

Observer SPORT

Borough take five

HARROW Borough had five players in the Vauxhall Opel League representative side which played the Dan Air Combined Counties League at Leatherhead FC on Thursday.

The match was the final of the Vauxhall Opel League Feeder Leagues competition, with the Vauxhall Opel League winning 2-1. Borough's representatives were

skipper Steve Bateman and Mark Adams, along with substitutes Lawrence Holmes, Stuart MacKenzie and Steve Scott.

To complete Borough's representation, the team was managed by Borough boss Keith Chamberlin with his assistant Alan Randall as coach and George Price as physio.

Wembley on the way to Wembley

WEMBLEY'S pride of Lions are Wembley stadium bound!

A stunning performance by the brave Vauxhall Opel League first division underdogs at Griffin Park on Thursday night saw Brentford dumped on their Barclays League backsides and the Lions roaring towards the glory of a dream appearance at Wembley Stadium in the final of the Russell Grant Middlesex Charity Cup on June 2.

Wembley's sensational 2-1 semi final success against a Brentford side which included eight players with first team experience, and four of them first team regulars, was magnificently achieved after they had cruelly gone a goal down in the very first minute of the match.

But their character shone brightly through and they fought back superbly to equalise through Sylvester Williams and win with a goal from Lance Cadogan.

Wembley's boss Tony Waugh could hardly have envisaged he would be leading his side out onto the hallowed turf when he was handed the managerial reins at Vale Farm two months ago and this



BY JOHN COMFORT

amazing result by his side, which turned a dream into reality, left him dazed.

"I still can't believe it, it was amazing," said the popular Waugh who, but for sustaining a broken leg midway through the season which brought a premature end to his career, could well have been playing in the Charity Cup Final himself instead of directing operations from the bench.

"It was a good match and obviously I was very pleased with the result but after they got that early goal I thought it was going to be a big scoring game.

"But then we got back into it and after scoring our goals it was back to the wall. I thought the final whistle was never going to come."

Waugh was full of praise for his 11 Wembley heroes who have taken the club to a historic appearance at a venue they have never before performed in, despite

having lived beneath the shadows of those famous twin towers since the club was formed 42 years ago.

"They all gave me 100 per cent and more and played well above themselves," he said.

With the tough part of getting to the final completed, Waugh is now savouring the prospect of that Wembley date when the opposition will be provided by Hendon — a club that has tasted success at the Stadium in the old FA Amateur Cup Final.

"It's going to be a bit of history for us and we're going to make it a day to remember," he said.

"I think we've got a fair chance. We're certainly not going there to make up the numbers."

With their league programme finished, Wembley have a lengthy four weeks of competitive inactivity to face before the final but Waugh intends to keep his squad in trim with regular training sessions before the big day.

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● Sylvester Williams — equalised



● Lance Cadogan — match winner

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Edgware triumph

Brimdown 0, Edgware 1

EDGWARE secured the first part of a possible trophy double at Pennant FC on Monday when they won the Spartan League Cup — the club's first major success for 41 years.

The final was not a classic with the strong wind blowing the length of the pitch hardly helping matters.

Edgware faced it in the first half and although Brimdown played some good football, they never gave Wares any real cause for concern.

The pattern remained the same after the break but with 68 minutes gone Edgware finally broke the deadlock when Martin Kidd's corner swung in on the wind and with John Mangan challenging, the Brimdown keeper could only help the ball into the net.

Edgware began to get on top after that but wanted another goal to give them a safety cushion. Ron Tully might have got it when he beat three defenders and made space but his fierce shot for the corner of the net drew a tremendous save from the keeper.

However, Wares' slender advantage proved enough to take the cup and victory in their final league game at Beckton on Saturday week will give them a double triumph.

Edgware: Whelan, Smith, Dennis, R Mangan, Allen, Charalambous, Walsh, J Mangan, Kidd, Tully, Rider, Subs: Buckner, Cook.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday May 5	
GM Vauxhall Conference: Wealdstone v Maidstone Ud (Lower Mead, 7.30pm)	
Saturday May 7	
Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Shortwood (Lucas Av. 10e, 3pm)	
Friendly: Edgware v Kingsbury Town (White Lion Ground, 3pm)	
Suburban League: Harrow Borough Res. v Wembley Res. (Earlsmead, 11am)	
Wednesday May 11	
Hellenic League: Morris Motors v Rayners Lane.	

