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Walsh is axed by Northwood

NORTHWOOD FC are advertising the position of team boss after sacking manager John Walsh, the former Edgware Town and Wembley player, following Saturday's 2-0 defeat at Wingate and Finchley.

Northwood's general manager Alan Merison, the former Harrow Borough reserve team manager, and club coach John Smith, will be in charge of team affairs until a successor to Walsh, who held the post for 18 months, can be found.

Anyone wishing to apply for the team manager's post should do so in writing to the Northwood football secretary, Steve Williams at 35 Evelyn Drive, Hatch End, Pinner, Middx HA5 4RL.

The closing date for written applications is December 12.

Another scalp for Stones

Wealdstone 1
Bedford Town 0

WHILE overcoming teams in their own division hasn't always been the anticipated easy ride for Stones this season, beating sides of higher status has become fairly commonplace, and they added another scalp to that list on Tuesday when they put Second Division Bedford out of the Carlton Trophy, **writes John Comfort.**

It was a workmanlike and impressive performance from Wealdstone, and in particular from their classy midfielder Leigh Barnard, whose immaculate passing ability inspired many fine moves by the home side.

The game was won for Stones by a 70th minute goal from Lee Walker. A Neil Yates cross from the left glanced off Bedford defender Tony Boatswain at the near post and sat up nicely for Walker to nip in and head past the bemused keeper, Martin Baker.

Stones could have won more emphatically but were twice denied by the woodwork.

Wealdstone: Tenkorang, Smart, F. Moore, Marshall, Waugh, Barnard, Hibbert, Tekell, Walker, Sheldrick (Yates), Smith. Other sub: J. Moore, Bryan.

Trevor makes the Premiership grade

SOCCER star Trevor Challis has made it to the Premiership.

After being attached to the club for the past six years, 19 year old Trevor, of Cullington Drive, Harrow, made his League debut for Queens Park Rangers a week ago when he came on as a 24th minute substitute in their 1-1 draw against Coventry City.

Last Wednesday he started his first Premiership game in QPR's away match at Everton and had the awesome task of marking Andrei Kanchelskis.

Trevor, a former pupil of Elm Grove School and Salvatorian College, began his footballing career with Harrow youth team, Belmont United Boys, where he was a teammate of QPR's other local star, Kevin Gallen.

He was at the FA's school of excellent at Lilleshall for two years before signing as an apprentice with QPR at the age of 16. Appearances for England under-16s and under-18s have followed and his progress was confirmed last year when he signed professional forms.

Having made his Premiership debut, his aim now is to stake a regular place in the QPR first team.

Wembley league woe continues

Berkhamsted 1
Wembley 0

DESPITE their triumphs in the Trophy, Wembley still struggle in the ICIS League and their latest disappointment came at Berkhamsted on Tuesday night, **writes Richard Markiewicz.**

As usual the lowly Lions had more than a fair share of possession, but once again they badly miss the cutting edge up front to convert this advantage into goals and the home keeper, Andy Harland, was hardly troubled.

Berko, with their sporadic attacks, looked more dangerous. John Lawford struck a post following a breakaway and Steve Butler had an effort cleared off the line by John Granville before the two home players combined to score the only goal of the game in the 49th minute.

Butler's downward header from a right wing corner kick splattered into the muddy goalmouth and Lawford reacted quickest to poke the loose ball over the line into the net.

The home side were quite content to defend their slender lead after that but Wembley failed to make much impression. Andy Smith went closest to equalising when he beat Harland to Shaun Fleming's up and under only to see his header hacked off the line.

At the end Lawford should have extended Berko's lead when he broke clear again but was thwarted by a fine save from Kevin Beckles.

This miss, however, was immaterial, as one goal was enough to maintain Wembley's ICIS misery.

Wembley: Beckles, Willock, Fleming, Granville, Shields, Daly, Sardi, I. Bates, Smith (Thompson), J. B. Bates, Witter (Sakhraoui). Other sub: Child.

Lions at home

WEMBLEY'S reward for their 2-0 FA Trophy victory over Bashley on Saturday is a home tie in the first round proper against ICIS League Premier Division club, Kingstonian. The tie is scheduled for Saturday January 20.

Towers tame Tigers

Cadle's men halt TV's three year Trophy run

LONDON Towers have finally ended the dominance of Thames Valley Tigers in basketball's 7 Up Trophy.

Tigers, who have have won the trophy for the past three years, were dumped out of this season's competition by the on-form Towers who won Friday's first leg by 89-82 and then followed that up by winning the second leg 85-66 at Wembley on Sunday for an emphatic 174-148 success.

Much of the hard work needed to win the tie was done by the Towers in the first leg in front of the Sky Sports cameras at Bracknell.

Inspired by Tony Windless, who finished as the game's leading scorer with 25 points, they produced an impressive second half performance to overturn what at one stage had been a nine point Tigers lead.

Their advantage could have been even more impressive - they were 86-73 up with just over two minutes to play - but Peter Scantlebury launched a late Thames Valley fightback to give the defending champions at least a fighting chance in the second leg, reducing the final margin of victory to just seven points.

