

SPORT

Kumah's 10 minute hat-trick steers Kingsbury through

**Brimmsdown Rovers 2
Kingsbury Town 4**
NELSON Kumah scored a hat-trick in the space of 10 minutes on Tuesday to secure Kingsbury's place in the next round of the Middlesex Senior Cup where they will face either Hayes or Cockfoster at home. Town opened the scoring through Don All-

day with a chipped shot from 25 yards after 15 minutes, but Brimmsdown levelled with a David Burke penalty conceded by Derek Victor 10 minutes later. The game was then deadlocked until 10 minutes from time when Loughlin, Allday and Niall O'Rourke combined to set up Kumah to restore Town's lead.

Allday set up a second for Kumah four minutes later and although Franklin then reduced the arrears for Brimmsdown, Kumah wrapped the tie up in the final minute, beating three defenders in a great run before firing home. Kingsbury: Bonfield, Gillespie, Zazera, Victor, Simpson, Loughlin, Allday, Morris, Hughes, Kumah, N. O'Rourke. Subs: Ford, Perez, Ash.

Cheerless cup exit for Borough

**Uxbridge 1
Harrow Borough 0**
BOROUGH limped out of the Carlton Cup on Tuesday night in a low key atmosphere at Horton Road, with Uxbridge's victory over a team from the division above barely raising a cheer from the home crowd, writes Tony Booth.

Borough had by far the better of the first half but once again lacked firepower up front. Mark Biggins' 30 yard drive forced a good save, while Fishenden saw a looping header saved, had an angled shot blocked, then headed wide from close range.

Borough were to rue those missed chances, for after just three minutes of the second half the hosts netted the only goal of the game when Cleary's cross was headed down by Gill for Ryder to hook the ball into the net.

Borough responded in force but Dawson saved comfortably from Ekoku, Robinson and Metcalfe, and the closest they came to an equaliser was 11 minutes from time when Ekoku's cross was met by Fishenden whose shot hit a post and flew wide.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Robinson, James, Court, Dowie, Appiah, Biggins, Metcalfe, Fishenden, Kaver, Ekoku. Subs: Williams, Palmer, Seabrook.

Super Sue
A SECOND half hat-trick from substitute Sue Jones saw Wembley Ladies to a 3-0 win over Ilkeston in the National League Premier Division.

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Floodlights plea appeal is rejected

Dark day for Lane



Club chairman Dave Blewitt - 'Rayners Lane could soon be twinned with Tombstone.'

RAYNERS Lane FC's future as one of the area's senior soccer clubs appears doomed following the decision by the Department of the Environment to turn down their appeal against the decision of Harrow Council to refuse them permission for the installation of floodlights.

The lack of this single facility has already cost Lane their place in the Premier Division of the Hellenic League. They suffered enforced relegation into Division One last season as a result.

Now, a further erosion of their status is almost certain, for it is expected that the Middlesex County FA is likely to make changes to its standards for senior status next season, falling into line with requirements for premier division clubs in feeder leagues.

Floodlights will therefore be compulsory and a loss of senior status will almost certainly force Lane back down into the obscurity of park football.

This was Lane's third attempt to obtain planning permission for floodlights and they had meticulously devised a scheme which they felt was capable of meeting the objections made to

previous plans. However, they did not find favour either with the Council or the DoE.

After their appeal the club was left 'extremely disappointed' that the DoE could not find a balance in their favour between the community need for improved leisure and sports facilities, the Council's Unitary Development Plan, and the implementation of their planning policies.

The decision was made more disappointing in view of Council statements encouraging developments of this sort by sports clubs. Although the DoE inspector recognised the club's role and status in the community, it failed to sway the balance.

Rayners Lane chairman, Dave Blewitt, could not disguise his anger over the decision and its implications for the club. He said: "Rayners Lane will soon be twinned with Tombstone - and that could be sooner rather than later, just take a look at the area. UDI, if it came tomorrow, would be too late to save Rayners Lane, either commercially or socially."

At present the club is undecided on any future course of action. However, it seems it may be difficult to devise another scheme which is sufficiently different from the last one to avoid automatic refusal.

Beckles is replay hero for Wembley

**Ruislip Manor 1
Wembley 2**
KEVIN Beckles the villain, turned to Beckles the hero on Monday to help steer Wembley through this FA Trophy replay and into a home tie with Bashley in the next

round, writes John Comfort. His error led to Manor's equaliser on Saturday, but he more than made amends in the dramatic closing stages of this match.

Manor had looked the more lively side in a goalless first half, however, both Jon Barry Bates and Les Thompson had clear chances for Wembley, but had their efforts blocked with only keeper Paul Holland to beat.

The Lions broke the deadlock 15 minutes into the second half. Thompson made a superb run down the right, held off the challenge of Reg Leather and put over a cross which Hurracia Willock drilled low into the corner of the net.

It looked good enough to win the tie as the Wembley de-

fence, with Paul Shields in particularly fine form, steadfastly contained Manor's efforts to get back in contention.

But with just six minutes remaining Paul Ripley deftly headed Terry Flaherty's cross over Beckles for the equaliser and in the closing minutes only magnificent saves from the keeper kept out two close range Flaherty blockbusters.

However, with extra time seeming inevitable, it was Wembley who snatched the glory four minutes into injury time. Willock put Ashley Cumberbatch free and his cross was lashed home by substitute Youssef Sakhrour for a dramatic late winner.

Wembley: Beckles, Lawrence, Fleming, Walters, Shields, Daly, Cumberbatch, Willock, Smith, L. S. Bates, Thompson (Sakhrour). Other subs: Witter, Charles.



