

# Sport

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## Luton turn out for Robin

LUTON Town's first team come to Lower Mead on Monday to play a testimonial match for Wealdstone's long serving midfielder Robin Wainwright.

Opposition for Luton will be provided by Stones' double winning side of 1985. The match kicks off at 7.30pm.

Included in the Wealdstone side will be striker Alan Cordice, along with guests Vince Jones, now with Wimbledon, and Stuart Pearce of Nottingham Forest and England.

Both are former players. Jones in fact was a member of the double winning squad but did not play in the FA Trophy final at Wembley.

## Soccer fixtures

- Saturday December 5**  
**GM Vauxhall Conference:** Wealdstone v Weymouth (Lower Mead, 3pm)  
**Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division:** Tooting & Mitcham v Harrow Borough.  
**Vauxhall Opel League Division One:** Boreham Wood v Wembley, Oxford City v Kingsbury Town.  
**Spartan League:** Edgware Town v Peniarth (White Lion Ground, 3pm).  
**Hellenic League:** Thame United v Rayners Lane.  
**Middlesex Cup:** Lucas CAV v Harrow St Marys.  
**Middlesex Premier Cup:** Harrow Borough Reserves v Eversheds (Earlsmead, 3pm)
- Monday December 7**  
**Robin Wainwright Testimonial:** Wealdstone 1985 double winners v Luton Town (Lower Mead, 7.30pm)
- Tuesday December 8**  
**Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division:** Harrow Borough v Kingstontian (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).  
**Vauxhall Opel League Division One:** Worthing v Kingsbury Town.  
**Middlesex Senior Cup Re-play:** Yeading v Wealdstone (to be confirmed).

## Stones get ground thumbs down from Barnet

WEALDSTONE'S back-up plan to ground share with Barnet next season has been scuppered by the Hertfordshire club's own Football League ambitions, writes Aaron Gransby.

And with the deadline for a move to Harrow Borough rapidly approaching, it looks increasingly likely that Wealdstone will have to stay at Lower Mead for one more year — at a cost of up to £100,000.

At a meeting of Barnet and Wealdstone directors after Saturday's GM Vauxhall Conference match between the clubs, Barnet effectively ended any Wealdstone hopes of a move to Underhill.

"Barnet have told us that if they get into the Football League at the end of the season, they will not be able to share with us," said Wealdstone vice-chairman Alan Clifton.

"It looks like a no-go situation anyway because we will probably not know whether they are going up or not until the final weeks of the season. That will be too late for us to make any arrangements."

Barnet was always Wealdstone's second choice for a sharing scheme, but as a move to Harrow-Borough has to be confirmed by the middle of next month, it was probably their last hope of being out of Lower Mead next season.

Borough have to register their own teams' entry in their respective leagues in January, and have warned Wealdstone that progress will have to be made quickly if the scheme is to go ahead.

"Time is rapidly running out and if we do not get an answer by the deadline, we would be in a situation where we would have to decline any approach from Wealdstone," said Borough's press director Steve Williams.

Wealdstone are closer to buying a site for their new stadium, but it is doubtful whether anything will be done before the January deadline.

Alan Clifton told last week's Annual General Meeting: "We are negotiating for three separate sites that are not too far away from here and have good transport links. We are close to achieving something."

Two weeks ago, Wealdstone strengthened their hand for selling Lower Mead with the purchase of the chest clinic next to the ground.

This means the expanded site will be more desirable to potential purchasers, still almost certain to be a major supermarket chain.

Wealdstone will not sell Lower Mead until they have found a site for the new stadium, and they

will not agree a ground-sharing move until they sell Lower Mead. But the consequences of this could be costly, as it almost certainly means another season at Lower Mead.

Last week Alan Clifton confirmed that improvements at the ground in the wake of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act would cost £100,000.

"We did a deal with the environmental health officer that allowed us to carry out the bare minimum of work at the cost of £22,000 this season. But, for the privilege of staying here we would have to spend the £100,000."

# Gane says 'no' to Wealdstone

By Aaron Gransby

WEALDSTONE hope to name their new manager early next week after being turned down by Staines boss Alan Gane last Thursday.

Gane, formerly in charge at Conference side Weymouth Wanderers, initially agreed to take the job after speaking to Wealdstone vice chairman Alan Clifton, but then changed his mind and decided to stay at Vauxhall-Opel League Staines Town.

Yet the previous evening, at Wealdstone's Annual General Meeting, Alan Clifton had been able to jubilantly tell club members that an appointment had been made and the new man would take up his post by Monday of this week.

Wealdstone secretary Peter Braxton said: "We felt he was the right man for the job, but he let us down. But we do have someone in mind and we hope to know one way or the other by early next week."

