

SPORT

Sad Kingsbury lacking finish

Kingsbury Town 0 Hertford 2
POOR finishing and woeful defending combined to send Kingsbury tumbling to defeat against fellow strugglers Hert-

ford on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.
 The poor finishing came in the first half when Town were on top but found the net somewhat elusive.

Graham Ash missed the target with a free header, Nelson Kumah rode two tackles and beat the challenge of the keeper only to have his shot blocked, Ash miskicked with

the goal at his mercy and Job Hughes fired wide from close range.
 The woeful defending followed after the break.

Ash failed to clear a loose ball in the area and David Whitehead nipped in to shoot Hertford into a 51st minute lead, and four minutes later the home defence again dithered, allowing Stuart Rayment the opportunity to hook in a Richard Mays cross.

Kingsbury pressed hard to get back into contention but the poor finishing returned again to haunt them.
 Ash and Hughes both failed with free headers and it was Hertford who came closest to adding to the score when Ian Hart fired against an upright.

Hertford's win lifts them over Kingsbury in the Division Three table and Town now have only Cove below them.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, D. O'Rourke, Gillespie (Simpson), Zazzera, Victor, Loughlin, N. O'Rourke, Morris, Hughes, Kumah, Ash. Other subs: Leslie, Gower.



● Cricketer of the Year Mark Dyson (centre) with Keith Curry of Britannic (right) and Kenton CC chairman, Alan Digby.

KENTON CC's wicket-keeper/batsman Mark Dyson was among the honours at the club's annual dinner, held in the Kenton Park Road clubhouse on Friday.

He collected the Observer Britannic Assurance Cricketer of the Year award from Britannic area manager Keith Curry, having scored 1414 runs during the season at an average of 42.94.

As well as a trophy he also received a bat signed by the Middlesex players and last season's West Indian touring team.

Not surprisingly, the Ken Isherwood Trophy, for Kenton's Player of the Year,

also went to Mark, for the third successive season, and also a club award for passing 1000 runs for the season.

Other 1000 run award recipients were Tim Holton, Mark Giffin, Colin Clare and Gary Underwood. Maiden ton awards went to Tim Allman, Glen Hodges and Don Goff, while Ross Barget received an award for the season's best bowling

analysis, a remarkable 9-17.

Ian Marshall won the Most Improved Player award, Bob Harrington took the Cabbie Green Clubman of the Year trophy and Omar Mian was named Colt of the Year.

Club captain Alex Singleton was presented with the 2nd Division trophy, won by the Kenton 1st XI in the Middlesex Sunday League.



Britannic Assurance
 Player of the Year

Another National title for star Harrow gymnast

Jackson takes British crown

TALENTED Harrow School of Gymnastics gymnast, Kanukai Jackson, is the new British under-18 Junior Mens Champion.

17 year old Kanukai won the title on Saturday at the British Championships in Nottingham, where he claimed four individual golds, and a silver, as well as the overall title. His discipline successes came on floor, pommel horse, rings and parallel bars and he would surely have notched a fifth in his much favoured

vault had he not stubbed a toe on a loose mat on his run up.

With only one vaulting opportunity available in the competition he thus failed to make the final of a discipline in which his awesome hand-spring with double front somersault earned him a perfect 10 in the National Development Plan Finals at Lilleshall the previous week.

However, his four golden performances, plus a silver on the high bar, were more than enough to see him to the over-

all crown with a total score of 53.35 - well ahead of the second placed competitor.

The British under-18 title is the latest step in the remarkable progress made by Kanukai, who is now training full time with the England squad at Lilleshall.

A magnificent run of successes culminated in him winning the British under-16 Youth title last year and now he is the British under-18 Champion.

He will be eligible to defend the title next year and then his sights will be firmly set on the British Senior crown, won on Saturday by Liverpool's Martin Campbell.

Carol Ford, the coach who has nurtured Kanukai since he joined Harrow eight years ago, said she was "absolutely delighted" by his latest triumph.

This week Kanukai will be looking to add to his honours at the Yorkshire Open Championship, one of the big competitions of the year.

The Harrow School of Gymnastics is the current UK Club of the Year, a title awarded by



● Kanukai Jackson.

the British Amateur Gymnastics Association.

It has over 1000 members but is always delighted to take newcomers, from toddlers up to and including adults.

Wembley 2 Leyton Pennant 3

WEMBLEY maintained their dubious distinction of having never won a game in the Full Members Cup when they lost to Leyton Pennant on Tuesday, writes Richard Markiewicz.

