

# SPORT

## New look Towers take on champs

AFTER a winning double to start the new Budweiser Basketball League season, the London Towers get an early chance to assess their championship potential tonight (Thursday) when they take on reigning League Champions, Thames Valley Tigers, at Wembley Court.

With former Guildford Kings coach Kevin Cadle now at the helm, the campaign promises to be one of the most exciting ever for the Towers.

The approach of Cadle, one of the best known faces in British basketball, who has previously coached the Scottish national team, the English national team, and the Great Britain team, is simple. "I want players who want to win trophies and be successful, who will work hard to achieve that success," said the five times 'Coach of the Year'.

He added: "The Towers organisation impressed me and I wanted to be part of it."

The Towers have a much revamped squad this season which is set to go places.

It consists of: 6' 2" guard Danny Lewis; 7' 1" centre Ian Whyte; 6' 3" guard Joel Moore; 5' 11" guard Andrew Bailey; 6' 10" centre Martin Henlan; 6' 4" forward Roger Duhany; 6' 5" Paul Howard; 6' 9" forward Kenny Scott; 6' 2" guard Mark Hubbard; 6' 8" forward Kirk Mitchell.

In their League opener at Hemel on Saturday, Towers overcame a gutsy home side by 67-52 with Henlan and Moore both top scoring with 20 points apiece.

Sunday's game at home to Sunderland was a more leisurely affair. Hubbard top scoring with 19 points in a 85-55 win.

Tonight's clash with Thames Valley tips off at 8pm. Tickets, priced £6 for adults and £4 for children, are available from the Wembley box office, telephone 900-1234.

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# Just capital

## £2.5m tax demand threat to Wealdstone is lifted

WEALDSTONE FC's future was looking decidedly brighter this week following the lifting of the threat of a £2.5m capital gains tax demand by the Inland Revenue relating to the sale of the club's former Lower Mead ground.

The Inland Revenue has agreed to various concessions with regard to the distribution of proceeds from the £12m sale of the ground to Teacos and have agreed to give it a zero tax rating, thus releasing the club from any liabilities.

### By John Comfort

"It's tremendous news," said club chairman Paul Rumens, and there could be more to follow. Mr Rumens now plans to start negotiations with Wealdstone's administrators, Buchler Phillips, with a view to releasing the club from the administration which has financially ensnared them for the past three years. "There are still one or two creditors

to settle up with in order to make this possible, thus giving the club back to its members, shareholders and supporters," said Mr Rumens.

When he took over as chairman 18 months ago Mr Rumens set himself four goals. Winning the court case against their former solicitors, Minet Ferrin, and seeing the club out of the quagmire of financial problems with the Inland Revenue - either of which could have sent Stones under - have both been achieved. The third of putting out a

team to be proud of is heading in the right direction. Relocation in Harrow is now the final remaining aim.

"The most important piece of the jigsaw is a new stadium in the Borough of Harrow," said Mr Rumens. "We can now see the wood from the trees and we must as a club make it happen. "We have a sizable sum to start with and if we use this money wisely, with help from the Borough Council in relocating, there is every possibility that the club can bounce back to its former glories."

## Kingsbury call a halt to the Spartan county cup jinx

**Kingsbury Tn 3 Waltham Abbey 1**  
 KINGSBURY ended their recent jinx against Spartan League clubs in the Midsex Senior Cup on Tuesday night when they put out Waltham Abbey. They opened the scoring after 17 minutes when Gerry Brennan's volley from an Anthony Sibanda cross was deflected

in off defender Manning but Waltham were level within nine minutes, Kevin Stuart's foul on Reynolds resulting in a penalty which Fernandez converted. However, Kingsbury regained the lead right on half time. Roy Parkin's cross found Sibanda in the box and he sent a superb rising drive into the roof of the net.

The second half was evenly contested but Kingsbury sealed victory with a third goal in the dying seconds when Brennan's low cross evaded the Waltham defence allowing Sibanda to fire home. Kingsbury: Bonfield, Brown-Peterside, Parkin, Evans, Stuart, Elliott, Brennan, Kenny, Sibanda, Nelson (Haywood), Ash (Donaghy).

## Gregory comes in for Andrew

WASPS make one change from the side that annihilated Harlequins for the Courage League visit to West Harteup on Saturday, writes Alan Bodenham.

Rob Andrew is on tour with John Major in South Africa and is replaced by Guy Gregory.

This will be the first of many appearances for the fly half, who rejoined Wasps from Nottingham in the summer. The RFU have laid down strict guidelines to clubs concerning the appearances of England players leading up to the World Cup, so Andrew will be ruled out of several matches, especially after Christmas.

However, the absence of the England play maker will not change, one iota, the style Wasps play rugby that has made them the talk of the land in early season. Gregory trained with the first team on Tuesday night and knows exactly what is expected of him.

West Harteup has been a happy hunting ground for Wasps recently. They won both both matches there two seasons ago, the second a quarter final victory in the Pilkington Cup.

