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County FA first full-time employee

THE MIDDLESEX County FA have appointed their first full-time employee.

He is 30 year old Gordon Bartlett whose new position is that of Youth Development Officer and County Coach. Gordon is the current manager of Hounslow and was the man who took Southall to the FA Vase Final at Wembley last season.

The appointment will mean many new opportunities for youngsters to get expert coaching and

Gordon says: "This is a most exciting prospect. When you consider the scope within the county, the sky is the limit. We must remember that coaching is the most important factor as opposed to competition."

Gordon's main area will be the seven to 11 year old boys, and Middlesex County FA Secretary Stuart Bowen said: "Gordon's plans for the youth of the county are exciting and we may well see other projects coming from this signing."



SIGNING ON: Gordon Bartlett (right) signs as Middlesex County FA's first full-time employee, watched by County Secretary Stuart Bowen.

Town crash

Kingsbury 2
Ruislip Manor 3
KINGSBURY lost their grip on the Middlesex Charity Cup, bundled out at the first time of asking by Ruislip Manor at a rain-lashed Silver Jubilee Park on Tuesday night.

The visitors went ahead in the first half through Steve Church before Desmond Dennis scored to bring Kingsbury level. Mark Davis restored Ruislip's lead and Kingsbury were forced to equalise for a second time and looked set for a replay until Dave Carroll curled a late free-kick.

Boro go down in a thriller

Yeovil Team 3, Harrow Borough 2

HARROW BOROUGH went down by the odd goal in five in a pulsating game at Yeovil in front of a crowd of 2,027 at the famous Hush ground.

Boro boss Keith Chamberlin described the match as "A credit to football" after watching his side give as good as they got against the Vauxhall-Opel Premier Division Championship challengers.

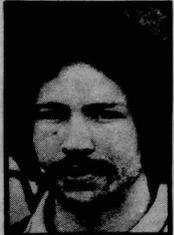
Boro nearly stole the lead early on when Bobby Dell shot just wide and a Robbie Johnson corner struck the post, but it was Yeovil who went ahead in the 27th minute through McGinlay. Kenny Lavender had to work hard to keep the home side at bay, making three full-length saves to deny Yeovil a bigger lead before the break.

Boro came out for the second half determined to get back into the game and did so in the 47th minute, Steve Emmanuel working well with Mark Adams to head home the winger's cross.

Colin Payne was just inches away from making Boro ahead as he unleashed a tremendous shot after a run from the half-way line, only to see Yeovil's keeper make a marvellous save to deny him.

But Boro's attacking was finally rewarded when Steve Bateman headed home from a Johnson corner to put Boro 2-1 up with 61 minutes gone.

Yeovil hit back immediately, Farwey equalising before both Emmanuel and Paul Morris went close to restoring the lead for the visitors.



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Only 14 minutes remained when the home side finally wrapped the game up. Pearson's cross was allowed to travel across the area and McGinlay shot in from the far post.

Keith Chamberlin was happy with his team's performance, if not the result, saying: "It was a game of two halves, they had chances in the first half which they didn't put away and we could have had three or four in the second. It was a superb game and I was pretty pleased with our part in it."

HARROW BOSS: Lavender, Payne, Johnson, Howe, Bateman, Dell, Emmanuel, Holmes (Lobby, 30), Duffy, Morris, Adams. Other sub: Dickie.

Same again, Wealdstone

WEALDSTONE manager Brian Hall expects to name an unchanged "side for tonight's rearranged FA Cup replay at Swansea.

And he will be demanding the same again from his players, who produced a superb performance to rattle the Fourth Division high fliers on Saturday.

The original replay, scheduled for Tuesday night, was called off just 45 minutes before the kick off because the Vetch Field was water-logged and that was too late to prevent the Wealdstone party and some 300 supporters making the 180 mile trip to South Wales.

Hall's biggest problem for tonight's replay will be ensuring that his players can secure time off work.

"I am relying on people to make sure their employers understand the importance of this game. It is a unique situation. But I am in the position of trying to keep both the players and their employers happy and that is one of the disadvantages of being a part-time club," he said.

Hall knows that Wealdstone should have beaten Swansea on Saturday and recognises that the Welsh club must now be favourites to reach the second round, where a

home tie against Slough awaits the winners.

"The pendulum has swung back in their favour," he says. "They managed to do what professionals are paid to do, on Saturday, and hung on. Now, realistically, they should beat us."

But he will not be sending his side out with a defeatist attitude.

"People have written us off before and we have proved them wrong," he said. "We are not going down there just for the ride.

He says: "To say we were lucky on Saturday is putting it mildly. But at least we've got a second chance and we must make sure we take it."

"As far as the skill factor is concerned, Wealdstone should not live with us. But it is up to us to prove that. Wealdstone's strengths are endeavour and organisation and if we can match them in those departments we should win."

"We must use our home advantage."

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"The players are looking forward to the game and we are more than capable of rising to the occasion."

