

SPORT

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Spit victim - Wembley chairman Brian Gunn.

Wembley chairman is spit victim as league match ends in uproar

CLUB chairman Brian Gunn was spat on amidst disgraceful scenes at Vale Farm on Tuesday at the end of Wembley FC's League match against Billericay.

An eventual encounter had seen Wembley hang on for a 2-2 win despite finishing the game with only nine players after both Bobby Hutchinson and skipper Paul Shields had been sent off.

The outcome, and more pointedly, the refereeing of Mr J. Pettit of Welling, clearly displeased Billericay and the official had a trade of abuse hurled at him as he left the field at the final whistle.

The unpleasant scenario continued outside the dressing rooms as a scuffle broke

By **John Comfort**

out between players of both sides, and when Mr Gunn intervened in an effort to calm things down he was spat at several times to the head.

The player concerned was promptly dragged back into the dressing room and the Wembley chairman was left vehemently protesting to Billericay officials.

With spite still evident on his head, a clearly shocked Mr Gunn immediately telephoned Diadora League chairman, Alan Turvey, to register an official com-

A home draw for Borough

IN the fourth round of the Carlsberg Cup, Harrow Borough are at home to Dorcham United if they beat Grays in their third round tie.

Crisis meeting at Pinner CC

PINNER CC discuss a proposal to wind up the club because of lack of players and debt at a crisis meeting tomorrow (Friday) night at 8pm.

O'Brien is new Leighton boss

FRANK O'Brien, who quit as Kingsbury Town boss earlier this season, has been appointed as manager of Diadora League rivals, Leighton.

Kingsbury get back on win trail

Cove 1 Kingsbury Town 4 KINGSBURY got back to winning ways and eased their fears of dropping out of the Diadora League with this victory over fellow strugglers Cove on Tuesday.

Town virtually had the game sewn up by half time, turning round with a three goal lead.

They opened the scoring in the 17th minute when Mark Ivers set up the chance for Lee Talbot to net and 11 minutes later Ian Brown-Peterside got the second from a pass by Talbot. It was Talbot who got the third in the 37th minute, racing onto a through ball and beating the advancing keeper Paul Riley.

Cove gave themselves some hope 10 minutes into the second half when Ken McMillan dispatched Chris Simpson and ran on to score with a cross-shot.

Soon after the home side were reduced to ten men when Darren Broad was sent off for punching Andy Dale and Kingsbury took full advantage, scoring a clinching fourth goal in the 67th minute when Brown-Peterside played a fine kick into the path of Gerry Brennan who crashed it into the net from 20 yards.

Kingsbury: Borefield, Dale, Wallace, Evans, Kenny, Simpson, Elliot, Brennan, Talbot, Ivers, Brown-Peterside (Kenny), O'Brien, Goal: Smith.

Went 90 minutes
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Easy for Edgware

Edgware Town 3 Harrow 0 EDGWARE easily disposed of Harrow in the Carlsberg Cup on Tuesday to earn a fourth round visit to Hornchurch.

In charge from the start, Edgware should have scored early on when Steve Newing was put through but shot against the keeper and soon after a John Mangan shot hit the post and Eugene Flynn's effort from the rebound was cleared off the line.

A shot from Newing hit a post before Edgware finally went in front after 40 minutes when Heratt put Newing through to coolly beat the keeper.

Four minutes later Newing set up Edgware's second goal. He won a vital tackle and put Scott McGlashan in to tap home. Just before the break McGlashan was unlucky with a shot on the run that cannoned back off a post.

In the second half Newing had a shot cleared off the line and it was not until the 76th minute that they completed the scoring when Smith and Newing combined to put Flynn through to fire in a shot off that went in off the underside of the crossbar.

Edgware: Gower, Smith, Saltman, Sun, Finney, Mangan, Heratt, Farry, Flynn, McGlashan (Coleman), Newing. Other subs: Leach.

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Shaw on mark again as Borough move up

Wokingham Town 0 Harrow Borough 1 BOROUGH lifted themselves up to 12th place in the Premier Division, their highest of the season, with this victory at Pinchamstead Road on Tuesday, writes Tony Booth.

Their third successive away win came courtesy of a goal from Jason Shaw who netted for the third game in a row.

Keeper David Hook was only seriously troubled once, diving to push away Duncan's 2nd minute shot, after which both Booker and Benning blocked follow up efforts.

Borough responded by netting the only goal of the game after seven minutes - Neil Fraser's cross paving the way for John Hurlock to touch the ball into Shaw's path and a 20 yard shot arched into the net.

Borough held the upper hand thereafter, Shaw's diving header and shot forcing Meara to save, O'Connor and Pearce going close, and Westley securing a goal ruled out.