## Wares hit back to gain a draw

**Edgware Town 2 Wealdstone 2**

WEALDSTONE, fielding seven players who did not figure in Saturday's Trophy win over Bromley, let slip a two goal lead in this friendly at Edgware on Tuesday night, writes Graham Smith.

The popular Dermot Drummy blasted home a 20 yard free kick to put Stones ahead after three minutes and 14 minutes later sent Rod Brathwaite through to fire home.

John Coleman pulled one back for Edgware 17 minutes into the second half and with eight minutes remaining Colin Chance hit a well deserved equaliser.

Edgware: Gower (Harvey), O'Leary (Mangan), Finnelly, Sub Sheridan, Coleman, Ferry (Chance), Newing, Salsman, John, Thompson. Wealdstone: D. Hill, Anglin, Birch, Shanahan, Finley, Drummy, Webb, McGrath, Brathwaite, Brownlee (Jones), Wilson. Other sub: Mason.

## Wembley lack finish

**Yeading 2 Wembley 1**  
 WEMBLEY were made to pay for their inadequate finishing on Tuesday night as they exited from the Carlsberg Cup, writes John Comfort.

In the first half, Hurracia Willock, Gaetano Grazioli and Kenny Page all had golden chances but squandered them with only keeper Stuart MacKenzie to beat.

Willock, put through by Grazioli, dithered allowing MacKenzie to save at his feet; Grazioli's effort missed the target; and Page has his rising shot tipped over by the keeper.

Henry Clark did get the ball in the net but as it was direct from a kick in, it was correctly disallowed.

Yeading opened the scoring in the 24th minute when Steve Cordry chipped a 20 yard free kick over Jeff Fanner, who had obligingly left his line, and five minutes later the lead was doubled, slack marking giving Paul McKinnon a free header from Phil Dicker's cross.

Wembley pulled a goal back three minutes into the second half when Yousef Sakhraoui's back heeled attempt was blocked and Page slotted in the rebound, but an equaliser eluded them and they were left to rue those crucial first half misses.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty (Sakhraoui), Clark, O'Brien, Shields, Day, Willock, Smith, Page, Grazioli. Other subs: Doyle, Gladman.



Andy O'Brien heads for goal in Saturday's Trophy clash with Bury. Report on page 95.

## Tough away tasks for FA Cup trio

THE FA Cup trail continues for Harrow Borough, Wembley and Edgware on Saturday when they all face difficult away matches in the second qualifying round.

Wembley's game at Conference club Welling would appear to be the toughest. Charlie Flaherty has a hamstring injury but should be fit, but Bobby Hutchinson, who has a thigh injury, is doubtful.

Edgware will have their work cut out at Aylesbury as manager Brian Rider has a host of selection problems.

They will be without keeper Mark Gower, who is suspended for one match for his sending off against Enfield. He is replaced by Keith Harvey. Mark White, Stuart Crawford, Dave Instone and Paul McIntosh are also unavailable due to suspensions, while injuries will sideline Joe Sheridan, Paul O'Leary and Dave Sue.

John Mangan, Colin Chance and Derek Sinns are added to the squad.

Borough make the short journey to Staines looking for revenge against the side that

put them out of the Middlesex Senior Cup last season.

They will be without John Hurlock, who is holidaying in Canada, but Chris Metcalfe, who has a hamstring injury should be fit, as will Graham Pearce, who is now combining his playing duties with his role as the club's new groundsman.

Striker Kevin Davies sees a specialist this week about his long standing ankle injury.

Tyrone Kent suffered a knock against Bromley but should be fit to take his place in the Wealdstone side to face

Witney in the League - a game which will be a true test of Stones recent improvement.

Kingsbury have signed former Hendon and Dover defender Roy Parkin and he makes his home debut in Saturday's league match with Southall. Town will be without John Kenny who starts a three match suspension.

Rayners Lane will be without the suspended Steve Bird and Claren Creegan for the visit of Purton, along with Danny Mills who is away on holiday.

## Trophy travelling for the locals

WEMBLEY and Harrow Borough both face Beazer Homes League opposition in the second qualifying round of the FA Challenge Trophy on October 15.

The Lions travel to Rushden and Diamonds, whose 4-1 replay win over Hendon denied Wembley a derby clash. Borough are

also away, to Gravesend and Northfleet. Wealdstone's reward for beating Bromley is a home tie against another Division Premier side, Purfleet, but the game is likely to be switched to Sunday October 16 as their landlords, Yeading, also have a home tie in the competition.

**Saturday September 24**  
 FA Cup 2nd qualifying round: Aylesbury Utd v Edgware Town; Staines Town v Harrow Borough; Welling Utd v Wembley; Didcote League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Southall (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).  
 Southern League Southern Div: Witney Town v Wealdstone.  
**Sunday September 25**  
 Hellenic League Div One: Rayners Lane v Purton (Lucas Ave, 3pm).  
**Tuesday September 27**  
 Didcote League Div Two: Edgware Town v Tilbury (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).  
 Didcote League Div Three: Camberley v Kingsbury Town.  
**Wednesday September 28**  
 Didcote League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Chesham Utd (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

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