

# Evans has last word for Boro

HARROW BOROUGH put the memory of last week's debacle at Hendon behind them by notching up their first league win of the season at Earlsmead on Saturday.

Boro, humiliated 5-1 at Hendon four days before, made certain of victory with an 89th minute goal from Richard Evans, his fourth in three matches.

They had taken the lead in the 68th minute through new signing Colin Tate, with Croydon pulling a consolation goal back immediately after Evans late strike.

Manager Keith Chamberlin, who had threatened wholesale changes to his team, eventually made only one, bringing Tate in for midfielder Bobby Dell.

Boro created eight chances to Croydon's three in the first half but with both keepers in inspired form, neither side could make the breakthrough.

Croydon's keeper Dungey pulled off a marvellous stop from a Ray Duffy shot and at the other end

## Harrow Borough 2 Croydon 1

Boro's Stuart MacKenzie also excelled himself with a diving save to deny Blythe.

The deadlock was finally broken in spectacular fashion when debut maker Tate met Robbie Johnson's far post corner with an unstoppable volley.

Tate came close to doubling his tally straight from the restart but was denied by another fine save from Dungey.

And it was Evans who had the last word when he escaped his marker to head home Duffy's cross at the far post.

Boro were still celebrating when Croydon's Double beat MacKenzie — but by then victory was virtually assured.

**Harrow Borough:** MacKenzie, Payne, Johnson, How, Bateman, Tate, Emmanuel, Holmes, Evans, Morris, Duffy. **Subs:** Dicker, Watkins (not used).



● THE LATE SHOW — Richard Evans (second left) is congratulated by team mates after notching Boro's second goal.

● BORO reserves staged an incredible comeback from 3-0 down to beat Slough Reserves on Monday — by 7-4.

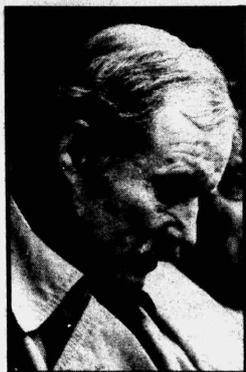
Andy Linsell (2), Peter Davey and Paul Ripley turned the deficit into 4-3 advantage, only for Slough to draw level before the break.

But another goal from Ripley and one each from Mark Watkins and Phil Dicker saw Boro to victory in the second half.

Mark Watkins and Paul Morris were on target the previous Wednesday as Boro beat Ruislip Manor reserves 2-0 at Earlsmead.

## Hard up Stones boss forced to name goalkeeper as substitute

# The thin blue line



● Colin Meldrum — staff shortage

WEALDSTONE'S desperate shortage of players will have to be remedied soon if the club is not to endure another long season of struggle.

That much was evident at Moss Lane on Saturday as depleted Stones were pipped by title hopes Altrincham in a desperately dull encounter.

Manager Colin Meldrum was so short of fit men that he was forced to name goalkeeper Andy Haxton as one of the substitutes for the second match running.

And even when he has all his men back from injury and suspension, one wonders if Stones have a squad strong enough to hold their own in the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Meldrum has been in an unenviable position since taking over at Lower Mead from Brian Hall last season.

## Altrincham 1 Wealdstone 0

Half the team have left since his arrival and, although he was promised cash to buy replacements, Meldrum has had to cobble together a side without splashing out any cash.

Yet ironically, there were clear signs at Moss Lane, and at Lower Mead the previous Tuesday, that given the resources, Meldrum could put together a useful team.

Losing 1-0 at Altrincham has never been a disgrace. Losing 1-0 with a badly weakened team is an achievement of sorts.

They began brightly and Neil Cordice, Stones' main threat throughout the afternoon, almost put them ahead in the tenth minute with a 20 yard drive that had Robins' keeper Butcher at full stretch.

From then on, however, it was downhill all the way as Altrincham took the match by the scruff of the neck.

Only the heroics of keeper Alex Welsh kept the home side at bay until the 43rd minute goal that was to prove decisive.

Midfielder Eddie Bishop was the architect, bravely winning a header in the Stones' box, leaving the unmarked John Timmons to sweep the ball home from close range.

Stones' only impact on the game after that was a booking for Paddy McCarthy.

After the break, Stones showed more purpose but let themselves down badly in front of goal.

And there were only eight minutes remaining when they created their only opportunity of the second half.

Substitute Peter Cotey, who had replaced Phil Jackson, burst through on the left and sent over a perfect centre to Don Cross.

But, with plenty of space and time, Cross blazed his shot wildly over.

**Wealdstone:** Welsh, Pittaway, Meadows, Cross, Bowget, Wainwright, McCarthy, Hirst, Jackson (Cotey), Cordice, Walton. **Other sub:** Haxton (not used).

# Best man missed by Wembley

Wembley 1 Lewes 1  
AFTER making a flying start to the new season, Wembley were brought back to earth by Lewes at Vale Farm on Saturday.

And one of the main reasons for their disappointing draw against ordinary opposition was the absence of striker Peter Shodeinde.

Shodeinde has netted four times in Lions' last two matches, but was at a wedding on Saturday.

