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Birched !

Edgware are sunk by Troy

Kingsbury Town 1 Edgware 0

TROY Birch's 67th minute goal gave Kingsbury a surprise derby success over their disappointing neighbours Edgware at Silver Jubilee Park on Tuesday night, **writes John Comfort.**

As a spectacle, the game never reached the dizzy heights expected of such occasions, and with both sides decidedly lacking in flair, the outcome was a dour battle throughout.

With the hard working Jim Davey always a potential threat, it was Edgware who appeared the more likely to conjure up a telling move, yet it Kingsbury who had the better chances and but for some inspired goalkeeping by Phil Whelan, the defeat could have been embarrassingly heavier.

Certainly it was Whelan who had to make the only real save of the first half when he flew through the air in the 33rd minute to claw away a blistering drive from Niall O'Rourke.

Edgware's best chance in this period came two minutes later when good work in the box by Jim Davey set up Nat Thomas but he put his shot woefully wide when well placed.

Kingsbury had the ball in the net two minutes into the second half when O'Rourke blasted home a Birch cross, but their joy was short lived as it was rightly ruled out for handball.

Four minutes later Cecil Collins put Birch free with only Whelan to beat but again the keeper came out on top, spreading himself well to block Birch's fierce half volley.

At the other end Jim Davey put a header straight at Brian Duffy, while two other scoring opportunities were sent wide of the target.

But it was Kingsbury who finally broke the deadlock in the 67th minute. A great ball from Jason Dale split the Edgware defence and put Birch in on goal and he powered a rising drive past Whelan into the roof of the net.

●Match winner Troy Birch.

Martyn Kidd might have levelled had he taken a quick free kick when Kingsbury keeper Brian Duffy was penalised for taking too many steps with the ball. But he delayed sufficiently to allow Kingsbury time to form a wall which blocked his eventual shot.

Edgware kept on the offensive up to the final whistle but Kingsbury defended well to hold on and claim three points which see them leap up into seventh place in the table.

Kingsbury: Duffy, Cook, Simpson, Stapleton, K. Williams, Keane, Dale, Surridge, O'Rourke, Collins, Birch. Subs: Donald, Papa.

Edgware: Whelan, Brennan, Zazzera, Finnerty, Mangan, Pow, Kidd, Flynn (White), J. Davey, P. Davey, Thomas (Solomon).

Bob goes down under

HARROW and Wealdstone Swimming Club's chief coach Bob Pay flew to Perth, Australia, on Sunday as chief coach to the Great Britain team at the Swimming World Championships.

This is the first major meet that Bob has been chief coach to, although he has coached teams at the last Olympics, World Championships and two Commonwealth Games.

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LEAGUE IS TO LOSE SPONSORS

THE longest running football sponsorship will be concluded at the end of this season following the decision of Vauxhall Motors to end their sponsorship of the Vauxhall Football League.

The Isthmian Football League, known as the Vauxhall Football League, has been sponsored by Vauxhall Motors for the last six seasons.

Alan Mackay, sponsorship manager for Vauxhall Motors, said: "Our sponsorship has been very successful over a long period and has helped increase our visibility in the market place.

"However, we now have different marketing objectives which cannot be achieved through football alone and we need to explore other activities. As many of our dealers have strong links with the football clubs, I am sure that we will retain an active interest in the Isthmian Football League."

The loss of the Vauxhall Motors sponsorship will be a big financial blow to the Isthmian League. Over the last three seasons it has been worth more than a quarter of a million pounds.

Said Alan Turvey, chairman and managing director of the Vauxhall Football League: "Naturally we are sorry to lose Vauxhall Motors as our main sponsor but we understand their reasons.

"I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their support over the years and I am pleased that we have been able to play a significant role in Vauxhall Motors' marketing programme."

A new sponsor for season 1991/92 is now being sought. Added Mr Turvey: "I believe over the years we have proved that this is an extremely valuable multi-media sponsorship with a wide range of promotional opportunities. We are in discussion and contact with a number of companies at the present time but no decision has been made."

Vauxhall's decision to withdraw sponsorship from the Isthmian League is likely to send worrying ripples among the administrators of the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Their sponsorship deal with Vauxhall's parent company, General Motors, is due to expire next season and the fear is that they too may pull out.

Lions bemoan lack of finish

Wembley 0 Windsor & Eton 0 (after extra time)

WEMBLEY were left to regret that they didn't defeat Windsor and Eton at the first attempt in this AC Delco Cup second round tie which ended goalless after 120 minutes. They failed to punish a very ordinary Premier Division outfit, **writes Richard Markiewicz.**

The visitors tore into the Lions from the start and only a brilliant reflex save from keeper Jeff Fanner, who then bravely plunged onto the loose ball, thwarted Michael Creighton in the opening minutes.