He stressed that the club will not be rushed into appointing the man who will become their third manager this season.

"We will not be panicked into appointing somebody. We have got to get it right this time because time is running out for us. Saturday's match with Weymouth will be the half-way point in the season for us.

"We are hoping to get someone who will be good for the club and are looking to make the right appointment this time. That is why we haven't just appointed the first person we have had an application from."

Alan Clifton confirmed at last week's AGM that he was looking very carefully for his new man.

"We have not advertised the post because last time we did that we mostly had applications from people not qualified for the job. This time we are going head-hunting and are sure we will get our man."

Until a new manager is appointed, Wealdstone's physiotherapist Arnie Reed is in charge of the team, with defender Mick Pittaway as coach. Reed has confirmed that moves are in progress to bring new players to the club in the week Stones hit rock bottom of the GM Vauxhall Conference.



Arnie Reed — in charge until new boss is found.

## Tate comes in from the cold

COLIN Tate has ended his two months suspension for being sent off at Leyton Wingate and is in contention for a place in the Harrow Borough line up at Tooting on Saturday.

Borough came through their Middlesex Cup tie at Harefield with no injury problems to add to that of Steve Scott who will be out for at least another two weeks.

"It will be a difficult game," said Borough boss Keith Chamberlin "but we'll be hoping to continue our good run. Borough are now unbeaten in their last nine games."

On Tuesday Borough have a home league match with Kingstontian.

Steve Hatter and Mick Ferguson are both doubtful with pulled hamstrings for Wealdstone's home GM Vauxhall Conference match with Weymouth.

Weymouth are currently fifth in the league with games in hand on all the clubs above them and have conceded just six goals in their 16 games. Wealdstone caretaker manager Arnie Reed hopes to have both Francisco Rivero and Barry Lowe available.

Stones' Middlesex Senior Cup replay at Yeading is likely to be on Tuesday but this date has yet to be confirmed.

Wealdstone have three doubts for their trip to Borehamwood. Jeff Fanner (back), Paul Janaway (knee) and Steve Lucas (hamstring) are all doubtful. Steve Sailsman has returned to the club from Hayes and may be considered for a place.

Kingsbury Town boss Terry Dyson hopes to have Chris Simpson and Mark White available for selection at Oxford City after both had run-outs in the reserves last week. On Tuesday Town journey to the south coast to face Worthing.

Tony Verme should be fit for Rayners Lane's Hellenic League visit to Thame United, while Edgware Town entertain Pennant in the Spartan League.

## Own goal puts Borough through

**Harefield United 0 Harrow Borough 1**

BORO' and Harefield produced an instant cure for insomnia on Tuesday night in a Middlesex Cup tie that was as dull and dreary as the prevailing conditions, writes John Bromford.

That the outcome was settled by an own goal was singularly appropriate for neither side appeared capable of producing even a modicum of football, never mind a goal-worthy chance.

True, Harefield's cow meadow pitch was no encouragement but the punters deserved far more for their money than this drab offering.

The first half was particularly dismal and over half an hour was passed before either side got sight of goal. Then Mark Adams and Richard Evans combined to set up Lawrence Holmes for a shot which keeper Turnbull dived low to keep out.

As half time approached a goal was the last thing that appeared likely but in the 40th minute Borough found the net — courtesy of the home side.

Adams found space in the box and fired in a low shot which was blocked. Paul Morris latched onto the rebound and although Turnbull had his effort covered, the ball

deflected off defender Gary Downes and found the net for the goal which gives Borough an away tie with either Wealdstone or Yeading in the next round.

The second half was almost as scrappy as the first, though Borough did manage a few scoring opportunities.

Commented Borough boss Keith Chamberlin "We came here to do a job and we did it." Yes Keith, but only just.

Harrow Borough: MacKenzie, Payne, Johnson, How, Bateman, Duffy, Emmanuel, Holmes, Evans, Morris, Adams. Subs: Loddy, Ripley.

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## Cadogan hits late winner

**Wembley 3, Brimsdown Rovers 2**

LANCE Cadogan shot Wembley through to the second round of the Middlesex Senior Cup with just five minutes remaining on Tuesday.

Despite having the better of the game, cuts holders Wembley had to come from behind to beat the Spartan League side with two second half goals.

Cadogan set up Peter Shoedeinde to open the scoring in the 4th minute, but Brimsdown fought back with two goals from Dave Wills and Nigel Japal before the break.

Paul Bhatia hit the bar with a header and then got on the end of an Adrian Smith cross to score at the back post. Then with five minutes to go, Cadogan turned smartly inside the



Lance Cadogan — hit Wembley's winner.

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