

SPORT

Controversial goal puts Wembley out

Dulwich Hamlet 3 Wembley 2
WEMBLEY'S interest in the Dadora League Cup ended in controversial circumstances at Dulwich on Tuesday night, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Referee Schneider appeared to have got his priorities wrong when he allowed Paul Whitmarsh to run onto a through pass and score what proved to be Hamlet's winning goal in the 78th minute, instead of halting play and penalising the home side's player-manager, Frank Murphy, for instigating a fracas which prevented retreating Wembley defenders from retrieving the situation.

It was somewhat ironic then that having awarded the goal the referee then booked Murphy for his involvement - a little too late as the damage had already been done.

This blemished an excellent performance by the Lions in what was a fluctuating third round tie.

The hosts went in front after 10 minutes when Wayne Kerrins' cross sliced through uninterrupted in front of the Wembley defence, allowing Jamie Martin to set up Paul Lawrence to slot past Luke Barton from close range.

The visitors equalised in the 22nd minute. Persistent harrying by Marcos Veiga caused indecision in the Hamlet defence and when keeper John Power failed to clear an unexpected back pass, Andy Smith sidestepped the loose ball home.

But seven minutes later Lee Ackers restored Hamlet's lead, drilling in Kevin Smith's short corner from the edge of the area.

Undeterred, Wembley hit back with Kenny Page firing over after a Steve Daly header was hacked off the line.

At the start of the second half a vicious Veiga strike was palmed away and a low drive from Giuliano Grazzoli was deflected wide before Wembley levelled matters in the 63rd minute when Marcos Veiga won possession and found Charlie Flaherty whose curling centre was deftly flicked over Power by Page.

Wembley upped the tempo, but their hopes of a quarter final place were cruelly dashed by Hamlet's questionable winning goal.

Wembley: Barton, Flaherty, Cullin (Sakhrroui), Cumberbatch, Gilchrist, Daly, Boshell (Headlam), Veiga, Smith, Page, Grazzoli. **Other sub:** Fanner.

New pre-season tournament to be launched

PRE season matches will take on a more competitive edge at the start of the 1995-96 campaign with the introduction of the Harrow Senior Cup soccer tournament.

The competition, the brainchild of Wealdstone commercial manager Layne Patterson, will involve Stones, Harrow Borough, Edgware Town and Rayners Lane in a unique four team tournament to be played over a weekend prior to the designated start of the new season.

Although final dates for the event have yet to be fixed, the draw has already been made and the 'big two' of Stones and Borough have miraculously been kept apart.

Borough will play Edgware and Stones will take on Rayners Lane

in the semi finals, which will take place on the Saturday at Earlsmead.

The final and the 3rd/4th place play-off will be played the following day at Edgware's White Lion ground.

Borough's football director Peter Rogers has been elected secretary of the competition and is currently seeking a sponsor.

Any company or organisation interested in backing the tournament, which is certain to live up to the pre-season and will prove a greater attraction for soccer fans than the usual mundane round of pre-season contests as the local quartet vie for the honour of the Borough of Harrow's top club, should contact Mr Rogers at Earlsmead, telephone 422-5989.

Blundering Wares exit in extra time

Edgware Town 3 Collier Row 5

AFTER going 3-2 up with just over a minute to go, Edgware seemed to have this Carlsberg Trophy tie in the bag on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.

But appalling defending, which was a feature of the home side's game, allowed the visitors to draw level right from the kick off and in extra time they struck twice more to dump Edgware out of the competition.

Dave Instone had a goal ruled out in the opening minutes when a linesman belatedly indicated that in the build up Steve Newing had failed to raise his arm to indicate he was taking a kick-in.

Benstock slipped through to put the visitors ahead after 15 minutes and it was the 66th minute before Edgware levelled. Eugene Flynn forcing the ball home after Mark White had headed down a Newing corner.

Two minutes later Newing blasted in a penalty after Evans had handled a Flynn shot and although Evans headed Collier Row level after 78 minutes, the game seemed over when Newing fired home Les Thompson's cross with time almost up.

But substitute Blacksmith equalised straight away and in extra time further goals from Benstock and Southgate saw Edgware slip sadly out.

Edgware: Harvey, A Dale, Sheridan, White, Mangan, Flynn, Instone, Salsman (Thompson), John (Roche), Newing, Farry.

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Leaders thwart Kingsbury with a late strike

Northwood 3 Kingsbury Town 2
A GOAL two minutes from time denied Kingsbury a point against league leaders Northwood on Tuesday.

Kingsbury had struck first in the 12th minute when Mark Ivers collected a poor kick by keeper Henderson and fired the ball back over him into the net.

