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Relegation is looming large

Wealdstone 1 Bath City 1
WEALDSTONE'S last realistic hopes of avoiding relegation disappeared on Tuesday night, despite a last-minute Alan Cordice goal, writes Aaron Gransby.
Tony Jennings' side dominated the game. Dennis Byatt hit the bar from a free kick, Tom English glanced a header just wide and Tony Lynch

had a shot stopped on the line before Bath took a surprise lead.
Ricky Chandler retrieved a deep corner to cross for Gary Fulbrook to mis-hit a shot home in the 36th minute.
The second half was all Wealdstone. English saw a header nodded off the line, Byatt had a free kick knocked wide and countless goalmouth

scrambles saw Bath clear their lines. But with Bath fighting for their Conference lives with a packed defence, Wealdstone finally gave the 830 crowd something to sing about.
Tony Lynch crossed from the right in injury time, Bath keeper Len Bond punched away but Alan Cordice smashed the ball joyfully home from 16 yards to claim a deserved equaliser.

Sponsorship agreement sealed Borough sign £20,000 deal

HARROW Borough Football Club has signed a one year advertising sponsorship deal agreement worth £20,000 with Sherman Construction Limited of Keston, Kent.

Sherman Construction Limited are project managers in the very competitive world of the construction industry and have successfully participated in many multi-million pound contracts in the City of London and abroad.

The company's chairman and managing director is Gary Sherman, a Londoner in his early 30's, married

and keenly interested in football, squash, flying and the overall improvement of Harrow Borough.

The company's name will feature prominently as the official club sponsor on advertisements around the Earlsmead ground, within the clubhouse and additionally will be worn on all club playing equipment.

Harrow Borough chairman Eric May said he was "delighted" with the sponsorship deal.

"The agreement will prove beneficial to the club in helping to further

promote its many and varied sporting and social aspects," he said.

"This is a most positive form of advertising/sponsorship and both parties have pledged their full support to achieve the highest objectives."

It is hopefully anticipated that the agreement will create business contacts not only within the Borough membership but also with other Vauxhall Opel League clubs and the numerous senior league clubs that Borough meet during various cup competitions.

Wembley lose County final



A MOMENT of joy for Wembley in their Middlesex Senior Cup Final against Staines at Wealdstone on Monday as Adrian Smith (centre) is congratulated on scoring by Dereck Brown (right) and Charlie Flaherty.

But there was no happy ending for the Lions. They were beaten 2-1 after extra time and lost their grip on the trophy they won last season.

Full match report and more pictures, pages 50 and 51.

Stones to stay at Lower Mead

WEALDSTONE are resigned to spending another season at their dilapidated Lower Mead stadium.

The announcement, made by club secretary Peter Braxton, brings an official end to all negotiations on ground-sharing with neighbours Harrow Borough.

Wealdstone had hoped to spend a season at Earlsmead while their new ground was built. But they still have not been able to acquire a new site for the ground.

Peter Braxton said: "The aim is still to re-locate as soon as we can, but due to circumstances beyond our control, we will be at Lower Mead again next season."

Both Harrow Borough and the GM Vauxhall Conference have been informed that any ground-sharing scheme has been delayed for at least another season.

Work will now be carried out on the pitch at Lower Mead to make sure it can stand up to another full season of punishment.

"We have a lot of work to do on the pitch now that we are staying here another season," said Peter Braxton.

"We have a drainage problem and it needs re-seeding as well. Because of that the final date for use of the pitch will be May 15 this season."

Acting chairman Alan Clifton said Wealdstone have not given up the search for a new site to build their ground on.

"I have been pursuing a couple of sites recently and I will be getting in touch with the Inner London Education Authority to express our interest in the Prince Edward playing field again," he confirmed.

Morritt demands his cash



David Morrirt — wants back the cash owed to him by Wealdstone.

OUSTED Wealdstone chairman David Morrirt this week demanded immediate repayment of money he loaned the club during his controversial seven-year reign.

The millionaire property developer contacted chairman-elect Alan Clifton to ask him to pay £200,600 — 50 per cent of the loan.

