

# SPORT

## Observer Pool League opens with 8-ball clearance

# Edgware's keepers hit by fractures



Metropolitan Police 0, Edgware Town 1

**TWO** Edgware Town goalkeepers were put out of action at the weekend in a double blow to new manager Jock McGleish's league hopes.

Disaster struck a minute before half-time in Edgware's away match against Metropolitan Police when goalkeeper Mark Gower jumped to contest a ball with the opposing team's centre-half but fell awkwardly, breaking his right arm in two places.

And when Jock McGleish rang Edgware's ground to check on the reserve team's progress, he was informed that Neil Mason, reserve team goalkeeper, had broken his leg in a clash with a Kingstonian forward.

McGleish, in only his second game as manager, said he would be surprised if either keeper played again this season.

"Mark Gower has quite a bad break in his right arm and Neil Mason has a broken fibula so neither of them will be playing again until 1995.

"But we can't afford to be demoralised. You have to keep your chin up in these situations. Keith Harvey, who came on for Gower, is certainly capable of standing in for him and I will be approaching a goalkeeper for the reserve team later this week.

"Fortunately, the reserve team don't have a game this weekend and we should have another goalkeeper by the time they play their next match."

McGleish had every reason to feel confident after watching Edgware hold their own in a physical match against the police side.

The visitors were under threat from the kick-off when a Met player left Edgware defenders standing after just five minutes and it was only an inspired save from Mark Gower that stopped his team from going one down.

Edgware hit back, forcing the Met keeper to work hard to save two shots from John Coleman.

The second half was a very open game but Edgware were in control and never looked like conceding a goal.

Michael Roche came on for Jason Craik in the 73rd minute and immediately set up Leslie Thompson with a beautiful cross, allowing Thompson to score with his left foot.

In the last ten minutes of the game, Ted John had two excellent opportunities to tie up the game for Edgware but did not manage to put the ball in the back of the net.

Edgware's next match is on Saturday at home to Chalfont St Peter. Kick-off is at 3pm.

Edgware: Gower (Harvey), Ferry, Sue, Finnerty, Salsman, Coleman, O'Leary, Craik (Roche), John, Newing, Thompson. Subs: Simms.

THE Observer Pool League closed off last week for a new season and, for the second year running, a trophy was picked up on the opening day.

Eastcote Arms' Joe Breen, clearing the table with this side's first frame, earned himself an 8-ball clearance trophy. However, The Arms had to settle for a share of the spoils with the Century when Shane Rushe stepped up to rescue the home side (Century) in the final frame.

The Silver Trumpet made a fine start to their league debut with a 6-4 victory over The Plough Kingsbury B. Tony Williams, Connor Treacy and John Law rattled off the final three frames to turn a 3-4 deficit into a 6-4 win.

Another new team to start well was The Queen of Hearts B who took a 3-0 away lead at The Bell Ruiaip.

The Good Will played out a local derby against Broadfields FC and came away with the two points in a 4-6 away win.

The Preston 2 shared the spoils with other newcomers The Leaping Frog 5-5.

The Mitre kicked off their campaign with a home win, 6-4, over the reinstated Whittington from Pinner. Warren Telling and Kevin Peel proved to be the heroes by claiming the final two frames after the two sides were locked at 4-4.

In Division One, the champions, Plough Kingsbury A, recorded a 7-3 victory over The Masons Arms but they were pushed hard in the early stages of the match.

The Heather Park (formerly The Abbey Hotel) paraded some new signings for their opening encounter with newly-promoted Railway Wealdstone. The match was a closely fought one all the way. At 5-4 down, Michael Hipwell potted out for The Railway to share an excellent 5-5 draw.

The Queen of Hearts came

through a stiff test with a 6-4 home win against The Windermer.

Pinner Green Social Club, now boasting several ex-Rayners players in their line-up, gave Division Two champions South Harrow British Legion a taste of Division One pool with a comfortable 7-3 victory.

