SPORT

Kingsbury are sunk by late penalty

Hertford 1 Kingsbury Town 0

KINGSBURY played the better football and did enough to have extended their four match run at Hertford on Tuesday, but lost to a penalty kick three minutes from time.

Their best first half chance came when Eamon Walsh was put clear but he delayed his shot and keeper Croucher was able to block it.

Five minutes from time they were unlucky not to go ahead when Lawrence Holmes crached a 20 yard free kick against the crossbar.

However, two minutes later Chris Simpson brought Hammat down in the area and Sean Glynn netted from the spot to give the home side the points.

Kingsbury: Small, Power, Hide, Simpson, Mangan, Shatte, Smythe, O'Rourke, Holmes, Ivers, Walsh. Subs: Brown-Peterside, Coleman.

It's Wembley v Borough for the Cup

Wembley 2 Yeading 1

THE 'Dream Final' became a reality on Tuesday as Wembley put Yeading out of the Middlesex Senior Cup at the third attempt to set up a local derby clash with Harrow Borough for the trophy on Easter Monday, **writes John Comfort.**

After last season's controversial final defeat at the hands of Yeading, this was sweet revenge for Alan Dafform's side who battled superbly throughout, particularly in a nail biting final quarter that was extended by an extra six minutes of stoppage time by referee Goulbourn.

This all-action second replay was in stark contrast to last week's drab encounter, with a glut of scoring chances at both ends.

In the opening minutes Wembley twice came close to netting. Yeading keeper MacKenzie parried away a fierce strike from Bobby Hutchinson and from the resultant corner by Henry Clark, Tony Headlam had a header blocked in the goalmouth.

Soon after Mark Witter could have opened the home side's account but sadly miskicked with the goal beckoning after he had been set up by Kenny Page.

Yeading then missed two golden opportunities. The first saw Lee Charles go clear but he fired into the side netting with only Fanner to beat.

The same player got free again minutes later and set up Hector Welsh but from close in he mishit his shot and Fanner saved.

Wembley responded with a superb chip shot from Witter for the far corner, which was headed off the line, with Tony Headlam blazing the loose ball over, but with 42 minutes gone it was Yeading who drew first blood.

With the home defence noticably lax, Alan Ardren's cross to the far post was nodded back into the goalmouth by Iain Williams and the unchallenged Welsh was allowed time to control the ball before firing it past Fanner.

Wembley made little impact in the early stages of the second half and the game appeared to be drifting away from them until two goals in the space of three minutes suddenly turned the tide in their favour.

Their equaliser in the 63rd minute had a question mark hanging over it. Williams headed back to MacKenzie who fumbled the ball under pressure from Hutchinson, but there was no whistle and the Wembley striker took possession and coolly blasted it past a defender on the line and into the net.

Three minutes later the Lions were in front. Headlam put Ray Bennett clear and as MacKenzie left his goal, he cleverly chipped the ball past him towards the net with Page following up to make sure it found the target.

Wembley had to defend grimly after that, with keeper Fanner inspiring them to victory. Great saves kept out close range headers from Jon Denton and another that had goal written all over it following a Charlie Oatway free kick was superbly turned onto the woodwork and away as the jubilant Lions held out to book their place in the final.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, Morse, Shields, Headlam, Andy Smith, Bennett, Page, Hutchinson, Witter. Subs: Bates, Shodeinde, Hughes.

End of the road for Edgware

Northwood 3
Edgware Town 2

EDGWARE'S last chance of honours this season went up in smoke on Tuesday when they were disappointingly dumped out of the Isthmian Associate Members Trophy.

Defensive errors cost them the game, the first of which occured in the 10th minute when Eugene Flynn lost the ball to Frank Omere and the former Wembley striker raced through to fire home off a post to put Northwood in front.

Flynn should have made amends when he was put clear but after rounding keeper Lavendar, he shot wide of an open goal. Later he beat the keeper to a through ball but headed wide.

Northwood made them pay for those misses right on half time when Omere went past two weak challenges and crossed for Pacquette to increase the home side's lead.

Edgware got back in contention in the second half when Flynn latched onto a poor clearance by Lavendar and crossed for Darren Morris to score and later Scott McGleish put Gerry Brennan through to equalise. However, from the restart Omere was allowed to jink past four players and shot into the top corner to restore Northwood's lead.