They dominated the first half hour and scored in the 11th minute when Mark Witter neatly created an opening for himself by dragging Ashley Cumberbatch's pass away from a defender before firing in between the keeper and the near post.

Witter almost added a second when he headed a Shaun Fleming cross against the woodwork but after looking set to record their first ever win in this competition, sponsored by Carlton TV, Wembley suddenly switched off.

A napping defence allowed Dave Flint to equalise in the 33rd minute following a quickly taken free kick and in the 57th minute they were exposed by a swift break which culminated in Tony Reid making it 2-1.

The Lions were in disarray and Steve Scott should have wrapped it up for Leyton but hit the bar after rounding Kevin Beckles. But Wembley regrouped and levelled matters in the 68th minute when Hurracia Willock's superb tackle provided Cumberbatch with the opportunity to race down the right and his cross was thumped home by Fleming at the far post.

Either side could have won after that but it was the visitors who struck the telling blow. Stuart McLean glancing home a header from an 87th minute free kick to continue Wembley's miserable record in the competition.

Wembley: Beckles, Willock, Fleming (Thompson), Lawrence (Walters), Shields, Daly, Cumberbatch, I. Bates, Sardi, J. B. Bates, Witter. Other sub: Smith.

League game to be replayed

THE Rugby Union has decided that the Courage League Division One match between Wasps and West Hartlepool, which was abandoned two weeks ago after a spectator suffered a heart attack, will be replayed.

The game will be played at Sudbury on Saturday January 13 and will kick off at 2.15pm. It will be televised by Sky TV.

This Sunday Wasps are away to London Irish in a friendly fixture.
 Wasps won 58-22 in Friday's night club match with London Scottish at Repton Avenue.

Bans rule Cumberbatch and Walters out of big Trophy tie

SUSPENSION rules out both Ashley Cumberbatch and Wayne Walters for Wembley's 3rd qualifying round FA Trophy tie with Beazer Homes League Southern Division side Bashley at Vale Farm on Saturday.

Steve Lawrence took a knock against Leyton Pennant but is expected to be fit and John Granville is added to manager Glen Charles squad.

If a replay is required it will take place at Bashley on Tuesday with Wembley's scheduled league game at Berkhamstead being postponed.

Wealdstone will again be without Rod Braithwaite for Saturday's home league game with Clapton. His three match ban has been extended to five following his sending off at Tring.

Roy Marshall is expected to be fit after a calf injury, while Leigh Barnard, who missed the win at Camberley, should also be available for selection.

Wealdstone have signed ex-Millwall striker Lee Walker from Molesey and defender Terry Hibbert from Spartan League Brook House.

Central defender, Paul Bhatia, has been released by Stones boss Gordon Bartlett.

Edgware Town visit Croydon on Saturday, boosted by the return of John Coleman, who was unavailable for the Vase tie at Hadleigh.

Also available for selection are John Shanahan and Mark Ivers, who were both ineligible for the Hadleigh match. Joe Sheridan came off injured at Hadleigh but is expected to be fit to play.

Don Alliday is suspended and will miss Kingsbury's visit to Hatfield on Saturday.

Rayners Lane look to end a three match losing run at Milton. Rice, Metcalfe, Cockran and Randall all return to

manager Fergus Meaney's squad, while Horden, Oriot and Cott are still sidelined through injury.

Out of the FA Trophy, and without a league game, Harrow Borough play a friendly at Maidenhead on Saturday, kick off 2pm.

The match will give striker Neil Fraser a chance to get back to match fitness after his long injury lay-off.

Defender Dave Bensted has gone on a month's loan to Aylesbury.

Midfielder Mark Biggins, released by Borough last week, joined St Albans on Saturday morning and in the afternoon scored in City's 2-0 win over Aylesbury.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday November 25
 FA Trophy 3rd qual round: Wembley v Bashley (Vale Farm, 3pm).
 ICS League Div Two: Croydon v Edgware Town.
 ICS League Div Three: Hatfield Utd v Kingsbury Town; Wealdstone v Clapton (White Lion ground, 3pm).
 Hellenic League: Milton Utd v Rayners Lane.
 Friendly: Maidenhead Utd v Harrow Borough (2pm).
Tuesday November 28
 Carlton Trophy: Hamel Hempstead v Edgware Town; Wealdstone v Bedford Town (White Lion ground, 7.45pm).
 ICS League Div One: Berkhamstead Town v Wembley.
 ICS League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Harlow (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.45pm).
 Football Combination: QPR v Watford (Earlsmead, 7pm).

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