton came close to scoring on numerous occasions as they pinned injury-ravaged Stones back in their half.

Wealdstone: Welsh, Pittaway, Dowe, Lowe, King, Hatter, Wainwright, McCarthy, Hirst, Cordice, Walton, O'Keefe. Sub: Haxton.



SPOT THE BALL — Stones' Robbie O'Keefe (no 11) takes a tumble, while team mate Byron Walton (right) tries to figure out where the ball has gone.

FIXTURES

Saturday August 29
 GM Vauxhall conference: Altrincham v Wealdstone.
 Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Croydon.
 FA Cup Preliminary Round: Banbury v Edgware Town; Lowestoft v Kingsbury Town.
 Hellenic League Premier Division: Supermarine Sports v Rayners Lane.

Monday August 31
 London Spartan League Premier Division: Pennant v Edgware Town (subject to FA Cup replay).
 Tuesday September 1
 Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division: Wokingham Town v Harrow Borough.
 Division One: Kingsbury Town v Oxford City (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30).