However, any remaining hopes of the Tigers taking the trophy for a fourth successive season ended in the third quarter at Wembley on Sunday.

Already 55-36 down at the interval, Tigers lost American forward Tony Holley through injury and he took no further part in the game.

Towers forward Tony Windless made the most of his departure as his side went on to win 85-66.

With Manchester losing to Derby Storm and Sheffield going down to a shock defeat against Leicester after two periods of overtime, Towers' Budweiser League title hopes were also given a boost over the weekend.

This Sunday Towers are at home to Chester Jets, tip off 5pm at Wembley Court.

In Waymon Boone, who is currently third top scorer in the league, and Jason Swaine, the Jets have two of the top American players in the UK in their line-up.

Towers coach Kevin Cadle is well aware that Boone is not easy to control but is confident that the Towers will be able to shut him down. "Boone has been scoring points at an amazing rate. But I believe that our defences have proved very strong so far and with Steve Bucknall and Martin Henlan currently on top form, I hope there won't be too many problems."

On Wednesday Towers are away to Worthing Bears in the league, tip off 8pm.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE

	p	w	l	f	a	pts
London Tow.	10	8	2	859	726	16
Man Giants	10	8	2	883	836	16
Sheffield	11	8	3	872	731	16
Derby Storm	11	6	5	973	928	12
Leopards	8	5	3	744	695	10
Worthing	8	5	3	768	722	10
Birmingham	7	4	3	693	642	8
Doncaster	11	4	7	852	1002	8
Leicester	10	4	6	740	806	8
TV Tigers	9	4	5	793	813	8
Chester	11	2	9	872	966	4
Hemel	11	2	9	847	971	4
Newcastle	7	2	5	653	711	4

Hughes flies in for Town

Kingsbury Town 2
Harlow 1

KINGSBURY'S second successive win lifted them four places up the League table on Tuesday.

They made a dream start with Graham Ash heading them into the lead in the opening minute and Vernon Nelson could have made the game safe in the next 20 minutes but was denied on three occasions by Harlow keeper Jeff Wood.

The visitors drew level with a Steve Butler penalty after a foul by Sean Loughlin right on the break and for the opening period of the second half had Kingsbury under the cosh.

But they weathered the storm and pressed in the closing stages, and notched the winner with three minutes to go with a flying header from Jeb Hughes from Niall O'Rourke's cross.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Leslie, Zazzera, Loughlin, Kenny, D. O'Rourke, N. O'Rourke, Ash, Nelson, Morris, Hughes. Subs: Sharman, Gillespie, Simpson.

Sad Edgware bogged down

Hemel Hempstead 3
Edgware Town 0

EDGWARE failed to cope with the conditions as well as their hosts and slipped to a disappointing Carlton Trophy defeat at Hemel on Tuesday, **writes Tom Hooks.**

On a pudding of a pitch that was only passed fit after an early inspection, Edgware only tested their former keeper, Lee Ward, in the first 15 minutes.

Darren Buckley made a good run down the left and his low cross was scrambled clear, then when John Coleman received a pass from Louch and put in a shot from a narrow angle that Ward was happy to palm away. From the resultant corner Mark Ivers shot just over.

But from then on Edgware seemed quite unable to pose a serious threat. However, they didn't look to be under any real pressure until in the space of two minutes the game swung Hemel's way. On 30 minutes Webb crossed from the right and a glancing header from Mark McGinty crept just inside the far post, and Edgware had hardly recovered when Halbert was allowed too much room down the left and he cut in and lofted the ball over Andy Hopping to make it 2-0.

In the second half Edgware made little impression despite having the slope in their favour.

McGinty continued to pose a threat for the home side and it was no real surprise when on 80 minutes he added number three after being left unmarked.

Edgware: Hopping, Ivers, Murray (Hurd), Finnerty, Sue, Shanahan, Louch, Valenti (Grant), Buckley (Hall), Newing, Coleman. Subs Hall Hurd, Grant.

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Leaders pose tough test for Stones

WEALDSTONE'S promotion aspirations will receive their most severe examination of the season on Saturday when they visit league leaders Leighton Town.

Managed by former Harrow Borough boss, Peter Lawrence, Leighton are five points clear of second placed Horsham and 12 ahead of Stones in fifth place.

Wealdstone boss Gordon Bartlett will recall both Steve Croad and Chris Walton, who were rested for the cup game with Bedford, while new signings Ian Waugh and Derek Bryan could also be in contention for places.

Definitely out is Rod Brathwaite, who completes his five match suspension.

Having come through the friendly at Maidenhead with flying colours after his lengthy spell out through injury, striker Neil Fraser could well be in line for a starting spot in **Harrow Borough's** team at Walton on Saturday.

With Pat Gavin suspended and Paul Fishenden struggling with a groin injury, manager Harry Manoe's decision could be made for him. Frank Appiah is also doubtful through injury.

Borough are running a coach to Walton which leaves Earlsmead at 12.30pm.