But Windsor's threat was brief in a drab first half while at the other end keeper Kevin Mitchell's only duty was to remove a stray hedgehog which had invaded his goal area.

Mitchell however was kept busier in the second half, a period Wembley dominated, but were unable to score.

Charlie Flaherty went close on a couple of occasions - a rising free kick which was tipped over the bar and a low drive which Mitchell smothered.

Substitute Lance Cadogan was also denied by the Windsor keeper hacking a close range shot off the goalline following Steve Sailman's cross.

With Wembley unable to score and Windsor subdued by a makeshift defence in which Paul Strachan proved an able deputy for the injured Paul Shields, the tie entered extra time.

But again it seemed it was going to be one of those nights for Wembley with the ball refusing to find the net.

Another point blank stop from Mitchell foiled Cadogan again, and Steve Graham had a header cleared off the line.

Wembley's night was probably best summed up when Charlie Flaherty's drive looked destined for the goal only for Steve Graham to get in the way and divert the ball away from the target.

Wembley: Fanner, Larkin, Fitzgerald, Bennett, Strachan, Gulfer (Cadogan), Lelliott (T. Waugh), Flaherty, Graham, B. Hutchinson, Sailsman.

Banned Davey sits it out

PETER Davey starts a three match suspension this week and misses **Edgware's** home game on Saturday with Hertford who are managed by former Wembley captain Paul Janaway and will be fielding former Edgware skipper John Walsh in their line up.

Lee Rider is the likely replacement for Davey as Wares look to bounce back after their unhappy defeat at Kingsbury on Tuesday.

Andy Ferguson is available after completing his ban for accumulating five bookings, but Edgware boss Brian Rider could decide not to consider him as he starts another suspension on January 7 for five weeks for his sending off against Southgate.

Vince Deritis had a run in the reserves on Saturday but is still not fully fit, as is John Mangan, who has started his comeback after ligament trouble.

Wealdstone will be looking for their first win since the return of Brian Hall as manager when they take on lowly Chelmsford at Lower Mead on Saturday.

Peter Bartlett is again doubtful with ankle ligaments trouble. Paul Morris impressed at Moor Green in his first game for some time and seems certain to retain his place.

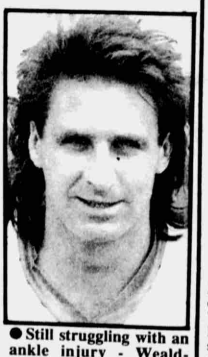
Jeremy Arnull and Kevid Mudd are both back in training after their lengthy spells out through injury but are unlikely to be considered for inclusion in the **Harrow Borough** side for Saturday's league match at Marlow.

Paul Shields has a pulled leg muscle and is doubtful for **Wembley's** AC Delco Cup replay at Windsor tonight (Thursday). Former Worthing player Paul Lelliott, who was signed after moving into the area and made his debut on Tuesday, is in line to keep his place in the side.

The injuries to **Kingsbury's** Gerald Mulhern and Robbie James appear to be more serious than was first thought and it seems unlikely that neither will play again until the New Year.

Manager Frank O'Brien is likely to keep faith with the side that beat Edgware for Saturday's game with Purfleet.

Manager Don Durkin hopes to have flu victim Chris Cockram back together with Steve Cott after a fractured cheek bone injury for **Rayners Lane's** home game against Bicester on Saturday. But still out is Wayne Coakley who has a knee problem while Gerry Hynes is away on holiday in Ireland.



●Still struggling with an ankle injury - Wealdstone's Peter Bartlett.

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE
Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Worcester	18	12	2	4	32	14	38
Dover	16	9	4	3	26	16	31
Camb City	15	8	6	1	23	12	30
Bromsgrove	16	8	5	3	32	20	29
VS Rugby	15	8	3	4	26	12	27
Halesowen	17	8	3	6	28	25	27
Gloucester	15	7	5	3	27	17	26
Atherstone	15	8	2	5	27	20	26
Burton	16	7	5	4	29	21	26
Farnborough	17	7	4	6	26	26	25
Dorchester	17	7	4	6	21	24	25
Wealdstone	16	7	3	6	25	21	24
Waterlooville	17	5	7	5	24	20	22
Poole	16	6	3	7	22	30	21
Bashley	15	5	4	6	21	21	19
Moor Green	15	6	1	8	21	27	19
Dartford	21	5	4	12	25	40	19
Rushden	17	4	5	8	22	27	17
Chelmsford	16	4	5	7	24	30	17
Crawley	16	2	7	7	17	26	13
Gravesend	21	2	5	14	18	46	11
Weymouth	17	1	5	11	19	41	8

