

**SPORT**

**Borough pay the penalty**

St Albans 2, Harrow Boro 1  
TWO goals in as many first half minutes condemned Harrow Borough to their second successive defeat in the Vauxhall-Opel Premier Division.

And Boro manager Keith Chamberlin admitted afterwards: "We have got problems. We are not creating a lot, and defensively we've been punished for some bad errors."

Boro rarely looked comfortable at Clarence Park, despite taking the lead through a 15th minute penalty. Martin Gurney handled a free kick from Robbie Johnson and Steve Emmanuel made no mistake from the spot.

It was the only ray of light in the gloom that slowly descended on Boro.

St Albans had clearly done their homework on Boro. Mark Adams found himself tailed by two of St Albans players for most of the match and strikers Lawrence Holmes and Matt Laddy were given very little room.

Even so, Boro were sadly lacking in ideas.

Twenty-seven minutes into the half, St Albans were back on level terms. Boro's defence lost its composure and a loose ball was rifled home by Rob Smale.

Barely two minutes later, St Albans were in front when Bob Dowie was left unmarked in the box to head home a corner.

Boro replaced the injured Paul Morris with Jon Turner at half-time, and the opening minutes of the half produced bookings for Adams and St Albans' Dowie.

Bobby Dell was booked 17 minutes into the half for a foul on Gurney as the game lost much of its patina.

Adams for once shrugged off his markers only to shoot wide while Kenny Lavender was kept busy in the Boro goal.

Newly promoted St Albans finished the stronger, but Chamberlin reflected: "It was disappointing because I don't feel that they were that good a side."

Harrow Borough: Lavender, Duffy, Johnson, How, Bateman, Dell, Emmanuel, Holmes, Laddy, Morris (Turner 45), Adams.

**Murphy's magic keeps Lions level**

Hampton 0, Wembley 0  
A FAST and frantic game at Beveree on Tuesday night saw Wembley gain a goalless draw with Hampton.

As usual, the game between the teams was a tight affair with few scoring chances and the defences in control for most of the match.

For Wembley there were outstanding displays from Steve Lucas and Spud Murphy, and for the home side player-manager Steve Rogers and Tim Hollands

performed well in defence.

Murphy saved the Lions as early as the second minute when he headed off the line from a stunning Harmsworth shot and seven minutes later fit-again Eamonn O'Connor tested the home keeper Julian Gray with a fierce drive.

The lively Hampton winger Dwight Marshall missed an easy chance in the 16th minute when well placed. Four minutes before half-time Wembley winger Sylvester Williams hobbled off with a

recurring injury and Bobby Hutchinson took his place.

Hampton opened strongly at the start of the second half; Paul Janaway robbing Sean O'Connell who looked set to score.

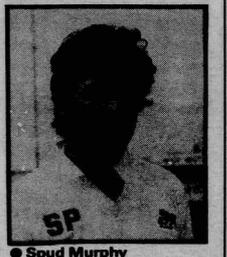
Lance Cadogan began to make his presence felt as the second half wore on, and after 70 minutes' play only a last-ditch tackle by Hollands stopped him scoring.

Forwards Trevor Smith and John Hales brought fine saves

from Fred Smart before, in the 79th minute, Smart made the save of the game when he outwitted Hales after the Hampton man had wormed his way through the Lions' defence.

Wembley's best chance came just three minutes from the end when Cadogan steamed through the defence but was bundled off the ball by Rogers and keeper Gray when looking set to score.

Wembley: Smart, Kearns, S. Lucas, Murphy, Janaway, Smith, Flaherty, O'Connor, D. Lucas (Shatto), Cadogan, Williams (Hutchinson).



Spud Murphy

**Adams for Brighton?**



Mark Adams — chance to step up into the second division with Alan Mullery's Brighton.

HARROW Borough's Mark Adams has become a target for second division Brighton.

Brighton have kept a close eye on 24-year-old Adams and have invited him down to the coast for a two-day training session with the first team squad.

Adams, a left-sided player, will get a run out with Brighton on September 18 and 19.

