

SPORT

Bad break for Gower as Edgware crash out

Hornchurch 5 Edgware Town 0
GOALKEEPER Mark Gower suffered a broken jaw as Edgware crashed out of the Carlsberg Trophy on Tuesday.

Edgware were already a goal down when Gower suffered his injury in a collision with a Hornchurch forward 10 min- utes into the second half but he bravely played on after lengthy treatment.

In a fit state, the obviously shaken keeper would probably have saved Hornchurch's second and third goals and two more late strikes completed the scoring against the shell-shocked visitors.

The outcome might have been different had Edgware taken their chances. Eugene Flynn was in particularly poor finishing form, his worst miss seeing a shot go over from just three yards out.

Edgware: Gower, Louz, Mangon, Sue (Mintosh), Flinnerty, Ferry, Harrat, Flynn, Coleman, McCash, Morris.

Stanmore president Reg dies aged 80

STANMORE Cricket Club were this week mourning the death of the club's president, Reg Hayter.

Aged 80, he passed away in hospital at Northwood on Sunday, just 48 hours after being honoured at the club's annual dinner at Lord's where he was presented with a silver salver to mark his 20 years as Stanmore's president.

Founder of the Hayters Agency which bore his name, Reg was a prolific discoverer of talent in sports journalism in a 60 year career in Fleet Street. He joined Stanmore CC in 1953, captained the 1st XI from 1957-65 and had been club president since 1974.

Said Stanmore chairman, Graham Pascoe: "His death is a great loss - one which I feel very personally. He was an enormously highly regarded man who did a lot to raise the profile of the club. You can go anywhere abroad in cricketing circles and people know all about Stanmore because of him. He will be very sadly missed."

Reg, who lived in Bushey, leaves a wife Lucy, three daughters and two sons. His funeral will take place on March 22 at St Bride's, Fleet Street, at 11am.

Smith goal enough to stop Wembley rot

WEMBLEY 1 Purfleet 1
WEMBLEY'S sequence of league defeats came to an end when they claimed a point against third placed Purfleet on Tuesday, but after a very erratic performance the Lions were lucky not to have suffered another loss, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Following an evenly contested opening, the deadlock was broken when Wembley took the lead in the 31st minute. The Purfleet defence only half-cleared a Steve Daly header from a Henry Clark corner, and Youssef Sakrioni delivered the ball back into the danger area where Giuliano Grazioli's clever flick found Andy Smith who sidefooted home.

Had Ian Bates not missed the target with a neat lob after being put clear by Grazioli in the 53rd minute, Wembley would have had a commanding advantage but instead the Lions, by continually losing possession, did their utmost to try and throw away their slender lead.

Purfleet fortunately did not capitalise and with Danny DeBruce appearing as substitute to bolster the midfield, it seemed Wembley's slim lead would be enough for victory.

However, 10 minutes from time Bruce Sewell escaped down the left and crossed to the far post where Jason Spiteri managed to squeeze the ball past Jeff Fanner for the Purfleet equaliser.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, Headam, Doyle, Daly, Sakrioni, Lawrence, Smith, Bates, Grazioli (DeBruce). Other subs: Page.

Leaving Stones
LATEST departures from Westons are Mick Garrett, Darren Southwood, Gerald Walkman and Eugene Saunders, who have all been released by manager Fred Callaghan.

Borough date
HARROW Borough's long awaited Middlesex Charity Cup clash with Brentford has been rearranged for Wednesday April 6 at Eastwood.

Demotion threat to club

Lights set to go out on Lane

RAYNERS Lane are in danger of losing their place in the Premier Division of the Hellenic League because they have no floodlights.

The Hellenic League, in common with other feeder leagues in the pyramid system, has issued directives on minimal standards for Premier Division clubs - and floodlights are amongst them.

Lane are one of five Hellenic Premier clubs who have been given a deadline of June 1 to install lights or risk being demoted to the league's First Division.

"It's obviously a bit of a problem," said Don Durkin, the club's long serving manager. "Our facilities are better than most

of the clubs in the League but we don't have lights. It's ironic that we don't need them to progress - we need them just to stay where we are."

The club has made two previously unsuccessful applications to Harrow Council for floodlights over the past eight years and another is imminent. The club is hoping for a favourable outcome this time.

"We have to go for them," said club chairman Dave Blewitt. "We need them to maintain our status."

Rayners Lane, which has a large membership, run three Saturday sides, two on Sundays and also have a large youth team section.

Edgware depleted for Final rehearsal

EDGWARE Town have a dress rehearsal for the Middlesex Senior Cup Final when they take on Slaines tonight (Thursday) in the Middlesex Charity Cup.

