

# SPORT

## Kingsbury come down to earth

Kingsbury Town 0  
Horsham 1

AFTER Saturday's fine win, Kingsbury were brought down to earth on Tuesday as a scrambled 75th minute goal from a corner sent them tumbling to defeat.

It could have been worse, for as they pushed forward in the closing 15 minutes looking for an equaliser, Horsham broke away on four occasions with only Darren Bonfield to beat, but the keeper did extremely well to keep the ball out each time.

The first half was a dour affair but Kingsbury lived after the break and camped in the Horsham half. But despite their pressure they only created a few half chances with Nelson Kumah going close.

Horsham defended well and it was from a rare excursion upfield that they won the corner from which they notched the game's only goal.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Perez, D. O'Rourke, Moore, Tynan, Stewart (O'ron), Loughlin, Louch (Abery), Ash, Ivers, Kumah.

## All star trio

LONDON Towers have three players in the Budweiser Basketball League All Star Game at Leicester on March 20.

Americans Danny Lewis and Tiny Windless and GB international forward Kenny Scott are all in the South All Star team which will face the North All Star team.

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## Bad break for goal ace Buzaglo

Clevedon 4 Wealdstone 2  
STONES had leading scorer Tim Buzaglo tragically carried off with a broken ankle as they lost at Clevedon on Tuesday, writes Graham Smith.

Buzaglo suffered his injury after 20 minutes when he was brought down by a bad tackle from behind by Clevedon defender Sugar as he broke clear.

Amazingly Sugar was only booked and it was not until 60 minutes had elapsed before justice was finally done when his two footed tackle from behind on Simon Quail saw his dismissal. It was his second sending off in two weeks, having recently been red carded against Newport.

Buzaglo meanwhile was taken to hospital for an operation on his injury and is likely to be there for two weeks. He will not play again this season.

As for the game itself, it started in lively fashion with three goals in the first six minutes.

Lee Brown, making his debut in goal, could only parry Penny's header onto a post and into the net as Clevedon opened the scoring after three minutes and it was 2-0 in the 5th minute when Bray's shot was deflected in by John Shanahan.

Stones hit back a minute later when Gerry Solomon's pass put Marvin Hall in to score his first goal for the club and on

16 minutes they drew level, Steve Browne and Buzaglo combining well to set up Simon Quail who beat the advancing Churchward with a low shot from outside the box.

Clevedon regained the lead three minutes into the second half through Penny and nine minutes later they made it 4-2 when Hogg's 25 yarder beat the helpless Brown.

After Sugar's dismissal Steve Browne hit the bar and Shanahan had a good effort saved, but Stones were unable to make the extra man count.

Wealdstone: L. Brown, M. Brown (Birch), Solomon, Hill, Finley, Shanahan, S. Browne, Hall, Buzaglo (Brathwaite), Quail, Hudson.

Diadora hopes on hold as League puts block on resignation

# Setback for Wealdstone move plans

By John Comfort

WEALDSTONE have suffered a setback to their hopes of moving from the Beazer Homes League to the Diadora League next season.

Looking to dramatically reduce their running costs by playing the more localised football offered by the Diadora, Stones tendered their resignation to the Beazer Homes

League. But they have been informed by the League's joint liaison committee that as it was received after the December 31 deadline it will only now be considered if they can find a club of equal status to replace them in the Southern Division or if they join the bottom division of a feeder league to the Diadora, ie the Spartan League.

Wealdstone chairman Paul Rumens describes both options as "totally unreasonable." On the first option he said: "They know I cannot negotiate with other clubs because we would be deemed to be poaching and fall foul of the Diadora League. And the Diadora League are not prepared to put out a circular on our behalf advising clubs of our situation. So that option is not worth the paper it's printed on."

The prospect of joining the bottom division of the Spartan League is equally unappealing to Mr Rumens. "There is no chance of that happened," he said. "I feel bad enough about the possibility of being relegated two divisions to join the Diadora Division Three. There is no way we would go back even further."

Wealdstone will now be taking their case to the charter of pyramid non-league football, a tribunal set up to arbitrate on all matters relating to the non-league system. If necessary they will then go to the FA.

"At the end of the day we

will take this as far as we can go," said Mr Rumens.

"We want to do this in the correct manner but if we don't get the Beazer Homes League's blessing and all else fails, Wealdstone FC will resign and take our chance with an application to the Diadora League."