"I was quite proud of the way we played on Saturday and I will be looking for us to play with the same kind of tempo and to show the same kind of commitment and conviction."

"The prize awaiting us is a great second round draw — at home to Slough — and then it would be up to us to take our chance and go into the third round draw with the big boys."

Swansea manager Terry Yorath, relieved to have escaped from Lower Mead with a draw, also expects to name an unchanged side.

Hall is looking forward to the "Big Match" atmosphere the game will create.

"We are going to a big ground, there will be a large crowd and a lot of noise. But we are not worried about that. We are quite excited, because that is what football is all about," he said.

● An inspection of the Swansea pitch is planned by match officials this morning (Thursday).

TONIGHT'S TEAMS:

Wealdstone: Iles, Tapley, McClure, Byatt, Sawgett, Wainwright, Greenaway, Wallace, Donnellan, Graves, Doyle.

Swansea: Hughes, Harrison, Phelan, Lewis, Stevenson, Emmanuel, Hough, McCarthy, French, Williams, Hutchinson.

Holmes doubtful for Trophy

HARROW BOROUGH are almost certain to be without top scorer Lawrence Holmes when they travel to Southern League side Canterbury City in the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy on Saturday.

Manager Keith Chamberlin will bring in Matt Luddy if Holmes fails to respond to treatment for a pulled muscle in his back. Chamberlin will also be making a late decision on who to play in goal as new signing Stuart McKenzie is still carrying a slight groin injury and battling for a place with Kenny Lavender.

Chamberlin watched Canterbury beat Thane 3-1 on Tuesday and says: "They are a confident and experienced side

with two exceptional players."

Boro face a busy week as, replay permitting, they entertain Tooting and Mitcham in the League on Tuesday and then visit Bognor Regis in the AC Delco Cup on Thursday.

Wembley take on another Southern League outfit in Crawley Town in their FA Trophy tie, a game that is being featured on LBC radio as the "Non-League match of the day".

Lions boss Alan Dafforn is sweating over his centre-half position as Paul Janaway is almost certain to miss the game and his stand-in, Bryan Kearns is under suspension. Charlie Flaherty should be fit though.

Kingsbury Town will be looking to get back to winning ways when they visit lowly Lewes in the Vauxhall-Opel First Division on Saturday and then entertain another set of strugglers, Walton and Hershaw, three days later.

Terry Dyson hopes to have Logan Lewis available again while Stuart Atkins could return to bolster Town's front-line.

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Wembley clean up Staines

Staines 0, Wembley 2
TWO MOMENTS OF Peter Shodeinde magic gave Wembley full points on a mud-heap of a pitch at Staines on Tuesday night.

Shodeinde netted in the first half and sewed the game up by winning a penalty late in the second.

Lions had the upper hand from the kick-off, Don Lucas going inches wide with a flicked shot from an Adrian Smith opening after six minutes.

Then after 26 minutes, Wembley debutant Dencol Green created the first goal.

Green hit a great through ball to Sylvester Williams and the winger sped towards the goal but had his final shot blocked. However Shodeinde stepped in, picking up the rebound, and sent a mighty drive into the net for his 13th goal of the season.

Sixteen minutes into the second half, Staines had reason to curse Lions keeper Jeff Farmer, Alan Myers hit the perfect shot on goal but Farmer fingertipped the ball onto the angle of bar and post and then saw it ricochet back across goal and cleared for a corner.

With 75 minutes on the clock Peter Shodeinde surged into the area and was chopped down by Simon Pentland, and after several minutes' delay while the referee, the Staines defenders and the Wembley forwards tried to find the penalty spot, Paul Bhetia slammed the kick into the roof of the net.

New boy Green accounted on his debut with a 35 yard free-kick. WEMBLEY: Farmer, Bhatia, S Lucas, Murphy, Green, Smith, Simpson, O'Connor, Shodeinde, D Lucas, Williams. Subs: Brown, Colgan.

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Saturday 22 November

6th Vauxhall Conference: Wealdstone v Hounslow (Lewisham Road)

FA Trophy 3rd Qualifying Round: Canterbury City v Harrow Borough, Wembley v Crawley Town (Vale Farm, 3)

Vauxhall-Opel League Division One: Lewes v Kingsbury (Vale Farm, 3)

Hellenic League Premier Division: Pegasus Juniors v Reyners Lane; Abingdon Old v Viding

Southern League Premier Division: London Spartans League Premier Division: Crayley Town and Manor v Edgeway

Southern League: Canterbury v Wembley; Harrow Boro v Southall

Middlesex Premier Cup: Aberton Sports v Edgeway

Middlesex County League Division One: Harrow St Marys v Greenford (Jed Greenhall Road, 2.15)

Tuesday 25 November

Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Tooting and Mitcham (Edgeway, 7.30). Subject to FA Trophy replay.

Reyners Lane: Kingsbury Town v Walton and Hershaw (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30)

Southern League: Edgeway v Hounslow; Jubilee v Wembley

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