

SPORT

Cordice is set for comeback

WEALDSTONE are hoping to welcome back Neil Cordice for Saturday's game against fellow strugglers Gateshead.

Cordice failed a fitness test on the hamstring injury which has kept him out for two weeks shortly before Tuesday's game at Barnet. But Stones' coach Les Reed says: "He only just failed and I am hoping he will be available for Saturday."

Several other players are also fighting to shake off injuries. Derek Doyle and Dennis Byatt are expected to recover in time for the long trip to the North-East but there are doubts over strikers Mark Graves and Steve Regan. Andrew Wallace and Gary Donnellan have already been ruled out.

With no game on Saturday, *Harrow Boro* boss Keith Chamberlin's thoughts are on next Tuesday's attractive fixture with league pacesetters Wycombe Wanderers at Earlsmead.

Several players picked up knocks in Tuesday's game against Hitchin. But the only serious worry is former Wycombe player Trevor How. However, Chamberlin is confident he will be available.

Kingsbury Town travel to Stevenage on Saturday in the 1st Qualifying Round of the FA Trophy.

It is the first time Kingsbury have entered the most prestigious non-League cup competition and manager Terry Dyson is looking forward to the experience.

Dyson hopes to be at full strength for the game, although both Steve Forbes and Matty Doran will need fitness checks after taking

knocks against Yeovil. Whatever the result on Saturday, Kingsbury and Stevenage will definitely resume battle next week — Kingsbury are due to travel there in the League on Monday night.

Wembley travel to fellow Vauxhall-Opel Leaguers Walthamstow Avenue in the FA Trophy on Saturday in the certain knowledge that they will be without first-choice centre-half Paul Janaway.

On Tuesday (replay expected), Wembley visit Staines Town in the League.

Rayners Lane entertain Southern League Ruislip at Lucas Avenue on Saturday in the opening round of this season's Middlesex Senior Cup.

Manager Don Durkin will have Tony Burt back and hopes to have Chris Cockram fit, but will definitely be without the suspended Nobby Hansen and the injured Dave Frimley.

Edgware travel to fellow Spartan Leaguers Brimsdown Rovers on Saturday in the first round of the Middlesex Senior Cup.

6th Vauxhall Conference: Gateshead v Walthamstow; Kingsbury v Walthamstow v Walthamstow.

FA Trophy 1st Qualifying Round: Stevenage v Kingsbury; Walthamstow v Walthamstow.

Middlesex Senior Cup 1st Round: Brimsdown Rovers v Edgware; Rayners Lane v Ruislip (Lucas Avenue, 3).

Southern League: Edgware v Walthamstow; Ruislip Manor v Harrow Boro; Wembley v Camberley.

Middlesex County League: Chesham v Walthamstow; Harrow St Mary's; Southern Amateur League Division 3: Norton v Old Lyoneses.

Vauxhall-Opel League Division One: Stevenage v Kingsbury; October 6; Tottenham v Wembley; October 7; 6th Vauxhall Conference: Wealdstone v Walthamstow; Premier Division: Walthamstow v Wycombe Wanderers; Division One: Stevenage v Wembley; Suburban League: Chalfont St Peter v Harrow Borough; Walthamstow, October 8; Suburban League: Ruislip Manor v Edgware.



TAKE THAT! The Yeovil defence can only stand and watch as Greg Zacharia (second right) blasts Kingsbury into a 15th-minute lead on Tuesday night.

Kingsbury's hopes ended by own goal

Kingsbury Town 1, Yeovil Town 2 (after extra time) **BRAVE** Kingsbury Town almost brought mighty Yeovil to their knees at Silver Jubilee Park on Tuesday night in this AC Delco Cup first round replay.

And it took a tragic own goal eight minutes into the first period of extra time to finally sink Terry Dyson's men, writes Aaron Gransby.

Kingsbury showed scant respect for the visitors' position at the top of the Vauxhall-Opel League, attacking them right from the kick-off and taking the lead after 15 minutes.

Gursel Gufler battled well to hold the ball up on the edge of the area before feeding Paul Fitzgerald whose low cross was touched back for Greg Zacharia to thump the ball home from 20 yards.

Kingsbury's "shoot on sight" policy had the three-figure crowd enthralled but Yeovil snatched an equaliser against the run of play just three minutes before half-time.