But the home side were level within a minute, ex-Town striker Darren Morris being allowed through to chip over Darren Bonfield, and another ex-Kingsbury player, Lawrence Holmes, put Northwood in front after 39 minutes.

minute and Niall O'Rourke forced home the equaliser, but with time running out a lack of tackling allowed Chris Gell through to fire through Bonfield's legs and into the net for Northwood's winner.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, D. O'Rourke, Wallace, Stewart, McLoughlin, Elliott, Ivers, Brown-Peterside, N. O'Rourke, Whytock.

Rob returns

World record kicking ace back for Wasps big cup clash



● Ace kicker Rob Andrew - back to face Newcastle.

AFTER his magnificent performance at Twickenham, Rob Andrew returns to the Wasps side for the start of their Pilkington Cup campaign at Newcastle Gosforth on Saturday.

If the fly half is in anything like the form he was against Canada, when his 30 point haul of six penalties and six conversions from 12 attempts, equalled the world record total set by Didier Camberero for France in the 1987 World Cup, the Geordies had better beware.

Nobody at Sudbury is taking for granted an easy passage into Monday's fifth round draw.

What is focusing the minds for Wasps is their last trip to the area. That was in September when the high riding Sudbury men were foiled by West Hartlepool in wet and windy conditions - weather that is likely to occur again this week.

Wasps coach Rob Smith said: "The weather is again likely to be a key factor."

Smith however, knows exactly what to expect from the opposition and is planning accordingly.

"They will play to their big men in the lineout, hoof the ball down the lines, and then attempt to use their muscle at close range."

Smith added "It's a simple game plan and it can be extremely successful in the lower divisions.

"We will try and establish control early on and make sure we are not chasing the game in the closing stages."

Much is at stake on Saturday and with Andrew in such fine kicking form, Wasps will surely take advantage of any penalties to build up a nice cushion of points from which they can attack and finish off their Second

By Alan Bodenham

Division opponents

The final team will probably not be selected until later in the week and a large Wasps squad will gather for the train trip to Newcastle on Friday.

One absentee will be Norman Hadley. The big Canadian will again be on duty for his country, who take on France.

A great bonus, however, is the availability of prop Nick Popplewell. The Ireland and British Lions man is in good form and he demonstrated that perfectly with an awesome performance in the recent Barbarians victory over South Africa.

Leading try scorer Damian Hopley is unavailable, so Smith is keeping his fingers crossed that Nick Greenstock has come through his match for England under-21s against New Zealand on Tuesday unscathed.

Greenstock is very much a rising star and confirmed that with two tries for England Emerging Players last week. He will partner Graham Childs who also scored in that game, in the centre.

Skipper Dean Ryan and flanker Lawrence Dalgaglio also look set to return after injury ruled them out of recent matches.

Observer forecast: A tight contest, but Wasps' class will tell in the final outcome - whatever the weather.

Shane Rosier and Aaron James were among the try scorers as Wasps defeated Waterloo 34-22 at Sudbury last Saturday.

Manoe is much Appiah now he's signed Frank

HARROW Borough boss Harry Manoe has moved quickly to fill the space left in his squad following the departure of striker Graham Westley, who was unhappy about being left out of the team.

Manoe has signed former Hayes midfielder Frank Appiah and he is in line to make his debut in Saturday's visit to Bishops Cleeve.

John Lawford is progressing from his ankle injury while Darren Seabrook is to see a specialist on Monday about his trapped nerve.

A coach to the game leaves Earlsmead at 12.30pm.

Fit again Youssef Sakhrroui and Rod Shearer are both available for selection, as is Henry Clark after serving a suspension, for Wembley's home match with Newbury.

However, Steve Lawrence joins Mark McGinty on the banned list and both will be missing. Keeper Luke Barton and defender Wayne Walters wait to see if they will be included.

Wealdstone boss Fred Callaghan is likely to be searching for a new goalkeeper for Saturday's visit to Weston

Super Mare as Kevin Robbins seems certain to be recalled to Sutton after his loan spell.

Stones will definitely be without John Shanahan who starts a suspension for accumulating five bookings.

Callaghan has signed ex-Woking star Mark Biggins from Aldershot, who made his debut against Fareham.

John Coleman will return to strengthen the Edgware side for their visit to high flying Oxford, after missing the mid-

week match with Collier Row.

Manager Jock McGleish looks certain to make changes after successive poor performances against Egham and Collier Row.

Rayners Lane have an important League Cup quarter final against in form Ardley.

They hope to have Stuart Howard (knee) and Danny Mills (thigh) fit after injury. Definitely back is Tommy Metcalfe who was unavailable last week.



● A happy Lee Endersby after scoring for Harrow Borough against St Albans. Report inside.

Saturday December 17
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 Div: Bishops Stortford v Harrow Borough.
Dadora League Div One:
 Wembley v Newbury Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).
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 Oxford City v Edgware Town.
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 Kingsbury Town v Heald Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
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