

SPORT

Lone goal is enough to sink Kingsbury

Kingsbury Town 0 Hertford 1
KINGSBURY were caught napping only in the second half and conceded the goal which won this match for Hertford on Tuesday.

Members fired past Darren Bonfield. In the first half Bonfield had made a superb save from Dave Whitehead, but Kingsbury were thwarted when a good shot from Craig Elliott was pushed away by keeper Henderson and they were denied a penalty after a blatant handball.

Mark Iwan was unfortunate not to give Kingsbury an equaliser in the 72nd minute as Henderson made an excellent double save to keep the ball out.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Dale, Ash (Penalty), Cross, Kenny, Shapton, Elliot, Stannan, Tubb, Iwan, Brown-Peterson. **Other subs:** Preece.

Andrew's excellence no more than Wasps expected

ROB Andrew's exploits in Paris last weekend will have hardly raised an eyebrow amongst the Sudbury faithful writes Alan Becklesham.

most of his Wasps colleagues have enjoyed their shower and supper, he is on the training pitch practising.

With Wasps out of the title race the game does not hold the significance of last season's encounter at the Recreation Ground when victory would have virtually guaranteed the championship coming to Repton Avenue.

Even so, winning the match is a number one priority for Rob Smith and his men and could be the springboard to greater things next season.

Shields doubtful for Charity Cup clash

PAUL Shields has a damaged knee and is doubtful for Wembley's Middlesex Charity Cup game at Hereford tonight (Thursday) and Saturday's league game with Bognor.

Looking to maintain their unbeaten league run in 1994, Rayners Lane face second from bottom Woolston Sports on Saturday. Ashley Chambers (goals) and Peter Randall (goals) should be fit and if skipper Gerry Hynds (high injury) recovers from a knock sustained against Kingsbury, Lane will be at full strength.

Cup ordeal as brave ten survive loss of keeper and protest threat

Great Scott puts Edgware in final

Edgware Town 3 Uxbridge 2

EDGWARE survived a floodlight failure, the sending off of goalkeeper Mark Gower and the threat of a protest from their visitors to magnificently earn a place in the Middlesex Senior Cup Final on Tuesday for the first time in 20 years.

By John Comfort

half when he pulled down Uxbridge's Steve Hale when he burst clear - although it has to be said that the striker looked well offside.

The visitors accepted the situation and gracefully conceded defeat - which was as well, for it would have been a travesty of justice had Edgware been denied their victory by a technicality, for they were by far the better side on the night, even with ten men.

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allowing Crawford to fire past the stand-in keeper.

The floodlight failure forced referee John Abbott to take the players off the pitch after only three minutes and almost half an hour had elapsed before the fault was fixed and the game resumed.

Striker Steve Newing took over in goal for ten men Edgware but five minutes later he was replaced by substitute keeper Tony Holtby, and that sparked rumours of a protest at the final whistle, for Holtby's name was not down on the home side's team sheet given to the visitors.

But Edgware replied five minutes later when a quickly taken free kick was played up to Scott McGleish. He burst through the visitors' defence to beat Dawson with a low shot that went in off a post and then embarked on his ritual somersault celebration.

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Agony over extra time exit

Staines 4 Wealdstone 2
IT was agony for battling Staines on Tuesday as they lost in extra time in the semi-final of the Middlesex Senior Cup at Wheatthorpe Lane, writes Graham Smith.

Richard Mellor to run onto and his cross was met by Gerry Edward who scored his first goal for the club.

A second questionable penalty put Staines behind nine minutes into the first period of extra time when Webb was judged to have committed a foul in the area as two home forwards fell over. Becks converted again and Staines sealed their place in the final seven minutes from time when Darlington beat Hopping to score their fourth goal.

Wembley gun down the League Champs

WEMBLEY Ladies handed Champions Arsenal their first home defeat since the National League began three seasons ago when they scored a 3-2 win over their rivals on Sunday.

Wembley had already lost twice to the Gunners this season and a third beating seemed on the cards as goals from Marianne Spencey in the 3rd minute and Naz Ball after 25 minutes saw Arsenal into a 2-0 interval lead.

They reduced the arrears after 52 minutes when an under pressure defender hit the ball across the goal area for Viv Leech to score with a dipping shot, and 10 minutes later Sue Jones chipped a great 25 yard free kick into the corner of the net for the equaliser.

Both sides had chances to win after that but two minutes from time it was Wembley who snatched the glory when Jan Mooney delivered a defence splitting 40 yard pass for Ayala Liran to outpace the Arsenal defence and coolly lob home the winner.

Wembley: Jackie Elmman, Debbie Wood, Carol Harwood, Jan Mooney, Jackie Spencey, Viv Leech, Justice Lorton, Paula Clowen, Tracy Koch (assistants), Sue Jones, Aynia Liran.

Andy Hopping was soon in action, tipping over a 25 yard free kick from Livey, and from the resulting corner, the keeper again saved well from Wheatthorpe's header.

However, they did go ahead again when another effort was stopped on the line and Trygven was on hand to put the loose ball past Hopping.

Wheatthorpe: Hopping, Arghin, Chewina, Davinia, Jankat, Gibson (Drumny), Edward, Webb, Mellor, Brown, Holahan (Lawrence).

Staines took the lead after 24 minutes. Roger Jankat was penalised for a push in the area and Becks netted from the spot kick.

Stones battled hard for an equaliser and were rewarded in the 80th minute with a strange goal.

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It took Staines less than two minutes of the second half to equalise. Paul Webb hit a ball over the Staines defence for

Paul Webb's corner went through a melee of players to keeper Lara who seemed to

carry the ball over the line.

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Pinner CC throw a lifeline

DEATH notices for Pinner Cricket Club may yet prove to be premature.

Following a well attended crisis meeting of the club on Friday, called to discuss the club's possible closure amidst debts and lack of players, there is now a good chance that they will be saved.

Said club president Bernard O'Kane: "We're keeping our fingers crossed, but there is now a strong possibility of re-organisation with a smaller club."

Senior officials of the other club are in favour of the link up and are hoping to be able to confirm agreement by members this week.

Lions fail to halt Stortford

Wembley 0 Bishops Stortford 1

WEMBLEY were unable to prevent Bishops Stortford from returning to the top of the Division One table on Tuesday night as they suffered a narrow defeat, writes Richard Markiewicz.

The only goal of the game came in the 20th minute. Tony Headlam, replacing the injured Paul Shields, perpetrated an unnecessary foul on the edge of the penalty area despite the fact that the ball was rolling harmlessly into touch. And from the resulting free kick, Leo Fortune-West slid in to poke the ball past Jeff Farmer.

Stortford did not threaten after that but despite dominating matters, Wembley did not create enough chances to trouble Stortford.

Guiliano Grazioli probably should have done better when he received a poorly struck goal kick from Gavin King three minutes later but he shot lamely at the exposed keeper. And just before half time King dived across his goal to palm clear a Kenny Page strike.

Grazioli had a couple of other chances after the break, a clever lob which just missed the target and a downward header following a Henry Clark cross which was pushed away by King.

But otherwise Stortford confidently absorbed further Wembley pressure although Clark almost snatched a last gasp equaliser when he back headed a Steve Lawrence throw goalward only to see the agile King tip the ball onto the bar before it was cleared to safely.

Wembley: Farmer, Fishery, Clark, Page, Headlam, Dale, Salsmond, Lawrence, Smith (Hutchinson), Bates, Grazier. **Other subs:** Doyle.

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