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Double gets Towers back on the winning trail

LONDON Towers are back on the winning trail in the Budweiser Basketball League.

A 97-72 win over lowly Leicester City Riders at Wembley Court on Thursday was followed by an excellent 95-82 success on Saturday that brought to a halt a 10 match winning run by the Manchester Giants.

6'5" power forward Tony Windless, from Georgia Southern University, who was signed last week by Towers coach Kevin Cadle to replace Kirk Mitchell, who he released, played a significant part.

Said Cadle: "Tony has a

great attitude and is very competitive and those are the qualities that we need added to the team. I first saw Tony on video when he scored 25 points in a charity All Star game which included John Starks of the New York Knicks. When I heard he was available I brought him to London to try out with the Towers and I am expecting him to be a star here in England."

In his debut against Leicester Windless didn't let the coach down. He notched 22 points and Danny Lewis top scored with 25 as Towers steamrollered their lowly rivals.

But it was Saturday's success over Manchester which confirmed that revitalised Towers were back to form.

The Towers had the better of the early exchanges to lead 16-6, an advantage they held to end the opening quarter 27-20 in front. Manchester fought back to edge ahead at 33-32 in the second quarter before a technical foul on coach Mike Hanks sparked a 9-0 Towers run which saw them into a 48-40 interval lead.

England centre Trevor Gordon picked up another Manchester technical in the third quarter and was benched by Hanks for the remainder of the

game. But even his presence would not have been able to stop the marauding Towers who withstood a 9-0 burst from the Giants at the start of the final quarter that cut their lead to five points, and pulled away to win easily.

Lewis again top scored with a superb 37 points. Scott hit 20 and Moore notched 14.

The Towers return to Wembley Court tonight (Thursday) for a League clash against Worthing Bears, tip off 8pm. Towers have already met Worthing once this season, beating them in the & Up Trophy three weeks ago. But Worthing, who had already

qualified for the semi-finals of that competition, fielded a below strength squad that night and will be decidedly stronger opponents this time round.

On Saturday Towers are away to bottom of the table Sunderland Scorpions in the League.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Sheffield	13	12	1	0	253
Thames	13	10	3	0	211
Leicester	14	9	5	0	192
Doncaster	11	8	3	0	183
Manchester	10	6	4	0	154
London	12	7	5	0	149
Worthing	10	6	4	0	145
Birmingham	9	4	5	0	95
Hemel	9	3	6	0	81
Derby	9	2	7	0	75
Lancaster	12	2	10	0	50
Greenwich	10	1	9	0	33
Sunderland	12	1	11	0	21

Cup humiliation as Stones crash out to minnows

Bedfont 2 Wealdstone 1
ONLY a late extra time goal saved Stones from Middlesex Senior Cup humiliation against their Parosol League rivals two weeks ago, but they were unable to stave it off in Tuesday's replay and slumped to a defeat that ranks as the most embarrassing in the club's 95 years history, writes John Comfort.

A combination of poor defending and inept finishing contributed to Wealdstone's disgraceful downfall. Had they taken their chances they would have won comfortably, but they didn't and their vulnerability at the back was fully exposed by the lively hosts as they pulled off one of the competition's biggest ever upsets.

A shock result hadn't looked likely in the opening minutes when Paul Webb fired against a post, but the warning bells began to sound after Jukes' weak pass let in Humphries whose shot was blocked by Robbins and Logie's follow up effort had to be cleared off the line.

Stones got away with that blunder, but on 20 minutes

they weren't so fortunate. Page's poor pass was picked off by Dixon and he set up Ewing to fire Bedfont in front.

The tireless Rod Findley put a half volley against the crossbar just before the break but five minutes into the second half Stones equalised when his goalbound header was handled away and Simon Quail netted from the spot.

Thereafter Stones spurred numerous chances to settle the issue and were made to pay after 79 minutes when Humphries' free kick from wide on the left eluded both defenders and Robbins and found the far corner of the net to put Bedfont back in front.

Hudson, Quail, Buzaglio and Findley all missed clear chances to save Stones but the finger of fate was already firmly pointing to the exit.