An innocent-looking cross reached Gerry Pearson and he crashed a shot past Mick McDonough's despairing dive.

Kingsbury continued to attack in the second half, playing some fluent entertaining football and matching Yeovil in commitment.

Gufler should have wrapped things up in the 63rd minute when the Yeovil defence misjudged a long clearance and he raced on to the loose ball, only to smash his low shot straight at the keeper.

Redeemed

Gufler redeemed himself two minutes from time with a scintillating run down the right and a low cross to Stuart Atkins at the near post, but with just one defender on the line to beat, Atkins steered his shot directly at him and the golden opportunity was lost.

The Somerset club's superior fitness began to tell in extra time, but it still took a devastating own goal to give them a place in the second round.

A low cross was driven in and Paul Fitzgerald could only watch in horror as his sliced back pass spun past McDonough and over the line despite the keeper's frantic efforts to keep it out.

But Kingsbury boss Terry Dyson wasn't despondent after the game. "I was proud of my boys tonight," he stated. "We matched and even bettered Yeovil in many departments."

"We cause them a lot of problems and to play against a top club like Yeovil and end up losing to an unfortunate own goal is a great achievement."

Kingsbury: McDonough, Dennis, Fitzgerald, Doran (Hill), Shields, Harley, Forbes (Brennan), Zacharia, Gufler, Atkins, Collins. **See page 78**

Point nicked from 'Stones

Barnet 2, Wealdstone 1 AN 81st minute goal from Barnet striker Nick Evans robbed injury-hit Stones of a morale boosting point at Underhill on Tuesday.

Brian Hall's men had taken a 31st minute lead through Steve Ragan in a superbly contested derby clash. But they were pegged back and eventually overhauled by a side currently riding the crest of a wave, writes Simon O'Neill.

In contrast to Barnet's fortunes, Stones are experiencing their worst spell for several years. Injuries have reduced them to barely 11 fit players and, as was evident on Tuesday, luck is not on their side.

For five minutes after Ragan had touched in Derek Doyle's cross from the left, referee Paul Alcock waved away an apparently justified penalty appeal which would have put Stones firmly in the driving seat.

Full back Steve Tapley's surging run into the box was abruptly halted by the combined efforts of Barnet defenders Millet and Little. Disappointed Stones' coach Les Reed said: "At first I thought he had made a meal of it. But Steve was adamant that Millet caught his trailing leg."

He added: "Over the 90 minutes we made less mistakes and were much better organised. But at the end of the day our mistakes cost us and theirs went unpunished."

Stones' policy of bottling up the midfield and using Brian Greenaway and Derek Doyle to supply Ragan and Mark Graves on the break frustrated the home side throughout the first half.

But four minutes after the break they slackened off to let Barnet in for the equaliser. Keith Alexander was allowed to force his way into the box and cut the ball back for

Steve Mahoney to shoot home through a crowded goalmouth.

Bob Iles pulled off fine saves from Little and Mahoney and the impressive Steve Rutter foiled Alexander as Stones' rode out the ensuing storm.

They almost stole back into the lead in the 69th minute on a rare foray upfield. But Ragan's bullet header from a Mark Graves cross was somehow tipped onto a post by Barnet keeper Steve Humphries.

The killer blow came when Peter Brown flicked Stein's cross into the area and Evans ran on unchallenged to beat Iles.

Stones started and finished the game with bookings — Ragan for a 1st minute foul and McClure in the 90th minute for stamping on Evans.

Wealdstone: Iles, Tapley, McClure, Rutter, Bowgett, Wainwright, Greenaway, Holmes, Ragan, Graves (Tonge), Doyle. **Other sub:** Byatt (not used).

Chase is on for Adams

ANOTHER second division club has joined Brighton in the chase for Harrow Borough midfielder Mark Adams, although manager Keith Chamberlin is refusing to name the mystery club.

He said: "I am at present talking with Alan Mulvey on a regular basis concerning the player. Negotiations are now taking place and I hope there will be some developments in the next few days. Another second division club has also shown an interest and I am speaking to them as well."

Wembley utility player Steve Ray was due to join neighbours

Ruislip Manor last night (Wednesday). Wembley's reserves won 2-1 at Hendon on Tuesday night after going a goal behind.