And Brighton manager Alan Mullery said: "We've had him watched a few times. I've not seen the boy play personally, but I've been told he's got a fair bit of ability."

Mullery admitted that it is a big step up from the non-League to second division football, and that is what they want to look at when he goes down for the training sessions.

If the deal goes through, Boro should make a healthy profit on a player they paid a mere £300 for.

Adams joined Boro from Hendon in January after spells with Wealdstone and Hayes.

**Stones searching for their first win**

Sutton Utd 2, Wealdstone 2  
WEALDSTONE returned from Sutton United on Tuesday night with a point, but they must be kicking themselves for not taking all three.

They went two goals up in the first half but finished still looking for their first win of the season.

And Brian Hall reflected: "When you are two goals up at this level it should be the end of the game."

"We played extremely well in the first half and had their back four in all sorts of trouble."

"We were two up and it could have been a lot more. Then in the second half we did all the things we had said not to do."

"It now becomes a question of whether the players are good enough. I'm getting a little bit tired of the excuses I'm hearing from the dressing room."

"We have failed to press home the advantage which is required at a professional standard. That is what the game is all about."

"It's a great challenge for me as a manager and I've just got to keep my composure."

Wealdstone dominated the opening half and created chance after chance.

Gary Donnellan scored the first goal after 11 minutes when he raced through a square defence, drew keeper Fearon and calmly slotted the ball home.

Donnellan's pacy runs caused havoc in the Sutton defence but Wealdstone struggled to capitalise on a string of teasing crosses.

Doug McClure was unlucky when he floated the ball just wide after Donnellan had set him up, and Robin Wainwright volleyed over when well placed.

Wealdstone took a 2-0 lead after 26 minutes when Lee Holmes rose to head home Steve Tapley's inch-perfect free kick which had been awarded for an infringement on Neil Cordice, who again enjoyed an outstanding match.

Four times in the five minutes before half-time, Wealdstone could have added to their lead.

Mark Graves, put through by Cordice, lobbed both the 'keeper and the crossbar. Holmes converted but from an offside position, and Fearon came out on top in two goalmouth melees.

Then from a 60th minute corner, Sutton's Mark Golley stooped to head home after Iles had been beaten by a flick-on at the post.

Sutton stepped up several gears in search of an equaliser and the Wealdstone defence came under mounting pressure with both Paul Bowgett and Dennis Byatt having to make time-ty tactics.

Sutton's equaliser came from the penalty spot after Donnellan had handled, with Golley converting his second goal of the game.

Five minutes later, Iles made a super save from Dennis at the second attempt and the remaining 20 minutes saw end-to-end football with chances for both sides.

Wealdstone: Iles, Tapley, McClure, Bowgett, D. Lucas, Wainwright, Cordice, Graves, Donnellan.

**A Cup calamity for Kingsbury**

Erith 1, Kingsbury 0  
A MISTAKE by Paul Shields sent Kingsbury Town spinning out of the FA Cup in Tuesday night's preliminary round replay at Erith and Belvedere.

Shields' sloppy back pass five minutes from time gifted Erith the only goal of the game.

And Kingsbury manager Terry Dyson reflected: "We

slaughtered them but couldn't score."

"It was a continuation from Saturday's match — I thought I was seeing the same game."

"We dominated them and I thought we would have to score at some stage. But in the end, we have played for three hours against them and couldn't get a goal."

"We never really looked in any danger. I sat there and thought there was no way we could be beaten."

Greg Zacharis and Gursel Guller both had chances for Kingsbury and the Erith keeper denied Town with a number of good saves.

Kingsbury: McDonough, Dennis, Shields, Doran, Hadley, Zacharis, Brennan, Forbes, Guller, Atkins, Collins.

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**Rutter ban adds to worries**

WEALDSTONE will be without Steve Rutter who starts a four match suspension when they travel to Cheltenham on Saturday.

And the following weekend, Steve Ragan starts a two match ban.

With Wealdstone still looking for their first win of the season, manager Brian Hall admitted: "It all adds to the pressure, but this is not something we are not capable of dealing with."

"Really, we have got to stay clear of injuries. I could do with a little more strength in depth, but I am doing the job to the best of my ability at the moment."