With Don Lucas also ruled out by a shoulder injury, manager Alan Dafforn was forced to move Tony Waugh up front alongside Lance Cadogan.

Lions spurned a golden chance to go ahead just after the break when Eamonn O'Connor thumped a half volley against the angle of post and crossbar and Sylvester Williams fired the rebound onto the woodwork.

Cadogan, following up, then blazed the loose ball high over the bar from a good position.

Lions finally made the breakthrough in the 54th minute when Cadogan headed a Steve Lucas corner past Lewes' keeper Greenwood.

But their lead was short lived. In the 73rd minute winger Terry Parris floated a free kick, dubiously awarded for handball, to Ralph Cowan at the far post.

His initial header was blocked but he pounced on the loose ball to equalise.

**Wembley:** Fanner, Fishery, S Lucas, Bhatia, Janaway, Smith, O'Connor, Brown, Waugh, Cadogan, Williams. **Subs:** Murphy, Kearns (not used).

# Brian in a goal rush

Rayners Lane 1 Thame 1  
NEW signing Steve Brian brought his goal tally to four in three matches as Rayners Lane drew with Thame at Lucas Avenue last Wednesday.

The ex-RAF man snapped up an easy 55th-minute chance after the visiting 'keeper failed to gather a Steve Bocking shot.

He and Tony Verni both came close to stretching Lane's lead before Thame drew level in the 65th minute.

A free kick on the edge of the box floated over the Lane wall and beat 'keeper Peter Randall.

**Rayners Lane:** Randall, Wilbraham, Mills, Abell, Cockram, Verni, Ferguson, Meaney, Bocking, Brian, Colswill (Mitchell).

# Four star Edgware

Edgware 4 Corinthian Casuals 0  
A BRILLIANTLY taken hat trick by midfielder Kevin Charalombous set Edgware on their way to an emphatic win over Corinthian Casuals.

Laurence Murphy added a typically outrageous fourth to leave Wares boss Brian Rider purring: "That was a very good display, we have sat down and had a long talk about our attitude and it seems to be paying off."

Charalombous opened Wares account in the first half by beating two defenders and curling a shot around the visiting keeper.

He then fired home a close range shot after the break before Murphy linked his way past two opponents and coolly slotted home.

Charalombous put the icing on the cake late in the game with a beautifully struck shot from the edge of the box.

# Stuart comes home



FORMER Wealdstone full-back Stuart Pearce returned to Harrow to help recruit new supporters for his former club on Sunday.

Pearce, the 25-year-old Nottingham Forest and England defender, was at the Wealdstone Supporters' Club stall at the Harrow Show in Headstone Manor Park.

He drove down from the Midlands to promote the Junior Stones Club, which offers youngsters free admission to all home GMVC matches.

The former Brent Council worker, who was catapulted into the First Division when Coventry snapped him up from Wealdstone in 1983, has gone from strength to strength since making the big time.

Coventry later sold Pearce to Nottingham Forest for more than £200,000 and he is now club captain.

Pearce has also won two England caps and is now considered the number two to Arsenal's Kenny Sanson at left back.

"It's great to be able to represent your country," he said. "It was like a dream come true. You just never think it will happen to you."

He has enormous respect for his outspoken manager Brian Clough. "He's very tough and gets results," said Pearce.

Pearce spent three hours at Stones' stall and is pictured above with some of his young fans.

## Lowestoft 0 Kingsbury 1

Town 2-0 ahead in the first half but blasted shots straight at the home 'keeper after twice being put clear.

Goodison showed him how it should be done on the hour when he raced onto a Stuart Atkins pass, beat the 'keeper to the ball and rolled it into an empty net.

Lowestoft's only offering came from a first-half shot that hit the Kingsbury woodwork.

**Kingsbury:** McDonough, White, Silman, Barr, Fitzgerald, Coleman, Lewis, Grant, Simpson, Goodison, Atkins. **Subs:** Collins, Hill (not used).

# Great Goodison

PAUL GOODISON booked Kingsbury Town's passage to the first qualifying round of the FA Cup with a 60th-minute winner at Lowestoft on Saturday.

The preliminary round victory was Town's first for several years and earned them an away tie at Billericay Town.

"We defended well and put together one or two good moves," said Town boss Terry Dyson. "It was a long journey down there and it was nice to come away with a result."

Peter Grant could have put

# Banbury too hot

## Banbury 3, Edgware 0

SOUTHERN League Banbury dumped Edgware out of the FA Cup in a generally one-sided preliminary round encounter on Saturday.

A needless mistake by Kevin Charalombous allowed Banbury to take a first half lead and they sealed the tie with two further goals after the break.

But Wares boss Brian Rider was not too downhearted at his side's exit from the competition.

"You know you're not going to go too far in the FA Cup," he said.

"We are in six cup competitions this season so I was not unhappy to go out of this one."

He added: "My players felt they could have beaten Banbury. But I have to say that they looked a good well organised side."

Banbury, who had former Oxford striker Peter Foley in their line-up, made it 2-0 in the 47th minute from a free kick.

A slip by Roberts let the home side in for their third and final goal.