In a frantic finish McGleish hit a post and had a header superbly saved but Edgware were unable to get the equalisier they deserved.

Edgware: Heathes, Ferry, Finnerty, Harvey, Margan, Brennan, Dyson (Thompson), Flynn, McGleish, Morris (Coleman), Hosing.

Club is still aiming to share at Yeading

Stones reject Wembley move

By John Comfort

WEALDSTONE FC are pressing on with their plans to ground share with Yeading next season, despite moves by the Countrywide Markets consortium of Maurice Nixon to secure an alternative deal with Wembley FC.

While Wealdstone's board of directors are on the verge of tying up a move to Yeading, the consortium, which has made several abortive attempts to take over the club, claim they have got a better deal agreed for Stones to move in at Vale Farm.

Club trustee Les Hobbs, who has played a leading role in the consortium's £500,000 takeover bid, confirmed that a move into Vale Farm had been agreed with Wembley. "The Wembley option is still open, and the members ought to know it" he said. "It is a far better move than going to Yeading."

But the Wealdstone board have rejected any prospect of a move to Wembley, saying Mr Hobbs is not representative of the club and he should not be negotiating for them.

Said club vice-chairman Paul Rumens: "Last Thursday the Wealdstone board agreed that we are going to Yeading Football Club for a minimum of 12 months. Les Hobbs and his consortium can have all the money in the world, but they do not own any of the shares of Wealdstone FC and they are not in control of Wealdstone. The board are the representatives of the club.

"Thanks to Mr Hobbs and his negotiations with Wembley, he has tarnished and put in serious doubt what is right for Wealdstone FC."

Mr Rumens wants to see a sense of unity at the club and sees Yeading as the place to do it. "Yeading offers us, in the short term, a chance to regroup and try to get club up and running and back on a sound financial footing."

Yeading officials said on Tuesday that they are expecting their deal to be settled within days.

"I expect it to be tied up some time this week," said club secretary Peter Bickers.

Patrick through

HARROW Weald bantamweight Patrick Mullings won the ABA London Division title at York Hall on Thursday when the referee stopped the fight in the third round of his contest against Marlon Jones of Repton BC.

Mullings, who won the ABA title last year, now goes on to the English semi-finals at Oxford.

Borough take strain

HARROW Borough FC will be taking the strain on Sunday when a team of club members take on the London Fire Brigade in a charity tug-of-war in aid of Guide Dogs for the Blind. The event takes place at Earlmead at 11am.

Edgware Cup clash

EDGWARE Reserves bid for a place in the final of the Suburban League Cup on Saturday when they visit Woking in a semi-final clash.

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Clough's suspension is lifted

FRAN Clough returns to the Wasps side on Saturday for the Courage League clash against Northampton after having his 30 day suspension for being sent off at Bath quashed at a hearing of the Middlesex disciplinary committee on Monday, **writes Alan Bodenham.**

After hearing evidence, the committee concluded that the sending off was sufficient punishment for the offence. However, the player has not been completely exonerated and the sending off will remain on his record.

Wasps know they must beat Northampton if they are to keep their Championship hopes alive.

There is one significant change in the line up. Alan Buzza has had a recurrence of a troubleshosome shoulder injury and is replaced at full back by veteran Huw Davies who has played only one league game this season, against London Scottish in November. But he made a significant contribution, scoring the match winning try.

Buster White returns to the flank after injury at Bath and the pack is therefore the same as that which has started all Wasps League matches this season.

Elsewhere at Sudbury there is pleasure and delight concerning selections for the British Lions tour of New Zealand this summer. Delight for fly half Rob Andrew but complete shock at the exclusion of Jeff Probyn.

Probyn, who holds the record as England's most capped prop, is set to carry on.

"Jeff still enjoys his playing," said coach Rob Smith. "As he showed on Saturday when England's forwards were overrun by the inspired Irish, he was one of the only members of the England pack that performed really well and he is still more than capable at the top level."

Silverstone National Cup success for Johnson

PINNER racing driver Piers Johnson drove his Team Castrol Honda Civic VTi to a well judged class win in the first round of the National Saloon Car Cup, held in appalling conditions at Silverstone on Sunday.

