

# SPORT

## BASKETBALL

### Towers chase the Sharks

Sheffield Sharks 69, London Towers 68. THE Towers gave last season's Budweiser League champions a run for their money on Sunday as they just missed out on a valuable victory.

Towers led 20-7 at one point in the match with brilliant baskets from Bucknall and Lewis. A 6-0 second quarter run helped Sheffield pull back to 35-29 behind, but it was after the interval that the Sharks started to make

headway over the Towers.

The Towers, now based at Wembley Court, were then ground down by the Sharks who reached the halfway stage only four points behind. American forward Todd Cautborn hit nine points to give the Sharks the lead.

After the normally cool-headed American Tony Windless missed a free throw which could have taken the game into overtime, Towers never recovered possession of the ball and were narrowly defeated.

● THE World famous Harlem Globetrotters play against Kareem Abdul Jabbar's All Stars in a challenge match on Saturday as part of a double bill of basketball at the Wembley Arena.

The Globetrotters, whose teams have been renowned for their innovative, fast paced sporting entertainment for over 70 years, are currently on tour in England, and will play their match immediately after the Budweiser League clash at the Arena between London Towers and the Thames Valley Tigers, which starts at 5pm. Tickets are available from the Wembley box office, telephone 900-1234.

Towers are through to the second round of the Korea Cup as the only English survivors following the demise of fellow Budweiser League rivals, Manchester Giants and Worthing Bears last Wednesday.

Taking an 11 point advantage into the second leg of their tie with Paris St Germain, Towers were without England international Neville Austin, while the French team welcomed back their American star, Steve Howard, who missed the first leg.

But although Howard was the game's top scorer with 28 points, it was the Towers' gritty Martin Heslan who proved the star of the show.

He prevented Howard from a considerably larger haul, as well as sinking all his first-half shots and grabbing some important rebounds and it was fitting that he should score the tie-clinching basket with just three seconds remaining. It meant that the Towers lost 88-79 on the night, but went through on an aggregate score of 147-145.

## BOWLS

### Good play on finals day

CENTURY Bowls Club members enjoyed a good day's bowling on their Finals Day.

J. Brinded was the most successful lady bowler, taking two titles, the championship and the ladies pairs with B. Midgeley, while S. Burrell completed a similar double in the mens finals, winning the championship and the pairs with M. Scott.

The complete list of finals results was as follows:

**Ladies**  
Championship: J. Brinded 21, R. Bell 14.  
Club Pairs: B. Midgeley & J. Brinded 18, J. Allen & J. Fletcher 20.  
Junior Cup: H. Hay 21, F. Hunt 8.  
2 Woods: B. Hicks 21, J. Limpkin 5.  
Handicap Singles: E. Hanlon 29, K. Smith 21.

**Men**  
Championship: M. Geary 21, R. Kinley 16.  
2 Woods: D. Russell 21, S. Burrell 18.  
Vets Singles: F. Stone 23, C. McCarthy 22.  
Handicap Singles: S. Burrell 21, P. Allen 19.  
Pairs: M. Scott & S. Burrell 35, B. Lovett & W. Frith 5.  
Junior Cup: C. Macartney 21, S. Stanton 17.

**Mixed**  
Triples: P. Byrne, R. Browning & C. McCarthy 17, B. Scott, N. Davies & B. Hearn 22.  
In the White Horse Whisky Pairs Final at Century, sponsored by Bellis, R. Bass and G. Smyth (Shepherds Bush) defeated B. Davidson and J. Cooke (Woodcock Park) by 31 shots to 7.

### Harrow Veterans' league triumph

HARROW Bowls Club won the finals of the Veterans mid-week league beating West Harrow 58-43.

They had beaten Culver in the semi-finals 59-43.

Scores in the final, Harrow skips first, W. Stewart 18, B. Russell 14, J. Webb 22, G. Bracher 13, L. de Meza 18, J. Thompson 16.

Other results: Harrow Weald Veterans 60, Kenton 40. Harrow Weald skips first: R. Henshaw 14, S. Shorey 9, M. Franklin 16, B. Dix 24, F. Anderson 22, G. Ellis 15.

Preston Park Veterans 57, Pinner 40. Preston skips first: W. Machechanic 16, D. Turner 19, D. Tester 25, B. Cockburn 12, D. Park 16, P. Haring 9.

# McGleish: I was just too hot-headed

By Max Daly

THE BOSS of Edgware Town FC, Jock McGleish, has decided to stay at the White Lion ground after walking out on the ICIS League club only last week.

