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Wembley are gunned down

A WENDY Grant goal gave Wembley Ladies a 1-0 half time lead in their National League Premier Division match against Arsenal Ladies, but they conceded three second half goals and lost 3-1.

It might have been a different story had Wembley taken their chances in the first half when they had Arsenal on the rack. Andrea Wright and Wendy Grant both hit the crossbar.

After Becky Lonergan levelled for Arsenal on 60 minutes, Wembley went to pieces and two late goals from Marianne Spacey secured the points for the visitors.

Kingsbury leave it late

Cove 2
Kingsbury Town 5

KINGSBURY were twice behind against bottom of the table Cove on Tuesday but finally came good in the last 15 minutes to secure the three points.

They struggled in the first half and found themselves a goal down right on the break when a goalmouth scramble ended with Stansbury netting for the home side.

Paul Gower headed in Robert Spelman's cross to give them an equaliser 11 minutes into the second half but seven minutes later they were behind again when John Kenny tripped Stansbury in the area and Simons put Cove back in front from the penalty spot.

Town got their second equaliser through Mark Ivers on 74 minutes after keeper Long failed to hold a shot and they finally began to get their act together.

Kenny made amends for his earlier error by scoring with a back header from a Spelman free kick to put Kingsbury in front and three minutes from time Nelson Kumah netted from the spot after being tripped in the area by Jordan.

Kumah broke clear to complete the scoring in injury time.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Moore, Spelman (Leslie), Evans, Gower, Kenny, Allday, Loughlin, Kumah, Ivers, Louch (Abrey).

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Shearer signs for Wealdstone

But it's 83 year old Val not England ace Alan

A SHEARER has been signed up by Beazer Homes League Southern Division club Wealdstone.

But the club where England skipper Stuart Pearce and the controversial Vinnie Jones both began their careers have opted for a less famous member of the Shearer family than the Blackburn and England striker Alan.

For Stones have signed up 83 year old Val Shearer - a fan of the club for many years, whose best days on the pitch are probably behind him now!

"We have made this signing to register a protest in our current dispute with our League," said Wealdstone director, Graham Sharpe.

"We have applied to transfer across the non-league pyramid to join the Diadora League which would cut down hugely on our travelling costs, enable us to sign more local players, give us more local derbies and attract more supporters through the turnstiles, thus making us more financially viable than we have been for several seasons. But the Beazer League has refused us permission to resign and is insisting we stay where we are - a position which is effectively signing our death warrant as we are currently in administration and cannot see any light at the end of the financial tunnel if we cannot swap leagues.

"If the Beazer insist on maintaining this line we could be reduced to signing a whole team of Val Shearers - as they'll be the only players we'll be able to afford."

Commented Val: "I miss very few Wealdstone games and I've often thought I could do just as well as some of the players but I never thought I'd get the chance to prove it at my age.

"I've dubbined the toecaps of my boots ready for my comeback."

● 83 year old Val Shearer signs on for Stones, helped by club secretary Steve Hibberd.

Wembley edge out 10-man Stones in cup thriller

Wembley 6 Wealdstone 4

THE fans got more than their money's worth in this eventful 10-goal Middlesex Charity Cup thriller on Tuesday which ended with Wembley edging out a Wealdstone side who were always in with a chance, despite having defender Terry Birch sent off after just 14 minutes, **writes John Comfort.**

Mark McGinty was the Lions' hero. His four goal haul booked his side a place in the semi-finals where they will meet Southall at home.

But it was Wealdstone who drew first blood in the 13th minute when Gerry Solomon put Roddy Brathwaite through to fire past Jeff Fanner.

However, the Lions responded within a minute, Darren Barry's great run down the right setting up the chance for Steve Lawrence to crash home a fine 20 yard shot. Birch got his marching orders before the restart for an abusive comment to referee Hardie.

Charlie Flaherty put McGinty through to shoot Wembley ahead on 26 minutes and when the same combination made it 3-1 three minutes into the second half, McGinty heading home Flaherty's cross, it seemed Stones were set for a hiding.

But urged on by the classy performances of Mark Biggins and Steve Browne, the visitors kept very much in contention and when Barry brought down Richard Buzaglo in the area, Browne reduced the arrears from the penalty spot.

Lions pulled away again when Daly headed down a Hollingdale corner for McGinty to net from close in but Stones again replied quickly, a superb run by Browne setting up Brathwaite to score.

McGinty got his fourth for Wembley after Barry Gartell dropped a Hollingdale cross and although Biggins gave Stones hope when he scored, the brave visitors were finally killed off a minute from time when Lawrence intercepted a defensive pass and fired home.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Hollingdale, O'Brien, Shields, Daly, Barry, Lawrence, Smith, McGinty, Grazioli.