Johnson, 23, of Chestnut Drive, Pinner, earned his chance to compete in the 14-rounds of the competition at eight of Britain's top motor racing circuits after becoming one of just six drivers selected for the British Champions of Tomorrow Scholarship, launched at the end of last season by Honda (UK) and Castrol (UK) Ltd to nurture young racing talent.

The next round of the National Cup is at Oulton Park on April 12 and Piers will be looking to build on his impressive start.

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Prutton and Campbell back for Borough

ANDY Prutton is back after suspension for **Harrow Borough's** League match at Sutton tonight (Thursday) and Kenton Campbell could be in the squad after a lengthy spell out through injury.

Micky Engwell misses Saturday's game at Dulwich, serving a one-match ban for accumulated bookings.

Wembley expect to be strengthened for their game away to Heybridge Swifts by the return of Andy O'Brien, who has been suffering from a virus, and Adrian Smith after a bout of flu.

Lee Endersby and Paul Shirt, who were ineligible for the midweek cup clash with Yeading, are also added to Alan Daffom's squad.

Wealdstone have no additional injury problems for their tough home match against Sudbury.

Edgware could find themselves facing former Spurs stars Marc Falco, Gary Brooke, Tony Galvin and Gerry Armstrong on Saturday when championship chasing Worthing are their visitors.

Vince Deritis and Joe Sheridan could be back after injury but Mark Dyson has flu and is likely to be missing.

Kingsbury Town look to return to winning ways in a tough game at home to Cove.

Tony Richards, who is in Germany, continues to be unavailable, while Keith Williams has decided to call it a day for the season with a persistent groin injury.

Good news however for Town is that Steve Surridge is back in training following an ankle injury and should soon be available for selection.

The selection problems for **Rayners Lane** manager Don Durkin continue with Paul Abell (knee), skipper Gerry Hynes (knee) and M. Wilsdon (ankle) all definitely out of their match with Cinderford.

R. Matthews is doubtful with an ankle injury while Ian Woodward will be missing through suspension and Kevin Langston is unavailable.

Trio selected

HARROW Borough's Mark Pye, Micky Engwell and Pat Ryan have all been selected for the Middlesex side which plays Herts in the Stanley Rous Cup at Uxbridge FC on Wednesday, kick off 7.30pm.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday March 25

Diadora League Premier Division: Sutton Utd v Harrow Borough.

Football Combination: Queens Park Rangers v Crystal Palace (Earlsmead, 7pm).

Saturday March 27

Diadora League Premier Division: Dulwich Hamlet v Harrow Borough.

Diadora League Division One: Heybridge Swifts v Wembley.

Diadora League Division Two: Edgware Town v Worthing (White Lion ground, 3pm).

Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Cove (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).

Beazer Homes League Southern Division: Wealdstone v Sudbury Town (Vicarage Road, 3pm).

Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Cinderford Town (Lucas Ave, 3pm).

Monday March 29

Diadora League Division One: Purfleet v Wembley.

Wednesday March 31

Diadora League Division Three: Horsham v Kingsbury Town.

Middx Charity Cup: Viking Sports v Chelsea (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

Latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE
Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Chesham Utd	33	25	6	2	86	29	81
St Albans City	34	23	6	5	86	43	75
Carshalton Ath	35	19	8	8	79	44	65
Enfield	34	20	5	9	76	44	65
Hayes	32	14	9	9	58	48	51
Aylesbury Utd	34	16	3	15	61	66	51
Sutton Utd	29	13	10	6	51	33	49
Stevenage Boro	33	14	7	12	48	44	49
Harrow Boro	34	11	13	10	46	52	46
Hendon	33	10	15	8	44	43	45
Dulwich Hamlet	34	11	11	12	46	53	44
Grays Ath	31	12	8	11	45	52	44
Marlow	34	11	7	16	50	56	40
Basingstoke T	32	9	13	10	34	36	40
Bromley	34	11	7	16	44	61	40
Yeading	33	9	10	14	51	53	37
Staines T	36	9	10	17	52	65	37
Kingstonian	32	9	8	15	45	51	35
Wealdstone T	35	10	4	21	36	71	34
Wokingham T	32	8	9	15	44	62	33
Windsor & E	34	7	6	21	31	70	27
Bognor Regis	33	3	7	23	35	83	16