Kevin Beckles - villain turned hero.

More misery for Edgware

Edgware Town 0 Cheshunt 3
AFTER Saturday's debacle at Egham, Edgware supporters probably believed things couldn't get any worse, but clearly their team is always capable of plumbing new depths, writes John Comfort.

This was another miserable performance, characterised by a lack of invention and a more than ample quota of defensive errors that were duly punished.

True, Edgware didn't enjoy too much luck in front of goal and Cheshunt keeper Trevor Lake had an inspired match, but they would still have had at least a point had it not been for their benevolent rearguard.

Micky Leslie took advantage right on half

time with an unchallenged header which put Cheshunt in front and any hopes of an Edgware recovery were effectively dashed 11 minutes into the second half when Matt Barlow's cross slipped past the unhappy Andy Hopping at the near post and found the net to make it 2-0.

Cheshunt defender Micky Rogan got back to clear Edgware's best chance of the second half off the line after Mark Ivers had lobbed Lake and five minutes from time it was the same player who finished the home side off, a jinking run from halfway ending with a low, angled shot past Hopping.

Edgware: Hopping, Brennan, Christodolou, Finnerty, Sue, Shanahan, Louch, Valenti, Buckley, Newing (Coleman), Hall (Ivers). Other sub: Hurd.

Another away day for Wasps in Cup

WASPS face a tricky away trip to Sale in the fourth round of the Pilkington Cup on December 23, writes Alan Bodenham.

Supporters must be groaning. The draw has not been kind to the Sudbury outfit and they have not had a home game in the competition since Easter Saturday 1993 when they lost to Harlequins at the semi final stage.

Last season, en route to the final, they visited all points of the compass and an applica-

tion for a Lottery grant must surely be in order.

Wasps have already won in the league at Sale this season but an awful lot of water has flowed under the bridge since that victory in late September. Team manager Malcolm Sinclair admitted it is a tough task. "We had Andrew, Ryan and Popplewell and Sale were stricken with injury problems that day."

The northerners have improved dramatically since convincingly beating Harlequins

and only last Saturday they came within minutes of beating all conquering Bath. This Saturday Wasps have an away trip to Bristol in the Courage League. The Sudbury men have never lost to the West country side in the League and in the season's opening League fixture won 33-5 at Repton Avenue.

Wasps have several injury problems for the game and coach Rob Smith will not be selecting the side until after training tonight (Thursday).

Borough protest over 'ineligible' Trophy player

HARROW Borough have lodged a protest with the Football Association because they believe Baintree fielded an ineligible player in Saturday's FA Trophy tie.

Borough received information from outside sources that Wade Falana, who scored two of Baintree's goals in their 4-0 win, did not have his transfer from Fisher Athletic registered in time to be eligible to play.

If Borough's protest is upheld, the FA could order a replay, or exclude Baintree from the competition and insert Borough in their place for the visit to Carshalton in the next round.

Last season Borough reported themselves to the FA after finding that Darren Seabrook should not have played in a Trophy win at Racing Club Warwick. The FA ordered a replay, which Borough also won.

Stones shock - Fraser goes

WEALDSTONE have been stunned by the loss of striker Steve Fraser to Metropolitan Police.

Out of favour earlier in the season, Fraser has recently run into a good spell of form, and with Mark Ivers being released to join neighbours Edgware, he was clearly regarded as an integral part of Stones strike force.

However, the Police put in a seven day approach and Fraser - who is a police officer - has decided to join them.

Neil Yates has a recurring groin injury but should be fit for Wealdstone's game at Tring on Saturday.

Red Braithwaite starts a three match ban next week but will miss Tuesday's game with Southall, while Fergus Moore will also miss that game, for a one match ban.

Lee Enderby returns after suspension for Harrow Borough's home game with Cheshunt. Borough hope to have defender Dave Clarke fit, while manager Harry Manock is looking to sign a new striker in time to play.

In a new deal at Earlsmead in November, the club will be admitting under-12s free if accompanied by a paying adult.

Wembley keeper Jeff Fanner is likely to be out for eight weeks with a knee injury, so Kevin Beckles keeps his place for Saturday's visit to in form Oxford City. Soffiane Sardi and John Granville are added

to the squad after missing the Trophy win at Ruislip Manor.

Edgware hope to have both Joe Sheridan and Eugene Flynn back in action for Saturday's home game with Leatherhead. Richard Louch suffered a back injury against Cheshunt but is expected to be fit.

Steve Bird and Danny Haigh return for Rayners Lane in their visit to third in the table Wootton Bassett where a vast improvement will be needed for Lane to gain a result. Suspension rules out Tom Metcalfe while injuries sideline Oriol and Cott.

Fixtures

Saturday November 11
ICIS League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Chertsey Town (Earlsmead, 3pm).
ICIS League Div One: Oxford City v Wembley.

ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Leatherhead (White Lion ground, 3pm).
ICIS League Div Three: Clapton v Kingsbury Town; Tring Town v Wealdstone.
Hellenic League: Wootton Bassett v Rayners Lane.

Tuesday November 14
Guardian Insurance Cup: Walton & Herston v Kingsbury Town.
ICIS League Div Three: Wealdstone v Southall (White Lion ground, 7.45pm).

Wednesday November 15
Friendly: Edgware Town v Cherton XI (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

Duo in league team

HARROW Borough's Mark Biggins and Mark Xavier have both been selected for the ICIS League representative side which will play Maidenhead United on Tuesday as part of the club's 125th anniversary celebrations.

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