Many happy returns for Spud



● Spud Murphy

THURSDAY was the night a dream came true for Brentford reject made good Spud Murphy.

At 32, and more than twice the age of Brentford's rookie goalkeeper, Murphy returned to Griffin Park where he spent three years as a junior player, and showed the professionals how football should be played.

The full-time painter and part-time footballer led Wembley out on to the Brentford pitch as underdogs and they

By **Sally Newman**

danced off heroes, next stop Wembley stadium.

They fulfilled their radio two documentary dreams, of Wembley to Wembley in fine style, and put the experienced third division players in Brentford's side to shame.

After visiting Wembley as a painter and guest radio commentator with Bryan Butler, Murphy has now staked

his claim to a peg in the dressing room.

Carefully weighing up his verdict on his triumphant, conquering return to Griffin Park, Murphy finally conceded: "It was a little bit special."

Wembley made the journey to Brentford in a deluxe coach, and in their eagerness arrived two hours early. More than enough time for Murphy to look back on his teenage days as a hopeful junior, dreaming of stardom and professional football with the Bees.

"This was like Wembley for

us" he said. "Even if we had lost, playing here would have made our day."

Generous in victory he said: "They were like babies, you felt you could run all over them. They could have fielded a stronger side and should have done. They must have been under a lot of pressure no."

A crowd of nearly 800 watched Thursday's victory. Hopefully a considerably larger one will be cheering on what will after all, be the 'home side' on June 2.

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Stones' new regime aim for a quick return

A NEW regime was installed at Wealdstone on Tuesday with the declared aim to bring the club back to the GM Vauxhall Conference at the first attempt.

At an extraordinary general meeting, Alan Clifton officially took over as the new chairman, in place of David Morrill, backed by a unanimous vote of shareholders and members.

His new board of directors is made up of four club men, who have a combined total service of some 96 years to Wealdstone. Company secretary Toby Jackson, club secretary Peter Braxton, Vice Presidents' chairman Eric Fletcher and Supporters Club secretary Nick DuGard were all elected as directors until the next AGM later this year.

And the new board has high hopes for the future of the club, which has just gone through its most traumatic season ever, with two chairmen, three managers, an aborted takeover attempt of Watford and relegation from non-league's top flight.

Alan Clifton declared: "We are looking to get this club back into the Vauxhall Conference at the first attempt and I think we are in for a fantastic season next season."

He also re-affirmed his intention to move the club into a new ground within the next two years and revealed plans for the sporting complex he wants to see.

"We must move from Lower Mead. It is a simple question of Wealdstone existing three or four miles from here, or not

By **Aaron Granby**

existing at all. Our site is worth around £7 million, which will finance our move and leave us with money to run the club.

"I would like to see initially a stadium to hold 10,000 people, with a stand on one side and covered accommodation on all four sides. Personally, I would also like to see an artificial pitch. But should we do a Wimbledon we will not lose out, because the foundations we build will be strong enough to allow for extra building.

"Football in this day and age does not make money, so we would have to construct a mini-leisure centre to pay for the football. I would also like to see a sports injury clinic, a keep fit centre and gymnasium and a creche for young children. I want to try and develop a real family atmosphere at Wealdstone."

Mr Clifton also revealed that the battle to buy Lower Mead for development is hotting up. "We have nine multinational companies biting at the leash to buy this ground for a superstore development. We will look to sell to the highest bidder to maximise our asset as soon as we have secured a new site."

Mr Clifton is personally financing the club until it is able to move. He said he has already put in £55,000 to pay off outstanding bills, and has £1 million available to pay off total debts which are now around £700,000.

FRED PERRY ● PETER STORM ● BEN SHER

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- BACKPACKS
- SCHOOL BAGS
- THERMOSOCKS
- VESTS AND
- PAINTS
- TROUSERS
- WYVOR LEATHERS
- LOCK LEATHERS
- WATER BOTTLES
- WORKING SHIRTS
- TROUSERS
- SLEEPING
- SUITS
- BAGS
- SCHOOL BAGS
- THERMO SOCKS
- VESTS AND
- PAINTS
- TROUSERS
- COMBAT

- JEANS
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