Wealdstone: Franklin, M. Brown, Birch, Hill, Findley, Biggins, S. Browne, Hudson, Brathwaite, Quail (Meakin), Solomon (R. Buzaglo).

O'Connor in line for recall

EAMON O'Connor could be in contention for a place in the **Harrow Borough** side for their visit to Molesey after a lengthy spell out through injury. Chris Metcalfe suffered a knock in training but is expected to be fit.

Boss Glen Charles was hoping to rest a number of players carrying injuries, notably Robert Hollingdale, for **Wembley's** visit to Aldershot. But the enthusiasm heightened by the opposition is likely to force him to keep faith with the side that beat Wealdstone.

Wealdstone will be without keeper Jon Franklin for their home match with Poole. He starts a 21 day suspension. John Shanahan is also sidelined by a six match ban. Tommy Mason and Gerry Solomon are injury doubts.

Keeper Sean Griffiths suffered a shoulder injury against Cheshunt but is expected to be fit for **Edgware's** game with Croydon. Gerry Brennan is in line for a return after injury.

Kingsbury hope to have Craig Elliott back from injury to face Northwood.

Danny Mills, Danny Haigh and Tony Verni all return to the **Rayners Lane** team to face Headington but Creegan (injured), Metcalfe and Mark Hedge (banned) are sidelined.

Friday March 31
Football Combination: OPR v Ipswich Town (Earlsmead, 7pm).
Saturday April 1
Diadora League Premier Div: Molesey v Harrow Borough.
Diadora League Div One: Aldershot v Wembley.
Diadora League Div Two: Edgware Town v Croydon (White Lion, 3pm).
Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Northwood (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Beazer Homes League Southern Div: Wealdstone v Poole (The Warren, 3pm).
Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Headington Amateurs (Lucas Ave, 3pm).
Tuesday April 4
Diadora League Div Three: Lewes v Kingsbury Town.
Wednesday April 5
Diadora League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Wokingham (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)
Beazer Homes League Southern Div: Wealdstone v Newport IOW (The Warren, 7.45pm).

The latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE
Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Enfield	31	18	8	5	71	35	62
Hayes	32	17	11	4	47	27	62
Slough T.	29	15	9	5	57	38	55
Bromley	34	15	9	10	58	53	54
Aylesbury Utd	31	16	5	10	61	40	53
St Albans City	29	14	9	6	77	58	51
Carshalton	35	14	7	14	56	64	49
Harrow Boro.	32	14	5	13	53	81	47
Purfleet	34	12	10	12	68	73	46
Walton & H.	33	12	9	12	68	56	45
Molesey	30	13	6	11	50	43	45
Dulwich Hamlet	32	12	8	12	53	56	44
Kingstonian	32	12	7	13	52	46	43
Grays Ath.	34	9	15	10	46	50	42
Yeading	31	9	13	9	47	49	39
Hitchin	30	9	11	10	47	53	38
Hendon	31	9	9	13	40	50	36
Bishops St.	33	8	10	15	42	65	34
Sutton Utd	30	8	8	14	44	47	32
Cheshunt Utd	31	7	7	17	46	67	28
Marlow	30	0	6	16	37	59	26
Wokingham T.	32	5	5	22	34	71	19

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Boreham Wood	30	23	4	3	68	28	73
Worthing	33	17	10	6	77	37	61
Chertsey T.	34	17	8	9	92	45	59
Billericay	34	16	8	10	53	41	56
Staines	34	14	10	10	66	50	52
Basingstoke	32	14	9	9	69	54	51
Maidenhead	34	13	9	12	63	63	48
Aldershot T.	31	14	5	12	52	39	47
Uxbridge	34	13	8	13	50	55	47
Wembley	34	13	10	12	66	60	46
Abingdon Town	32	12	10	10	52	52	46
Tooting & Mitch.	32	11	12	9	41	33	45
Heybridge Sw.	31	13	5	13	53	58	44
Ruislip Man.	34	11	10	13	60	64	43
Newbury T.	32	10	12	10	48	47	42
Whyteleafe	32	12	6	14	46	61	42
Barking	33	11	6	16	56	65	39
Bognor Regis	29	10	8	11	46	45	38
Berkhamsted	32	10	7	14	36	53	37
Leyton	32	8	10	14	45	53	34
Wivenhoe	35	8	5	22	37	75	29
Dorking	32	2	2	28	31	130	8

