SPORT

Towers looking to cure coach Cadle's sore head

COACH Kevin Cadle was like a bear with a sore head after London Towers disastrous performance against Thames Valley, so his team will be anxious to erase the unhappy memory of that beating at Wembley Court tonight (Thursday) when they meet Leopards in the 7 Up Trophy.

Although Towers are joint first in the Budweiser League while Leopards are at the opposite end of the table, the game is expected to be a tight one, with the great rivalry of owners, Barry Marshall of Towers and Harvey Goldsmith of Leopards, certain to spill onto the court.

With Paul Howard over a twisted ankle injury, Towers will be at full strength for the clash which tips off at 8pm.

On Saturday Towers visit Birmingham Bullets in the League and on Sunday they return to Wembley to face Derby Bucks, tip off 5pm.

Wealdstone in six goal cup thriller
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Borough through - again !

Racing Club Warwick 2
Harrow Borough 5

BOROUGH belatedly ensured their progress into the second qualifying round of the FA Trophy when they comprehensively won this rematch at Townsend Meadow on Tuesday, writes Tony Booth.

David Hook made very good saves early on to keep out Green's shot and header, but it was Borough who opened the scoring after 26 minutes, Neil Fraser doing well to control Prutton's lofted through pass before chipping over the keeper.

John Hurlock doubled the lead after 39 minutes with a fierce 20 yard drive from Enderby's cross and five minutes later two poor Warwick clearances gave Fraser possession 25 yards out from where he drove the ball home.

An unfortunate injury time slip saw Warwick pull a goal back when Jameson dispossessed Hook and shot in from an angle and two minutes into the second half the hosts netted again, Pearson shooting home from a Waite cross.

Good defensive work by Knight and Bensted, in particular, ensured that no further inroads were made and it was no real surprise when Borough netted twice more themselves in the closing stages.

Andy Prutton led by example when he gained possession, ran across the edge of the area and turned to drive an unstoppable 38th minute shot past Bulliman, then a minute later Hurlock played the ball through for Lee Enderby who skilfully rounded the keeper before rolling his shot in.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Knight, O'Connor, Pearce, Bensted, McKay, Prutton, Hurlock, Lawford (Wesley), Fraser, Enderby. Other subs: Spring, Bascomb.

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Wasps face tough task to avoid the hat-trick

AFTER the double setback of successive Courage League defeats against West Hartlepool and Leicester, Wasps could probably have wished for a more leisurely fixture than Champions Bath away in which to prevent a hat-trick of reverses.

But a trip to the Recreation ground it is on Saturday, and Wasps know that their game will have to show some considerable improvement if they are to repeat their historic 1991 success in the west country - a result which remarkably still stands as the only occasion that Bath have suffered a home league defeat.

If, and indeed how, they intend to achieve it, however, remains a mystery. Their much lauded expansive game fell flat at Hartlepool, and was notable for its absence against Leicester, so it is perhaps not surprising that coach Rob Smith is keeping his cards close to his chest.

Neither the tactics nor the make up of the team were being made public this week. But having lost to their bitter rivals three times last season, twice in the league and once in the Cup, whatever decisions are made can only be for the best.

Rider quits at Edgware

McGleish offered chance to take over as boss

By
John Comfort

EDGWARE Town FC's long serving manager Brian Rider has quit to take up a full time position scouting for Charlton Athletic.

His resignation was tendered at a board meeting on Monday night and follows a string of disappointing results at the start of the new campaign, culminating in Saturday's shock FA Vase exit at Cockfosters.

The Edgware board have offered the post to Jock McGleish, the club coach and Rider's assistant for the past five years. He was due to meet with club chairman Michael Flynn after Tuesday night's game against Banstead but in the wake of another sad performance and a 4-1 reverse it was decided to delay discussing the situation for a further 24 hours.

McGleish is undecided over whether to take the job or not. "After Saturday I expected both Brian and me to be sacked, but him resigning has left me in limbo. I took the credit in the good times with him and maybe I should be taking my share of the blame now things aren't going so well.

"But whoever takes it on has got a big job on their hands. The confidence is low at the moment and there are three or four players just living on their reputations.

"On the budget we've got, finding new players is going to be difficult, so we've just got to sit down and talk about it and take it from there."

Brian Rider was offered the Charlton job in the close season. "I've been giving it some serious thought for some time but delayed making a decision because I wanted to get our friendlies and the opening league games out of the way. But we have been very disappointing and I think it will be a good thing for the club for someone else to take over now."

Rider took over as Edgware manager nine years ago and under him the club has enjoyed one of its most successful ever periods.

They won the Spartan League and League Cup in 1988 and two years later gained promotion to the Diadora League after winning the Championship again. In 1992 they took the Diadora Division Three title, in 1993 they were runners up in the Middlesex Charity Cup and last season they were beaten finalists in the Middlesex Senior Cup.