Dejected Olympians ran out of steam against a taller BA side at Harrow Tech as they lost 62-46. Minus scoring forward Pete Jenner, they put up a brave fight in their opening match in the premier division of the Adidas Connection Middlesex League.

The scoreline was balanced at 24-23 in Olympians' favour at half time but their opponents fitness told towards the end. Radcliffe, with 14 points and Smith, with 11, were top scorers for Olympians.

Harrow's Nigel Goldworthy and Craig Inley were both members of the Team IDCC that challenged the cross-channel swimming record on Saturday. The full story of the attempt will be in the "Observer" next week.

Wembley hit four

Wembley 4, Maidenhead 0 AFTER a dull first half in which neither side stamped their authority on the game, Wembley suddenly burst into life during the second half and lashed four goals past hapless Maidenhead.

The visiting Maidenhead, bottom of the league, had gained only one point from nine matches — and that only last Saturday against Oxford — ran into a Wembley side determined to take full points.

Chances in the first half were few, Lance Cadogan almost netting after 19 minutes, foiled by a goal-line clearance by Ian Collins, and for Maidenhead, Andy Smith went close with a header across an unguarded goal.

Lions took an early second half lead in the 55th minute when Peter

Shodeinde burst down the right and sent a high-high curling cross into the penalty area where Cadogan leapt and hooked home a spectacular goal.

Ten minutes later, Cadogan had a headed goal disallowed because of pushing by Kearns but Lions then had keeper Jeff Fanner to thank for maintaining their slender lead when he made a superb point-blank save to deny Andy Smith a simple goal after 75 minutes.

Sixty seconds later, Wembley took a more comfortable lead, a long throw by skipper Spud Murphy found the head of Shodeinde, and he glided the ball into the path of Bryan Kearns who pivoted and rammed home the second goal.

With just two minutes left on the

clock, Wembley netted again, this time through a stunning 20-yard netburst from Adrian Smith following a good build-up by Charlie Flaherty and substitute Eamonn O'Connor.

On the stroke of full-time, O'Connor and second substitute Bobby Hutchinson combined well to set up Cadogan who saw his fierce shot blocked by keeper Peter Rackley, but Shodeinde was on hand to cap a glorious personal performance by netting Wembley's fourth goal from close range.

This result puts Alan Dafforn's side fourth in the Vauxhall-Opel League Division One.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Lucas, Murphy, Kearns, Smith, Bhatta (O'Connor), Alexander, Shodeinde, Cadogan, Williams (Hutchinson, 80).

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Emmanuel lifts Boro with a two goal party

Harrow Borough 2, Hitchin Town 0

TWO goals from Steve Emmanuel set Boro back on their winning ways against Hitchin Town on Tuesday.

He struck with a brilliant 53rd minute effort and an 87th minute penalty in a game constantly disrupted by fussy referee Keith Wenham.

The Bromley official sent off Hitchin captain Steve Fountain and booked four other players in an encounter that was competitive but never dirty.

Said happy Boro boss Keith Chamberlin: "It was a good win and Steve Emmanuel's goal was a superb strike. All in all though, we had to work hard against a side who ran and ran to deny us space."

Emmanuel was in the thick of things from the start, clearing an early Hitchin attack then forcing visiting keeper John Hawkins into a desperate save.

Lawrence Holmes miscued after being put clear by Mark Adams and Russell Townsend saw his shot hit team-mate Paul Morris and bounce agonisingly wide of the Hitchin goal.

Bobby Dell became the first entry in Mr Wenham's book for a clash with Hawkins, although he appeared to be a victim of the goalkeeper's theatrics.

Boro took the lead when Emmanuel, sent through by Holmes, struck a delightful chip high into the net.

Holmes and Johnson both went close with free kicks and at the other end Kenny Lavender preserved Boro's lead with a brave double save.

Mr Wenham's whistle continued to disrupt the flow of the game and he cautioned three Hitchin players for dissent.

With three minutes remaining Boro were awarded a penalty when Adams was pushed. Fountain was booked for protesting and then dismissed as he continued to remonstrate.

When the fuss died down Emmanuel rolled home the spot kick.

Harrow Boro: Lavender, Payne, Johnson, How, Bateman, Dell, Emmanuel, Holmes, Townsend, Mark Adams, Sub: Laddy, Duffy (not used).

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