McGleish met with chairman Michael Flynn and coach Peter Grant in an emergency meeting on Thursday to withdraw his resignation.

The 40-year-old Scot, who has been with the Wares for over seven years, said: "It was a typical Scotsman's reaction - very hot-headed. My Scottish blood tends to run away with me as everyone who comes to the games knows".

McGleish added: "I offered my resignation as I felt it would be for the benefit of the club. I felt I was not getting through to the players in the way I should have been."

Players and staff at the club were stunned when McGleish, for six years club coach and its manager since last October, tendered his resignation immediately after last week's 3-2 away defeat at the hands of Lewly Ware.

"The playing surface was disgraceful so we decided not to play on it and hit it long," said McGleish. "But the team didn't compete on a level they normally would do. There were one or two things that weren't right."

But after a heart-to-heart with Flynn, McGleish withdrew his resignation. "The

chairman said I was the right man for the job and told me not to be despondent about one result. He said the best thing for the club was for me to continue and pointed out how long I'd been at the club.

"I realised it was pointless giving up seven years at a club just for one game. I'm glad he didn't accept my resignation, but I hope he feels the same way by Christmas. I am looking forward to the rest of the season."

Chairman Flynn expressed his pleasure at having his boss back on board. "I was happy Jock retracted his resignation," he said. "Ware was a bad result and Jock is a passionate man when it comes to football. It got to the point he was more involved in this club than he thought he was."

"But he did not take a lot of persuading - football is a big part of his life."



● Jock McGleish - still in the saddle - with assistant Peter Grant who last week looked likely to take over the reins

## Wares are sharp and shapely

Edgware Town 1, Collier Row 1. COLLIER Row, visiting the White Lion Ground with a 100 per cent league record so far this season, were fortunate to come away with a point on Tuesday.

The Edgware team, boosted by the news that boss Jock McGleish is to stay, looked sharp and enthusiastic from the start.

Collier Row's Parish took the undeserved lead on the half-hour as a result of slop-

py defending. But Edgware kept their shape and battled on.

Just before the break their efforts were rewarded with a goal from a penalty spot by Newing after Munday handled the ball.

The visitors, after some desperate defending, were clearly happy to hang on to their point in the second half after a stream of near misses by Edgware.

Edgware: Hopping, Flynn, Sheridan, Finnerty, Mangan, Brennan, White, Coleman, John, Newing, Hurd (Instone).

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## Form scrutiny as Wasps lick wounds

By Alan Bodenham

THE form of Rob Andrew will be under the microscope when Wasps entertain Saracens in Courage League Division One at Sudbury on Saturday at 3pm.

The fly-half's England place has come under threat since the Harlequins defeat. David Pear's performance received great acclaim and many in the media have set him up as an alternative to the Wasps man in the international set-up.

All this is nothing new to Andrew who has lived with this sort of pressure through-

out his career.

Wasps need a bold inspirational display from their star player if Saracens are going to feel the backlash of The Stoop setback. The Sudbury faithful know he is capable of adventure and are desperate for him to deliver.

Coach Rob Smith will not say where the axe will fall after last Saturday but there are sure to be changes.

"The players know they performed badly," said team manager Malcolm Sinclair,

"and they are determined to put things right."

Saracens drew the short straw when they had to play champions Leicester at Welford Road on their return to Division One. But they were greatly encouraged by a great win over Orrel last weekend.

In Richard Hill and Anthony Diprose they have formidable back row players but with Dean Ryan, the Wasps' skipper, an ex-Saracens, they will come up against a man always desperate to do well against his former club.

**SOCCER FIXTURES**

Saturday September 23

FA Cup 2nd qualifying round: Bracknell Town v Harrow Borough; Hertford Town v Wealdstone; Wembley v Ruslip Manor (Vale Farm, 3pm).

ICIS League Div Two: Hemel Hempstead v Edgware Town.

ICIS League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Cove (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm); Hellenic League: Raynes Lane v Yarnon (Lucas Ave, 3pm); Tuesday September 26

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## Ladies claw the Lionesses

Millwall Lionesses 1, Wembley Ladies 4. WEMBLEY Ladies produced a net-busting performance to beat the Lionesses after out-playing them for most of the game on Sunday.

Striker Ayala Liran scored the first goal after 31 minutes with a powerful drive past Millwall keeper Pauline Cope.

Millwall equalised just before the break but were routed in the second half with goals from Naz Ball, a second from Ayala Liran and Julie Darby.

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