Wealdstone: Robbins, France, Birch, M. Hill, Page, Jukes, Webb, Findley, T. Buzaglio, Hudson, Quail.

Subs: Eward, Frangou, D. Hill.

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Relocation is on course

Stones set to reveal plans for multi sports complex

WEALDSTONE FC'S plans for relocation in the Borough of Harrow will include a multi-purpose complex embracing sports additional to football that will be available to the local community and other sporting organisations.

The club's general manager, Kip Hewitt, who has been charged with the task of "Bringing Home the Stones," has revealed that the relocation plans are well on course.

A preliminary design brief is currently with a number of prominent architects who specialise in sports stadia and initial plans for a new stadium

By **John Comfort**

should be with the club by Christmas. The club intends to present its final proposals for the complex in the spring of next year, and application for planning permission will follow soon after.

"The only way to ensure that Wealdstone Football Club survives and prospers into the next century is to get the club a ground of its own again in the Borough of Harrow," said Mr Hewitt.

"The club has recently been very close to going out of business and the chance of having a new ground in Har-

row has only been made possible through the sheer hard work of the chairman, the board of directors and the supporters club.

"It was their dedication and commitment that stopped the club closing down and allowed the club the opportunity of survival. We are now in the position, after winning the court case and resolving the capital gains tax situation, to look forward to a bright new future.

"The past few months has seen some very positive activity towards our ultimate goal. After surveying a vast number of possible sites within a four mile radius of the old Lower

Mead ground, a short list of suitable sites has been drawn up."

The club is declining to identify the site they favour, but it is believed to be to the north of the borough, and they will clearly require the full backing of Harrow Council for the project to have any chance of success.

The club is now working closely with the supporters club, putting together a public awareness campaign to help put pressure on the council.

As part of the campaign they have issued 'Bring Home the Stones' car stickers, which are free and can be obtained by calling the club office on 813-7800.

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Edgware Town's Mark White (left) in a chase for the ball in Saturday's 2-1 win over Malden Vale. Report on page 83.

Banned duo back for Lions

CHARLIE Flaherty and Paul Shields have completed their suspension and will be available for selection for Wembley's home game with Barking on Saturday.

Youssef Sakraoui is again missing through injury but Rod Shearer should be fit.

After their FA Trophy demise, Harrow Borough return to league action on Saturday with a visit to Sutton United.

John Lawford was taken to hospital with a suspected broken ankle after the defeat at Kingstonian. X-rays failed to reveal any break but he will not be fit to face Sutton.

Wealdstone visit high flying Ashford without Tommy Mason and Gerry Solomon who are still suspended.

John Shanahan should return to the side after missing the Bedfont debacle with a

bout of flu, and Rod Brathwaite, who was rested for that game, will also be back.

Injury problems have returned to haunt Edgware boss Jack McOleish. Jason Dale (knee ligaments) and Gerry Brennan (cartilage) are both out for at least a month, while Seamus Finnerty is having a sinus operation and will be out for two weeks.

Steve Newing, who missed the win over Malden Vale, returns for Saturday's visit to

Aveley and John Mangan is drafted into the back four.

Full back Said Louzi has returned to Edgware after spells with Chertsey and Uxbridge.

Rayners Lane manager Don Durkin hopes to have a full squad to pick from for the visit to Bishops Stortford on Saturday. Danny Mills should be fit after missing the Wantage game through injury.

Long term injury victim Steve Cott may have to have a hernia operation.

Saturday December 3

Diadora League Premier Div: Sutton Utd v Harrow Borough.
Diadora League Div One: Wembley v Barking (Vale Farm, 3pm).
Diadora League Div Two: Aveley v Edgware Town.
Diadora League Div Three: Epson & Cweli v Kingsbury Town.
Beezer Homes League Southern Div: Ashford v Wealdstone.
Hellenic League: Bishops Cleeve v Rayners Lane.
Diadora League Div One: Abingdon Town v Wembley (7.45pm).
Football Combination: OPR v Bighlton (Earlsmead, 7pm).
Wednesday December 7
Middx Charity Cup: Wealdstone v North Greenford Utd (at Edgware Town FC, 7.30pm).
Stanley Rous Trophy: Middx v Herts (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

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