Mr Rumens believes that drastic changes need to be made in non league football, particularly in the Beazer Homes, which has lost Andover, Canterbury and Dunstable in the last two years.

"Clubs can't afford to pay their act together," he said. "They need to sit down with the Diadora and think about a total reorganisation of football in the south of England."



## Nightmare first half wrecks Edgware's County Cup hopes

Edgware Town 2 Staines Town 4  
IN a re-run of last season's final, Edgware may well have harboured thoughts of revenge in Tuesday night's Middlesex Senior Cup semi-final. But a nightmare first half performance, which saw them concede four goals, effectively ensured there was to be a similar outcome, writes John Comfort.

A novel set piece move from a corner gave the visitors their opener after only five minutes. A cluster of Staines players suddenly broke in all directions and with the Edgware defence totally bemused, Joe O'Shea headed home.

A minute later Williams hit a post with a cross-shot but there was no let off for Edgware in the 9th minute as Craig Reilly drove home a Williams cross to make it 2-0.

Darlington slotted home the third in the 18th minute after Grainger headed down a livey corner, and it was 4-0 two minutes before the break as Darlington held off Dave Sue to break free and fire past Sean Griffin.

Edgware belatedly got into the game after the break and Seamus Finnerty drilled home a low shot to reduce the arrears on 54 minutes.

Another following 12 minutes later when keeper Phillips fumbled Steve Newing's blistering free kick and Eugene Flynn hooked home the loose ball. But after Ted John squandered a golden opportunity when Finnerty put him clear, Edgware's efforts slowly died and Staines cruised into the final.

Edgware: Griffiths, Murray (D. Parry), Thompson, White, Mangan, Finnerty, Flynn, Johns, Salsman (Roche). Other sub: Grant.

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## Bensted back for Borough

DAVE Bensted returns to the Harrow Borough line-up for Saturday's home game with Purfleet after recovering from a bout of flu.

Borough have a lengthy injury list but while Chris Metcalfe and Kevin Davies are likely to be fit and Graham Pearce is a possibility, definitely out is Eamon O'Connor, who has an ankle injury.

Tim Buzaglo, who broke an ankle at Clevedon and midfielder Tommy Mason, who has a

calf injury, both miss Wealdstone's visit to lowly Yale.

John Shanahan will also be out starting a two match ban, but Darrell Page and keeper Jon Franklin, together with Mark Biggins should return.

Wayne Walters is available for Wembley's visit to Heybridge Swifts after serving his three match ban.

However, Marcos Veiga is still suspended while Ashley Cumberbatch and his replacement last Saturday, John Gran-

ville, are both injured.

Steve Salsman, Andy Murray and Michael Roche all lose their places for Edgware's Middlesex Charity Cup tie with Southall tonight (Thursday). Returning are Dave Instone after suspension, Joe Sheridan after injury and Andy Dale from illness.

Kevin Beckles is still out with a knee injury.

Don Allday, Craig Elliott and Steve Evans are all available after suspension for Kingsbury's home game with Epsom on Saturday. Definitely out though is Kevin Stewart who suffered a hamstring injury against Horsham.

Rayners Lane face a tough away fixture against league leaders Lambourn Sports who they lost 1-0 to in the opening fixture of the season. Lane are likely to still be without Roland Matthews but Steve Cott and Andy Spire are both in contention for places.

Thursday March 16  
Middlesex Charity Cup: Southall v Edgware Town (at King FC)  
Saturday March 18  
Diadora League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Purfleet (Earlsmead, Spn)  
Diadora League Div One: Heybridge Swifts v Wembley  
Diadora League Div Two: Banstead Alb v Edgware Town  
Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Epsom & Ewell (St. Peter Jubilee Park, Spn)  
Diadora League Premier Div: Yale Town v Wealdstone  
Hullvale League: Lambourn v Rayners Lane  
Tuesday March 21  
Diadora League Div One: Uxbridge v Wembley  
Diadora League Div Two: Bracknell v Edgware Town  
Diadora League Div Three: Hornchurch v Kingsbury Town  
Wednesday March 22  
Diadora League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Carshalton Alb (Earlsmead, Spn)



Wembley's Andy Smith (right) takes up his post at a corner with Abingdon defender Kurt Douglas in Saturday's match at Vale Farm. Report on page 87