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Thame Utd	34	23	3	8	72	42	72
Barton Rovers	33	20	6	7	76	40	66
Bracknell	33	17	9	7	69	35	60
Witham	33	17	6	10	66	47	57
Saffron Walden	33	15	10	8	54	44	55
Hampton	34	16	5	13	59	65	53
Oxford C.	29	15	7	7	58	32	52
Croydon	34	16	3	15	66	53	51
Chalfont St P.	33	13	10	10	51	40	49
Banstead Ath.	31	13	7	11	49	49	46
Met Police	33	12	10	11	49	52	46
Leatherhead	32	11	11	10	52	60	44
Cheshunt	34	11	11	12	53	66	44
Edgware Town	32	11	8	13	46	48	41
Ware	33	12	5	16	49	61	41
Egham Town	33	8	11	14	46	52	35
Tilbury	31	9	7	15	44	58	34
Hemel Hemp.	30	8	8	14	31	48	32
Windsor	33	8	7	18	45	57	31
Aveley	31	9	4	18	36	64	31
Hungerford	28	6	6	16	37	60	24
Malden Vale	31	3	8	20	33	71	17

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Canvey Is.	28	20	3	5	66	32	64
Collier R.	26	20	3	3	56	19	63
Northwood	33	17	7	9	61	39	58
Bedford T.	30	16	6	8	68	39	56
Camberley T.	31	15	7	9	46	28	52
Southall	29	14	7	8	65	46	49
Leighton	31	12	8	11	44	38	44
Horsham	28	13	5	10	52	47	44
Kingsbury T.	28	12	8	8	59	47	44
Harlow	31	12	5	13	43	62	42
Clapton	30	11	8	11	59	46	41
Epsom & Ewell	28	11	7	10	46	41	40
Hornchurch	30	11	7	12	44	49	40
Hertford Town	30	10	9	11	49	52	39
Tring Town	30	9	9	12	52	52	36
Harefield Utd	28	10	6	12	42	45	36
East Thurrock	30	10	4	16	46	72	34
Feltham & Hounsl.	29	10	3	16	53	67	33
Flackwell Hth.	29	7	3	19	43	72	24
Lewes	32	4	4	24	29	88	16
Cove	27	2	4	21	28	64	10

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE
Southern Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Salisbury	32	22	6	4	69	30	72
Waterlooville	31	21	5	5	58	21	68
Baldock	32	20	8	4	69	37	68
Havant	28	18	4	6	56	24	58
Ashford Town	30	14	11	5	71	47	53
Weymouth	32	14	10	8	48	33	52
Weston Super-M.	30	12	9	9	58	40	45
Tonbridge	30	11	9	10	59	67	44
Clevedon	32	11	10	11	52	42	43
Newport IOW	29	13	4	12	52	53	43
Margate	30	13	4	13	46	49	43
Witney T.	30	13	9	8	42	33	42
Wealdstone	31	11	6	14	65	64	39
Braintree	30	8	10	12	46	53	34
Bashley	28	8	8	10	35	32	32
Fisher 93	31	6	13	12	39	51	31
Erith & Bel.	30	8	7	15	40	65	31
Yate	32	6	11	15	36	57	29
Poole Town	31	8	3	20	42	64	27
Bury Town	29	7	4	18	40	63	25
Burnham	32	5	7	20	29	66	22
Fareham T.	30	3	6	21	24	71	15

Wasps eye up place in final

WASPS travel to Leicester for the crucial semi final in the Pilkington Cup on Saturday in great heart after their league victory over Bath, **writes Alan Bodenham.**

A few short weeks ago the Sudbury men went down at Welford Road in the league but there will be no inferiority complex after last weekend's events.

There is also another major factor to take into account. This time Wasps are unlikely to face Dean Richards in the Leicester line-up. The No 8 was ruled out for three weeks with a rib injury after England's Grand Slam victory over Scotland and even though he has a super human reputation, it is highly unlikely that he will turn out.

Richards is an immense influence at Leicester. A month ago he was at his best, filching oodles of ball away from Wasps in the loose. It was this possession that was instrumental in setting up his side's victory.

However, the Sudbury men must not forget that they were well in contention until the last quarter.

They created several good chances and as coach Rob Smith said in his programme notes for the Bath match "We must be more clinical."

There are unlikely to be many changes in personel.

Buster White is set to continue in the back row and there is a possibility that Nick Greenstock will return to the threequarter line up after playing for England in the Hong Kong Sevens.

Nick Popplewell's return to the Wasps front row will also be an immense influence on proceedings.

Saturday's match is being shown live on Sky Sport. Kick off is at 2.15pm.

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