The Belmont played their first Division One match and started as if they had never been out of the top flight. They took the opening seven frames away at The Abbey CC, the final score finishing 2-

8 to The Belmont.

The LNER were hosts to The Preston 1 (formerly St Joseph's). The home side trailed 1-3 in the early stages but a mistake by singles champion Brian Evans led to a spirited fight back. Evans completed a clearance to "win" the frame but failed to nominate a pocket for the black ball. He therefore lost the game. The LNER then took the next three frames to lead 5-3. The Preston managed to pull it back to 5-4 and then Ken Anthony, playing with a damaged arm, levelled the match for the visitors at 5-5.



Medical attention for one of the players in the Wasps Ladies match against Richmond Ladies at Sudbury at the weekend. The match ended in a 6-5 victory for Richmond. Photo: Max Flago

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**HOCKEY**  
**Positive attitude brings the wins**  
 Harrow 2 Sunbury 0  
 HARROW'S positive attitude resulted in two well-deserved wins on Saturday for the ladies' first and second teams.  
 The first team played Sunbury and won 2-0 with both goals coming in the first half. The first followed a drive down the right wing by Gillian Widders and her shot, saved by the keeper, rebounded to the top of the circle where midfielder Alison Silva scored with a first-time shot. The second followed almost immediately with a short corner slipped right by Tasha Lendon to Gillian Widders who put the ball cleanly into the net.  
 The second half brought more chances with good saves from the Sunbury keeper but Harrow stayed tight in defence and secured the win.  
 Harrow seconds had an equally good game against Lensbury with Tricia Lander scoring about 15 minutes into the first half and, although under constant pressure in defence, captain Caroline Smith played a solid game and made sure keeper Paula Redpath was not put under pressure.  
 Harrow first team: Fielder, Callaghan, Hilton, Leech, C Lendon, K Lendon, T Lendon, Marshall, Sampson, Silva, Widders.  
 Harrow second team: Redpath, Smith, Lewis, Kelly, Osborne, Williams, Clark, Lander, Jones, Boyd, Sheard.  
 Other results: Harrow 3rds 0, Lensbury II 1

**BASKETBALL**  
**Towers plan to dig in**  
 LONDON Towers will be looking to consolidate their place at the top of the Budweiser Basketball League at the weekend when they take on Doncaster Panthers.  
 And Towers are giving basketball fans chance to win free tickets for the game.  
 Towers remained two points clear of their nearest rivals in the league despite losing 78-73 to Thames Valley Tigers last week. The sides were locked in a 41-41 draw at half-time and Towers were disappointed not to get a better result.  
 England and Great Britain international Martin Henlan led the scoring with 22 points. Danny Lewis (19 points) and Kenny Scott (10 points) also did their bit.  
 Towers will have to work hard against Leopards in the return 7 Up Trophy game tonight (Thursday) after making heavy weather of the first game. Leopards were finally defeated 59-56 and will no doubt be looking for revenge on their home territory.  
 The London team will be hoping to extend their league lead on Sunday with a win over fourth-placed Doncaster who will be fighting hard to move further up the table. All the London players are fully fit and raring to go.  
 Towers have five pairs of tickets to give away for the game which takes place at Wembley Court at 5pm. They will go to the first five people to ring Stella Allan on 071 436 3633. For the unlucky ones, admission prices for the game are £6 for adults and £4 for children.

**Stones sign up two for a month**  
**WEALDSTONE FC** have signed two new players on loan for a month. Andrew Jukes, from Luton Town, and Darryl Page, from Rushton & Diamonds, will both be in the team for this week's match.

**Players wanted**  
 PLAYERS are needed for the newly-formed Stanmore Rugby Club. The club, who play in the Middlesex League, Division Four, have yet to win but feel they are improving and are looking to increase their squad. Contact Andrew Beckett on 0860 586 565.

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