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Hitchin	33	20	6	7	57	35	66
Molesey	29	18	9	4	58	27	57
Bishops Stort	34	16	9	9	53	34	57
Dorking	29	16	8	5	52	31	56
Tooting & Mitch	33	14	10	9	55	39	52
Billericay	32	15	6	11	58	45	51
Purfleet	31	13	10	8	51	36	49
Walton & Hersh	34	12	10	12	52	47	46
Boreham Wood	34	11	13	10	43	38	46
Abingdon Town	29	12	9	7	44	34	45
Slough	29	10	12	7	34	29	42
Maidenhead	33	9	13	11	38	44	38
Uxbridge	33	9	11	13	43	50	38
Croydon	34	10	8	16	47	56	38
Leyton	30	8	12	10	40	43	36
Whyteleafe	32	9	8	15	53	63	35
Heybridge Sw	31	8	7	16	39	52	34
Chalfont St P	34	8	6	13	41	59	33
Lewes	33	8	6	19	31	61	33
Barking	33	8	6	19	27	73	30
Aveley	31	6	5	20	33	69	23

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Ruislip Manor	30	10	4	16	27	70	70
Worthing	31	19	6	6	75	44	63
Hemel Hemp	34	17	11	6	71	43	62
Chertsey Town	35	19	5	11	71	42	62
Met Police	32	18	5	9	70	38	59
Berkhamsted	35	17	8	10	57	53	59
Saffron Walden	34	16	7	11	55	36	55
Edgware Town	34	15	8	11	76	59	53
Brimpton	33	13	9	11	48	44	48
Newbury Town	34	11	15	8	45	42	48
Maldon Vale	32	13	8	11	54	44	47
Egham Town	33	13	8	12	51	59	47
Banstead Ath	27	11	8	8	46	27	41
Leatherhead	32	10	11	11	51	44	41
Witham	33	7	14	12	41	49	35
Tilbury	33	9	7	17	44	86	34
Barton Rovers	29	8	9	12	24	37	33
Hungerford	33	9	6	18	29	70	33
Ware	33	7	10	16	51	63	31
Rainham Town	33	6	10	17	40	65	28
Harefield Utd	34	7	6	21	31	56	27
Southall	32	2	5	25	25	89	11

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Aldershot Town	33	23	8	2	77	32	77
Leighton Town	32	18	7	7	75	39	61
Collier Row	29	17	9	3	56	24	60
Thame Utd	29	16	9	4	55	26	57
Cove	32	16	8	8	55	34	55
Northwood	32	15	9	8	66	62	54
East Thurrock	31	14	6	11	54	47	48
Flackwell Hth	31	14	4	13	72	60	46
Royston Town	32	12	8	12	48	39	44
Hertford Town	30	12	8	10	52	51	44
Chalfont'y T	32	12	7	13	46	46	43
Tring Town	30	10	9	11	49	51	39
Hornchurch	33	10	9	14	44	48	39
Horsham	31	10	7	14	52	52	37
Epsom & Ewell	29	7	8	14	35	51	29
Camberley T	32	7	6	19	35	64	27
Bracknell Town	31	5	10	16	39	62	25
Petersfield Utd	32	4	10	18	30	75	25
Chalfont	31	6	6	19	35	65	23
Feltham & Hounsl	20	5	3	22	35	89	18

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE
Southern Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Sittingbourne	35	22	9	4	84	36	75
Gravesend	31	21	3	12	82	55	66
Havant	33	20	4	9	69	41	64
Salisbury	32	19	5	8	62	42	62
Basingstoke	34	19	4	11	62	52	58
Witney	31	17	7	7	59	30	58
Sudbury Town	33	16	9	8	72	41	57
Ashford Town	32	17	6	9	74	51	57
Wealdstone	36	17	5	13	64	58	56
Margate	35	16	5	14	60	51	53
Erith & Bel	31	16	4	11	46	54	52
Buckingham	31	13	8	12	50	46	45
Poole Town	34	13	6	15	50	49	45
Tiddcch	35	11	7	17	50	61	40
Canterbury	32	10	7	15	41	57	37
Fareham T	33	10	6	17	57	56	36
Newport IOW	30	8	12	10	34	40	36
Burnham	33	10	6	17	40	65	36
Fisher Ath	32	8	6	18	31	72	30
Andover	37	6	8	23	36	83	26
Dunstable	34	4	8	22	30	78	20
Bury Town	34	5	5	24	33	100	20

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