VAUXHALL LEAGUE
Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Redbridge	20	13	4	3	35	24	43
Kingstonian	20	12	6	2	44	28	42
Woking	18	12	4	2	46	14	40
Aylesbury	18	11	4	3	43	21	37
Enfield	19	10	7	2	35	18	37
Grays	17	10	5	2	30	15	35
Carshalton	20	9	4	7	39	39	31
Wivenhoe	20	8	5	7	34	28	29
Windsor	20	8	4	8	25	28	28
Dagenham	19	8	3	8	35	28	27
Marlow	19	6	8	5	29	23	26
Hendon	19	6	7	6	22	22	25
Wok'gham	19	6	6	7	26	20	24
Hayes	19	7	3	9	23	25	24
St Albans	21	6	6	9	29	35	24
Staines	22	6	6	10	21	42	24
Bish Stort	17	5	5	7	18	17	20
Basingstoke	20	5	3	12	26	52	18
Leyton-W	20	4	3	13	26	47	15
Bognor	16	4	2	10	15	32	14
Barking	22	3	4	15	21	48	13
Harrow B	21	3	3	15	26	52	12

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Chesham	20	14	2	4	50	19	44
Hitchin	19	12	3	4	42	26	39
Walton	18	10	4	4	37	20	34
Dorking	15	11	1	3	36	20	34
Molesey	16	11	1	4	27	15	34
Southwick	21	9	5	7	25	22	32
Bromley	18	8	6	4	24	17	30
Tooting	19	8	6	5	30	28	30
Chalfont St P	20	9	3	8	27	29	30
Aveley	20	9	2	9	34	25	29
Lewes	19	8	4	7	28	29	28
Whyteleafe	20	8	3	9	24	32	27
Harlow	14	8	2	4	32	18	26
Yeading	17	7	3	7	27	21	24
Croydon	20	8	0	12	23	47	24
Dulwich	19	6	5	8	26	33	23
Boreham W	18	6	2	10	23	27	20
Wembley	19	5	4	10	29	36	19
Uxbridge	20	5	2	13	21	39	17
Heybridge	17	4	3	10	15	25	15
Met Police	21	3	4	14	23	41	13
Worthing	16	1	1	14	14	48	4

Division Two North

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Stevenage	20	16	3	1	61	14	51
Vaux Mot	19	13	2	4	36	20	41
Billericay	15	11	2	2	32	12	35
Ware	20	10	4	6	37	27	34
Edgware	18	10	2	6	36	23	32
Hertford	21	8	8	5	32	29	32
Kingsbury	21	9	4	9	27	32	32
Berkhamsted	21	9	5	7	24	29	32
Barton	20	9	4	7	26	23	31
Royston	15	8	6	1	35	17	30
Collier Row	20	8	4	8	34	33	28
Rainham	21	7	4	10	27	28	25
Purfleet	17	7	3	7	22	24	24
Hemel H	20	6	6	8	26	35	24
Basildon	19	6	5	8	30	35	23
Saffron W	17	5	7	5	32	34	22
Witham	18	5	6	7	28	29	21
Clapton	19	5	5	9	25	36	20
Hornchurch	19	5	2	12	23	37	17
Tilbury	20	4	3	13	30	41	15
Finchley	20	2	3	15	19	51	9
Tring	18	0	3	15	12	45	3

Soccer fixtures

Thursday December 20
AC Delco Cup replay: Windsor & Eton v Wembley.

Saturday December 22
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Chelmsford City (Lower Mead, 3pm).
Vauxhall League Premier Division: Marlow v Harrow Borough.
Vauxhall League Division One: Dorking v Wembley.
Vauxhall League Division Two North: Edgware Town v Hertford (White Lion ground, 3pm); Kingsbury Town v Purfleet.
Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Bicester (Lucas Ave, 2.30pm).
Suburban League: Wembley Res. v Wealdstone Res. (Vale Farm, 3pm).

Wednesday December 26
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Crawley Town v Wealdstone (11.30am).
Vauxhall League Premier Division: Hayes v Harrow Borough (11.15am).
Vauxhall League Division One: Boreham Wood v Wembley.
Vauxhall League Division Two North: Edgware Town v Tring (White Lion ground, 11.30am); Kingsbury Town v Barton Rovers (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).

Edgware bid for Murphy

EDGWARE have put in seven days notice of an approach for Wembley midfielder Laurence Murphy. Murphy is currently serving a three week suspension after being sent off in a reserve team game.

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