Though the hosts rallied after the interval, the nearest anyone came to affecting the score was in the 69th minute when Hurlock's far post header to a Booker cross was saved.

Wokingham's Merryweather was lucky to only be cautioned for his challenge on Booker that resulted in the Borough midfielder departing to hospital with a head injury.

Harrow Borough: Hook, O'Connor, Harlock (Metcalf), Booker (Court), Bensted, Pearce, Frithon, Shaw, Westley, Fraser, Benning.

Booker is Borough Cup doubt

BOB Booker has a head injury, sustained against Wokingham, and is doubtful for Harrow Borough's Middlesex Senior Cup clash with Staines tonight (Thursday).

Lee Enderby completes his suspension this week and is set to make his debut in Saturday's League game with Grays.

Borough's fixtures next week depend on the outcome of the Staines game. If they draw the replay will be at Staines on Tuesday. If they win they meet neighbours Wealdstone at home in the semi-finals on Wednesday, causing the cancellation of the home game against Grays Athletic in the Carlsberg Cup on Thursday.

Ian McGrath has cartilage problems and is doubtful for Wealdstone's visit to Ashford on Saturday. If Harrow lose in the Middlesex Senior Cup, Staines expect to be at Staines in the semi-final on Tuesday.

Guiliano Grazzini is struggling with a thigh injury and could miss Wembley's Middlesex Charity Cup clash with Rayners Lane tonight. The unavailable Tony Headlam will definitely be missing but he is available for Saturday's visit to Staines.

Said Louzi and Joe Sheridan are injury doubts for Edgware's visit to Leatherhead on Saturday.

Rayners Lane will be without Lee Bicknell for the Middlesex Charity Cup game at Wembley but he is available for Saturday's League clash with bottom of the table Kingsbury when Lane expects to be at full strength.

The latest league tables

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SENIOR HOUSE LEAGUE

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London Towers stars, Junior Taylor (left) and Troy Bowers in the shadow of Wembley Stadium.

LONDON'S only Budweiser Premier League basketball team, London Towers, have moved to Wembley.

The Towers have taken up residence at Wembley Court, which is part of the Wembley Arena complex, and will play their first Budweiser League match there on Thursday March 10 when they take on league leaders Manchester Giants.

Wembley general manager, Mike Potter, said: "We are very excited about the prospect of League basketball at Wembley. We are committed to quality events and the Wembley Court will provide the perfect stage for London Towers. London based fans deserve the opportunity to get behind their own team and we are keen to ensure that both the team and the fans are given a warm welcome."

London Towers include top UK internationals Joel Moore, Richard Scantebury and Andrew Bailey in their line-up, along with US star Troy Bowers.

Tickets for the match against Manchester Giants, priced £6 for adults and £4 for children, are available from the Wembley box office, telephone 900-1234.

Nine man Lions hang on

Wembley 3 Billericay 2 DESPITE having both Bobby Hutchinson and Paul Shields sent off, Wembley held on to register a deserved victory on Tuesday that gave them a double over their visitors from Essex, writes John Comfort.

Hutchinson got his marching orders for a recklessly late challenge in the closing minutes. Shields followed soon after for handling on the line.

From the penalty that Shields conceded, Paul Eastman reduced the Billericay deficit to a single goal and set up a frantic finish but although there were a few anxious moments for the home defence, they weathered the storm.

It had all looked so easy for Wembley earlier on as they meticulously built up a seemingly unassailable three goal lead. They opened the scoring after 13 minutes when Tucker's clearance only got as far

as Steve Lawrence who superbly lobbed over the keeper into the net and three minutes later Graziel's low cross had Tucker scrambling on all fours when challenged by Kenny Page and the loose ball was fired home by Youssif Sakharou to make it 2-0.

A quickly taken free kick by Lawrence put Graziel in to make it 3-0 in the 36th minute and a fourth should have followed early in the second half but Charlie Flaherty's weak penalty was easily saved by Tucker after Graziel had been fouled in the area.

That miss seemed set to be costly when Allen reduced the arrears after 56 minutes. Billericay suddenly came alive and they appeared to be unfortunate not to get a penalty when Jeff Fanner felled Batram. They did get one after Hutchinson and Shields departed but desperate defending by Wembley ensured there was no further score.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, Page, Shields, Daly, Sakharou, Lawrence, Smith, Bates, Graziel (Hutchinson). Other subs: Barret.

Greaves speaks for Stones

FORMER England striker Jimmy Greaves will be the guest speaker at Wealdstone FC's Sportsman's Dinner, which will be staged at the Warren, Yeading FC, on Friday May 6.

Tickets for the evening, which includes a four course meal, are priced at £25, and can be booked by ringing the club office on 832-7800.

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