He has also withdrawn his guarantee from Wealdstone's bank overdraft and is set to do the same with a brewery loan of £115,000.

Mr Clifton said, "I have been expecting this to happen and am fully prepared to meet all financial demands he may make on the club."

But fears that David Morrirt would be able to stop the election of his former deputy as chairman have been squashed.

And Mr Clifton is now set to realise his dream and officially take over as Wealdstone chairman on Tuesday May 3.



BY AARON GRANSBY

A minute has been found that was passed during a board meeting when David Martie was chairman between 1974 and 1979.

It requires all directors to give up all but one voting share when they leave the board.

It had been feared that Mr Morrirt, with his 100 shares, would still be able to control the club's affairs.

But when his resignation becomes effective on April 28, 99 of his shares will become worthless and he will have to return them to Wealdstone.

Mr Clifton said he will be negotiating with Mr Morrirt and the club's other former directors, Michael Macario, Frances Morrirt and David Clarke, for the return of their shares.

The meeting to elect a new chairman and board will take place on May 3. Mr Clifton already has potential new directors in mind.

He will put forward people he believes should become directors of the club and ask the shareholders to vote for them.

"I don't envisage having more than five or six directors in total, and I do have people in mind," he said.

"There will be a couple of people with professional business experience, because that is vital in the running of a football club. But they will be interested in football," he promised.

The other appointments are expected to come from within the club. They will provide specialist football knowledge that has been missing from the Wealdstone board during David Morrirt's chairmanship.

Those eligible to vote at the meeting will be holders of "A" shares in Wealdstone Football Club Ltd. No new shares will be issued before the meeting.

Keepers sign on

WEALDSTONE boss Tony Jennings has signed two goalkeepers as cover for Alex Welsh until the end of the season.

They are Kevin Foster,

Chelmsford's reserve keeper, and veteran Willie Carrick, now playing in the Essex Senior League, who was with Jennings at Enfield.

Earlsmead derby clash

HARROW Borough entertain local rivals Hayes on Saturday, looking to continue their improved recent form which has seen them secure their Vauxhall-Opel Premier Division status.

A good game is in prospect as Hayes still have an outside chance of the league title.

Wealdstone are without a game and hope the extra time off will allow injuries to Everaldo La Ronde and Samson Olaleye, who is still recovering from a stress fracture and being used sparingly, to clear up.

Wembley have three away matches in under a week. Tonight (Thursday) they face Oxford City, on Saturday they visit Worthing and then go to Hampton on Tuesday. Kingsbury visit Boreham Wood on Saturday, still

without the injured Bobby Hutchinson.

Edgware Town's title challenge at the top of the Spartan League faces a crucial test this week.

On Saturday they entertain Waltham Abbey, who are battling hard to avoid relegation, and on Wednesday they are at home to Southgate.

Midfielder Stuart Baldwin is likely to miss both games.

Rayners Lane will be without Alan Williams for their crucial relegation return at Hereford United's ground against Pegasus

Soccer fixtures

Thursday April 7
Vauxhall-Opel League Division One: Oxford City v Wembley.

Saturday April 9
Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Hayes (Earlsmead, 3pm).
Vauxhall-Opel League Division One: Boreham Wood v Kingsbury Town; Worthing v Wembley.
Spartan League: Edgware Town v Waltham Abbey (White Lion Ground, 3pm).

Hellenic League: Pegasus Juniors v Rayners Lane.
Suburban League: Camberley v Harrow Boro' Res.

Tuesday April 12
Vauxhall-Opel League Division One: Hampton v Wembley.

Wednesday April 13
Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Wokingham Town (Earlsmead, 3pm).
Spartan League: Edgware Town v Southgate Athletic.

Merison to quit Borough

HARROW Borough Reserve team manager Alan Merison is to quit the Earlsmead club at the end of this season to take over as boss of Spartan League Northwood FC.

Merison, was Northwood's captain during their Middlesex League days

His departure means that Borough are seeking a new reserve team boss and anyone interested in the post should apply in writing to the club's first team manager Keith Chamberlain at 4, Shelleys Avenue, Greenford, Middlesex.

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