

# STARS NEED A TEST

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REVELLING in the power provided by their outstanding newcomers, Hampstead totally outclassed the veteran German touring team in their biggest win for years at Tivoli Road on Sunday.

But after this undemanding mismatch, Hampstead's recently-appointed manager, Nick Coleman, hopes for a stern test of his new star-studded side in the last pre-London League friendly at Welwyn Garden City tomorrow.

Although meaningless as a serious contest, the massacre of Hamburg at least gave Hampstead's new boys a chance to find their feet alongside their established team-mates.

England Under-21 sweeper Stewart Waugh certainly started his Hampstead career in fine style by netting a hat-trick of penalty corners. Another newcomer, Mike Lavan, the Reading University and UAU centre forward, also enjoyed the satisfaction of scoring while the

other goals came from Hampstead's old hands, Richard Chapman, who also claimed a hat-trick, and Derbyshire left wing Bill Taylor, who got two.

While pleased with this workout, Coleman, who has made history by becoming the first official manager of a London League club, is not yet satisfied with the fitness of the new arrivals.

"Stewart Waugh, Brian Guest, last season's Cambridge University goalkeeper and Fraser Bost, the Suffolk striker, are the only ones who are being sharper," Coleman insisted.

Nevertheless, this impressive flexing of freshly-acquired muscle, and skill has strengthened Coleman's conviction that Hampstead will be in contention for honours in the league campaign which opens against Old Kingstonians tomorrow week.

"We are looking to finish in the top four and thus qualify for the play-off for the title," Coleman proclaimed in a bold battle-cry. "To achieve this, I reckon we only need to win eight out of the 26 games and we should certainly be able to do that with the outstanding squad we have now got.

"But I'm not interested in

draws. We are going for outright victory every game and our priority now is to find the best positions for everybody."

In an attempt to discover the best formula, Hampstead switch from 1-3-2-4 to a 4-2-4 formation tomorrow with Geoff Smith, Waugh, new skipper Viji Vijendren and Chapman playing in front of new Midlands goalkeeper Steve Pennington, Guest and Dave Dixon in the field and former captain Norman Borrett, Tim Dixon, Lavan and Taylor in front. Unfortunately, Coleman's duties as assistant manager of England Under-21s will prevent him seeing how this system works.

More representative honours, which lift the confidence of any club, were showered on Hampstead at the weekend when Smith was chosen for the Midlands side to play Great Britain on October 7.

In addition, Dave Dixon played for Middlesex against Essex in Sunday afternoon's county championship match.

● Hampstead, despite such a recent influx of talent, are nevertheless, still looking for more new members. Anyone interested should contact club secretary Brian Owles at home on 994-6629.