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Simon taking fast route to the top

staying in contention for the £500 first prize.

He has pulled up to 10th place in the MCA after a disastrous start.

In the first round at Snetterton, where he holds the lap record, Westwood crashed unhurt. He had been the favourite to win the opening round.

Engine trouble at Carnaby, in North Yorkshire, saw him drop out of the points again. But his first meeting at Brands Hatch saw a marked improvement with 10th place followed by sixth at Cadwell Park and seventh at Mallory Park.

With rounds at each of those tracks still remaining, Westwood is hoping to continue his march up the table.

The London Suzuki Centre are Westwood's main backers this year, with former Grand Prix rider Derek Loan on

hand to give expert advice.

He is also receiving support from Shells Oils, T and L Gage (Transport), NGK Sparkplugs (UK) Ltd and Harpowa, while Paul Grubb, of Hayes, tuned his engine.

From club level competition, Westwood hopes to move on to national level next year — if he can get the sponsorship.

"The machines and running costs at that level are so great it would be way above my own limit, even with the help I am receiving this year," he said.

He is also contemplating the televised Superstock Championship or the 250 open class British Championship.

And if all goes well in 1987 he is looking to move on to the European Championships in 1988, followed by Grand Prix meetings.



IN THE FAST LANE: Pinner motorcycle racer Simon Westwood.

Tennis contest for boys

WEMBLEY Tennis Club is holding a boys' under-16 open singles tournament on August 29 and 30.

The tournament, sponsored by the Banca Popolare di Nocera, will be run on a group system with the later stages run as a knockout. There will also be a plate competition, if time and conditions allow.

It is open to all boys who are under 16 on September 1, 1986, who either play or live in Brent.

The entry fee is £1.50 per player and entries close on Saturday, August 23.

For further details and entry forms contact Mr J Roberts, 11 Stanley Park Drive, Wembley, Middlesex; tel. 902 5272.

County call up

BESSBOROUGH'S Mark Ramprakash has been named in the Middlesex side for next week's Esso Oxford and Cambridge U19 Cricket Festivals.

Twenty-eight counties will be taking part in the Festivals which have been organised by the National Association of Young Cricketers. They will run from August 11 to August 16.

The matches will be played on a 54 overs per side basis with the final being held at Fenners, Cambridge.

This is the first year that the Festivals, first played in 1973, have been sponsored by Esso.

A windy victory

THE strong windy conditions were against any fast times in the 800m at the Cophall Stadium on Saturday at the George French and Atlanta Trophy meeting.

But Barnet Cophall Ladies' Carriane Macintosh put in a spirited last lap to win easily in 2 min 24 sec, without any opposition close enough to challenge her.

Duncan delighted

SIX-year-old Pinner tennis player Duncan Willitts (below) has been invited to join the Middlesex squad.

Duncan, of Rosecroft Walk, who is coached at Ruslip by John Clegg, first became interested in the sport at a holiday centre last year.



Borough find it so easy

HARROW Borough coasted to an easy 2-0 win at Hellenic League Thame United on Saturday. Their victory was easier than the scoreline suggested, with Kenny Lavender rarely tested as Boro dominated the match.

Lawrence Holmes opened his account for the season in the 25th minute when he ran through to beat the home keeper and then both Mark Adams and Paul Dawson went close to increasing the lead.

Adams was withdrawn at half time with a recurrence of a thigh strain and was replaced by Steve Emmanuel, who had been due to be rested.

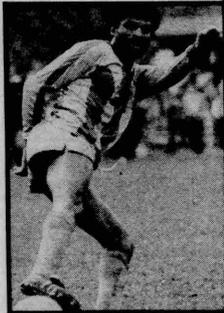
It was Emmanuel who set Paul Morris up for Boro's second after 55 minutes, the tall midfielder netting with a fine shot.

The remainder of the game saw the Thame goal have some remarkable escapes but Boro were happy with the work out against lower opposition to consolidate their pattern of play.

Borough: Lavender, Duffy, Bateson, How, Payne, Davron, Townsend, Dell, Morris, Adams (Emmanuel, Holmes).

Worry for Wealdstone as future of Cordice hangs in the balance

ALAN Cordice's soccer career may be over. The Wealdstone striker has yet to decide whether to return to Lower Mead for another season — and manager Brian Hall is not pushing him for a decision.



Alan Cordice — future in doubt.

Cordice, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, is not sure if he will survive another season in the top flight of non-League football, particularly with the sort of treatment he receives from opponents.

"It looks doubtful that he will return to football," said Hall. "He can get over his knee injury but he is not getting any younger and competition will be very fierce in our league this season."

"I have left everything to him for the moment. It is up to him to decide what to do."

If Cordice does decide to play on, he will be appearing at Lower Mead.

He does not want to drop down to a lower level of football and Wealdstone have retained

his registration and will demand a fee if he wants a move.

Striker Andy Graham has left Lower Mead, and is reported to have joined Wycombe, while defender Chris Seagraves has also signed for the Vauxhall-Opel Premier side.

Steve McCargo has returned to America but the rest of last season's Wealdstone squad have all re-signed.

Hall has made only three new signings so far, but says there could be some more new faces once the season gets underway.

He fought off Barnet and Enfield to secure the signature of Doug McClure, who was on loan at Lower Mead last term.

Centre back Steve Rutter has joined Wealdstone from Wellesborough and midfielder Andy Wallace has been signed

from Kingstonian.

"I do not want to be like other managers and be overstocked with players at the beginning of the season," said Hall.

"I want to have an efficient number for the start of the season. We will be starting off with what we have got now, but that does not mean we will not be making any more signings."

"I want to see how things go before deciding whether to bring anyone else in."

Hall has already got one major injury problem. Keith Tonge picked up what could be cartilage trouble in a five-a-side tournament at Luton on Saturday and was due to have the injury looked at this week.

"Everyone else is on song and looking very fit," said Hall.

Whitehead leaves Wembley but Dafforn adds new faces

FULL back Ian Whitehead has left Wembley to join Southern League Dunstable Town.

He is the only departure from Alan Dafforn's first team squad at Vale Farm. The rest have all re-signed, Steve Lucas has returned after a spell abroad, while among the new faces are former Harrow Borough goalkeeper Jeff Fanner and former Boro midfielder Charlie Flaherty.

Also back at Vale Farm is John Ward, the former Wembley full back, who is to

team up with Fred Smart to run the reserve side.

Wembley continued their pre-season matches with a 2-0 victory over Eastern Counties League side Wisbech at Vale Farm, on Saturday.

Paul Bhatia put the Lions ahead from the penalty spot in the 26th minute, after he had been hauled down, and Bryan Kearns headed home an Eamon O'Connor corner in the 75th minute to seal the win.

But Wembley keeper Fanner was forced to pull off two

fine saves to keep last season's FA Vase semi-finalists at bay.

Wembley had started their pre-season game last Wednesday with a 0-0 draw at home to Wealdstone.

The GM Vauxhall Conference side created most of the opening, but Wembley went closest to scoring when Flaherty's shot hit the crossbar.

Wembley entertain Eastern Counties League Sudbury Town on Saturday and finish their friendlies with a trip to CAV next Thursday.

St Mary's start well

HARROW St Mary's made a confident start to their pre-season programme when they won 4-1 against a Rayners Lane side consisting mainly of reserves.

Tony Pells opened the scoring and then followed two own goals each side of half-time.

Rayners Lane pulled a goal back from a corner before Andy Osborn scored the goal of the game after good work from George Wlodyka.

Tonight (Thursday) Saints travel to Croxley and on Monday they face Harrow Borough reserves.

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