● **Brian Rider - quits after nine years as boss.**

Wembley aim for another cup scalp

AFTER their fine win at Welling in the last round, Wembley will be looking to take the scalp of another club of higher status on Saturday when they meet Walton and Hersham in the third qualifying round of the FA Cup.

Although they strengthened their side considerably after being promoted last season, Walton are still languishing in the lower reaches of the Premier Division and Glen Charles' team, which should be at full strength, will fancy their chances of a second upset in this competition.

Andy Prutton starts a three match suspension for his sending off against Staines and misses Harrow Borough's home match with Marlow. Christian Metcalfe has recovered from injury and is available for selection.

Borough are hoping to play a friendly at home to Peterborough on Wednesday.

Following their match at Craven Cottage, Wealdstone will be in action on another League ground on Saturday when they meet Poole Town, who are currently playing at Bournemouth's Dean Court ground. Mark Hill returns after missing the Sudbury Cup clash.

Injuries keep John Mangan and Joe Sheridan out of the Edgware side to face Hampton as Town look to give new boss Jock McGleish a morale boosting win.

Striker Mark Ivers has returned to Kingsbury from Leighton following the

sacking by the Bedfordshire club of former Town boss Frank O'Brien. Ivers is in line for a place in the side to face Harlow on Saturday, as is John Kenny who has completed a three match suspension.

Rayners Lane face a difficult task at home to unbeaten league leaders Endsleigh in the League Cup. Lane hope to have Steve Cott, Steve Hedge and Fergus Meaney available after injury.

Saturday October 8
FA Cup 3rd qualifying round: Wembley v Walton & Hersham (Vale Farm, 3pm).
Diadora League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Marlow (Earlsmead, 3pm).
Diadora League Div Two: Hampton v Edgware.
Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Harlow (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Beazer Homes League Southern Div: Poole v Wealdstone (at Bournemouth FC).

Grazioli is four goal star for Wembley

Wembley 4 Heybridge 2

FOUR goal Guiliano Grazioli was Wembley's hero as they staged a brilliant recovery to record their first ever home win over Heybridge Swifts on Tuesday, writes Richard Markiewicz.

It appeared that the Heybridge hoodoo was going to continue as the Lions found themselves two goals down after 47 minutes. Wayne Adcock put the visitors in front in the 7th minute after seizing onto Mitchell Springett's crossfield pass and just after the break Adcock latched onto another Springett through ball to slot past Jeff Fanner and make it 2-0.

Wembley looked down and out but they responded magnificently in the face of adversity to stage a remarkable recovery, thanks to the scoring prowess of Grazioli. The young striker notched Wembley's first goal in the 63rd minute when he backheaded a Henry Clark kick-in over the motionless keeper, then beat his marker to Charlie Flaherty's cross to level the scores two minutes later.

Grazioli registered his hat-trick in the 81st minute, firing home Steve Lawrence's penetrating pass from close range to put Lions in front and four minutes from time Grazioli struck again when he collected substitute Youssef Sakhraoui's pass on the halfway line, outpaced the Heybridge defence, before coolly stroking the ball past the advancing keeper to score his and Wembley's fourth.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, O'Brien, Shields, Daly, Doyle (Sakhraoui), Lawrence, Smith, Page, Grazioli (Bates).

A Sharp Britannic winner

THE final Observer Britannic Assurance Player of the Month award for the season has gone to another Kenton Cricket Club player.

Following Mark Giffin's August success, the September award has been won by clubmate Malcolm Sharp with excellent knocks against Loughton (99), Bushey (75) and Farnham Common (51).

His award consists of a trophy, tickets to a Britannic Assurance Championship match of his choice, plus Britannic Assurance sponsorship items, including a track suit.

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Player of the Month

Fred named as boss of month

WEALDSTONE boss Fred Callaghan has won the Beazer Homes League's Manager of the Month award for the Southern Division for September. During the month Stones won all three of their league matches as well as an FA Trophy tie against Bromley.

There's no joy for Jock

Edgware Town 1 Banstead Ath 4

JOCK McGleish's first game in charge of Edgware was not a happy one as his side tumbled to another disappointing defeat on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

They started brightly and took a 12th minute lead when Eugene Flynn headed home a Steve Sailsman cross. But Banstead bounced back to level through Kilpatrick after 33 minutes and right on half time Johnson headed them in front.

Edgware rarely looked capable of saving the game and two goals in the last five minutes sealed Banstead's victory. Ferry's error paved the way for Pope to head in the first off a post and Liddle curled in a fine shot to complete Edgware's misery.

Edgware: Gower, Simms (Thompson), Mangan (Roche), Sue, Finnerty, Sailsman, Coleman, Ferry, John, Newing, Flynn.