But they go into the game with a severely depleted side. They will be without the suspended Steve Newing, the unavailable Eugene Flynn, and Dave Sue and Mark Gower, who have been injured.

Paul Smith and John Mangon are also injury doubts.

Andy Futton starts a two match ban and misses Harrow Borough's home game with Carshalton on Saturday.

Jason Shaw's leg injury sustained against Grays could keep him out for two weeks. In his absence, Graham Pearce takes over as captain.

Paul Shields is likely to return for Wembley's visit to Windsor following a one match ban but Bobby Hutchinson is still suspended. Utility player Ray Bennett has left the club and joined Northwood.

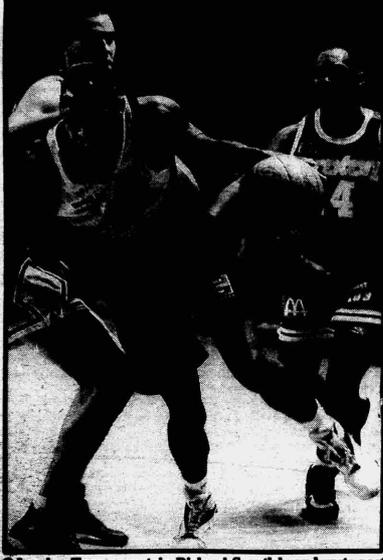
Keeper Darren Bonfield is again doubtful with a shoulder injury for Kingsbury's match at Harlow. James Faldo will deputise again if needed.

Kingsbury have lost defender Dave Wallace who has joined former manager Frank O'Brien at Leighton.

Rayners Lane face run-away league leaders Moreton on Saturday and their unbeaten 1994 run is under threat. Lane are definitely without the unavailable Darrel Clements but have no injury problems and on recent form are confident of causing an upset.

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Wednesday March 30	Windsor v Slaines (The Middlesex Charity Cup)
Thursday March 31	Windsor v Slaines (The Middlesex Charity Cup)

Towers triumph at Wembley



© London Towers captain Richard Scantlebury bursts past the challenge of Manchester Glants' forward Danny Craven in the Towers' debut match at their new Wembley Cricket home on Thursday.

Towers celebrated the occasion by beating the Budweiser League leaders by 69-65. They following that up with an overtime victory at Sunderland on Saturday evening and then returned to Wembley on Sunday for a third successive win, this time against Hemel Royals.

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Ten men take care of Town

Kingsbury Town 1 Royston 2

MISSED chances proved costly for Kingsbury on Tuesday night as they slid to defeat against a Royston side reduced to ten men for the final 15 minutes when midfielder Steve Crow was sent off for swearing at referee Micky Burrell, writes John Comfort.

It was Crow who had opened the scoring for the visitors after only four minutes when he collected a misplaced pass from Mark Ivers and embarked on a 75 yard run that ended with him scrambling the ball past James Faldo.

Lee Talbot should have levelled after being put clear by Nelson Kumah but he shot wide and Craig Elliott hit a post from Andy Dale's cross.

The game seemed over when the unchallenged Dobson notched Royston's second goal 10 minutes after the break but when Talbot reduced the arrears after a Gerry Brennan free kick deflected off the defensive wall in the 69th minute, Kingsbury were sparked into life.

But even against ten men they failed to score again, Elliott heading their best chance wide of an open goal.

Kingsbury: Faldo, Dale, Walsh (Lynch), Evans, Kenny, Simpson, Ivers, Brennan, Talbot, Kumah, Elliott. Other subs: Phillips.

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Pinner live to fight another day

THE future of Pinner Cricket Club is almost certainly assured, for they are set to amalgamate with Pinner Victorians CC.

At Pinner's recent 'make or break' meeting, Victorians announced that they were interested in joining the ailing local club who were threatened by closure through debts and a shortage of players.

Victorians are committed to fixtures and pitches for 1994, but they only field one side on Saturdays and Sundays and would be able to provide players during the coming season. Apart from not wishing to see a long established local club fold up, they have no premises of their own for social events and with some of their members keen on playing league cricket, a link up was of benefit to both clubs.

Other local clubs had kindly offered to do everything they could to help Pinner survive, but an amalgamation with Victorians was clearly the best way forward and not surprisingly the Pinner members welcomed the idea.

The proposal has still to be formally approved by Pinner Victorians members, and a joint meeting has been set for March 25 to formalise the amalgamation.

Confident that it would all go through, Pinner elected the following for the coming season: Dave Richards (capt Sat 1sts); John Spencer (capt Sun 1sts); Iain Cortis (capt Sat 2nds); Mike Douglas (capt Sun 2nds). It was decided not to fill the vice captain posts and also to leave vacancies on the committee so that they might be filled by Pinner Victorians.

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