"It's just not right for us at the moment, but I still don't honestly believe we should be at the bottom of the table."

On Tuesday night, Wealdstone entertain Sutton United, the second meeting between the clubs in the space of a week.

Harrow Borough manager Keith Chamberlin goes into Saturday's match at Bishop's Cleeve admitting: "I have got to have a long hard look at whether I have got to make any changes."

Boro have lost their last two league matches and Chamberlin added: "The whole first team squad will travel on Saturday. We are all in this together and we have got to get out of it together."

**SOCCER PREVIEW**

Chamberlin will be without the injured Paul Morris and Paul Dawson and neither look likely to be fit for Tuesday night's visit of Wokingham.

Wembley face Tilbury at Vale Farm on Saturday with the likelihood of being without both first-choice wingers.

Derek Brown is definitely out after beginning a month's suspension on Monday, while Sylvester Williams is very doubtful due to an injury picked up at Hampton on Tuesday.

On Tuesday, Wembley visit Uxbridge.

Rayners Lane entertain London Spartan side Barkingside in the FA Vase on Saturday.

Having been knocked out at the first attempt for the past two seasons, manager Don Durkin is determined that it will be third time lucky for his side.

"This time I want no mistakes," said Durkin. "We are playing well at the moment and I am looking for a good victory."

Durkin's team selection depended on last night's game against Wallingford.

Definitely out are the injured Paul Abell and the suspended Nobby Hansen, but Darrell Clements and Roland Matthews are both

available again after holiday commitments.

Edgware entertain Phoenix on Saturday in the Spartan League Cup and are likely to be without the experienced Ray Mangan in defence.

Mangan needed 15 stitches in a head wound after Tuesday's bruising FA Cup defeat by Corinthian Casuals.

Manager Brian Rider will also be without the suspended Vince Deritis and Bobby Cook while Seamus Finnerty is hoping to shrug off a virus.

Meanwhile, Rider has signed left back David Ede from Boreham Wood.

**Fixtures**

GM Vauxhall Conference: Cheltenham Town v Wealdstone  
Vauxhall-Opel League: Premier Division: Bishop's Cleeve v Harrow Borough; Division One: Kingsbury Town v Epton and Ewell (Silver Jubilee Park 3); Wembley v Tilbury (Vale Farm 3)  
FA Vase: Preliminary round: Rayners Lane v Barkingside (Lucas Avenue 3)  
Hellenic League: Premier Division: Fairford Town v Viding Sports  
Middlesex County League: Harrow St Mary's v Royal Oak (Sandy Lodge Lane 3)  
Surrey League: Farnborough Town v Wembley Harrow Borough v Wokingham Town, Slough Town v Edgware  
Tuesday September 9  
GM Vauxhall Conference: Wealdstone v Sutton United (Lower Mead 7.30)  
Vauxhall-Opel League: Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Wokingham Town (Earlmead 7.30); Division One: Maidenhead v Kingsbury Town, Uxbridge v Wembley

**Edgware boss fuming**

Corinthian Casuals 1, Edgware 0  
EDGWARE manager Brian Rider was left fuming on Tuesday night after his young side's FA Cup exit at Corinthian Casuals.

Six home players were booked and Wares' Andy Gerardi was sent off with former Hendon skipper Richard Langley following an off-the-ball incident.

"I was very disappointed in the game," said Rider.

Wares were never allowed to get their usual free-flowing football going, but still came close to scoring twice through Nat Thomas and Otis Roberts, who both hit shots over the bar.

The winning goal came after 72 minutes when Casuals' Gary Brown hit a dipping drive from 30 yards that deceived Phil Whelan.

Despite the disappointment, Brian Rider does not believe that the result is indicative of things to come.

"Our young players accept the physical side of the game and they can give as good as they get. But in this match, it was things like the off-the-ball incidents that got to them. I was delighted that none of the other players got booked and with the team's general attitude."

Edgware: Whelan, Vundum, Mangan (Welsh, 15), Buckle, Hopkings, footies (Smoothery, 75), Charalambous, Murphy, Thomas, Gerardi, Rider.