Ashley Cumberbatch and Wayne Walters are still suspended and will miss **Wembley's** visit to Abingdon on Saturday, for which Steve Lawrence faces a late fitness test. Meanwhile, both Robert Hollingdale and Darren Barry have resumed training after lengthy injuries.

Edgware have numerous injury problems following their Cup defeat at Hemel. A heel injury will keep Eugene Flynn out for at least two weeks, while Andy Murray could also be struggling to make the side for Saturday's home game with Hampton.

Nelson Kumah has recovered from a bout of flu and is likely to return for **Kingsbury** against East Thurrock.

In the Hellenic League, **Rayners Lane** are at home to second in the table Kidlington.

Saturday December 2
ICIS League Premier Div: Walton & Hersham v Harrow Borough.
ICIS League Div One: Abingdon Town v Wembley.
ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Hampton (White Lion ground, 3pm).
ICIS League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v East Thurrock (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm); Leighton Town v Wealdstone.
Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Kidlington (Lucas Ave, 2.30pm).
Tuesday December 5
Middx Charity Cup: Staines Town v Edgware Town.
ICIS League Div One: Billericay v Wembley.
ICIS League Div Three: Epsom v Wealdstone.
Carlton Trophy: Kingsbury Town v Clapton (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

The latest League tables

ICIS LEAGUE
Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Enfield	18	13	3	2	39	9	42
Dulwich Hamlet	15	9	4	2	32	16	31
Boreham Wood	16	9	4	3	25	13	31
Yeovil T	16	9	3	4	37	23	30
Carshalton	14	9	2	3	25	19	29
St Albans City	15	8	4	3	28	14	28
Kingstonian	17	7	7	3	22	14	28
Hayes	14	6	7	1	18	8	25
Harrow Boro.	13	7	2	4	24	19	23
Aylesbury Utd	14	6	4	4	26	18	22
Sutton Utd	16	5	7	4	31	25	22
Bishops St	14	5	4	5	20	19	19
Yeading	17	3	7	7	17	23	16
Hitchin	14	3	5	6	13	21	14
Chertsey T	15	4	2	9	16	30	14
Molesey	15	3	3	9	16	31	12
Walton & H.	14	3	2	9	11	26	11
Worthing	13	2	4	7	17	27	10
Hendon	12	2	3	7	10	22	9
Purfleet	12	1	5	6	10	22	8
Bromley	14	2	2	10	11	30	8
Grays Ath.	14	1	4	9	8	25	7

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Heybridge Sw	14	11	2	1	37	13	35
Oxford C	14	10	2	2	32	20	32
Wokingham T	16	8	4	4	26	20	28
Chesham Utd	15	7	3	5	25	16	24
Bognor Regis	9	7	1	1	25	12	22
Berkhamsted	15	6	3	6	17	19	21
Abingdon Town	15	6	2	7	29	30	20
Basingstoke T	13	5	4	4	23	18	19
Uxbridge	13	5	4	4	14	16	19
Staines	13	5	4	5	22	28	18
Aldershot T	12	5	2	5	27	18	17
Marlow	14	5	2	7	30	29	17
Billericay	12	5	3	4	19	20	17
Ruislip Man.	13	5	2	6	18	25	17
Tooting & Mitch.	12	4	3	5	16	17	15
Whyteleafe	17	3	6	8	28	39	15
Thame	10	4	2	4	19	22	14
Leyton Pen.	13	3	4	7	21	26	13
Maidenhead	13	3	4	6	12	20	13
Barking	14	2	6	6	20	25	12
Maidenhead	13	3	4	6	12	20	13
Wembley	13	2	3	8	11	24	9
Barton R.	13	1	5	7	17	33	8

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Collier R.	14	9	4	1	35	10	31
Met Police	16	8	7	1	27	9	31
Banstead Ath.	14	8	5	1	19	6	29
Wivenhoe	14	8	4	2	31	15	28
Canvey Is.	13	6	7	0	22	8	25
Hampton	13	7	4	2	22	15	25
Croydon	14	8	1	5	29	19	25
Chalfont St P	13	5	6	2	21	15	21
Cheshunt	14	5	5	4	18	21	20
Witham	15	6	1	8	20	30	19
Leatherhead	14	5	3	6	25	27	18
Ware	13	4	4	5	23	27	16
Bedford T	13	3	6	4	22	20	15
Hungerford	13	4	3	6	16	22	15
Edgware Town	14	4	3	7	21	30	15
Tilbury	14	3	4	7	13	26	13
Saffron Walden	13	1	5	7	18	23	8
Egham Town	14	2	2	10	17	30	8
Hemel Hemp.	15	2	2	11	18	33	8
Bracknell	9	3	1	5	11	14	10
Dorking	12	2	1	9	11	39	7

Newbury Town have yet to play

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Leighton	14	11	2	1	37	10	35
Horsham	13	9	3	1	30	11	30
Windsor	13	8	3	2	39	17	27
East Thurrock	16	7	5	4	25	18	26
Wealdstone	13	7	2	4	38	16	23
Epsom & Ewell	13	6	5	2	32	15	23
Tring Town	15	6	4	5	18	17	22
Aveley	13	6	3	4	18	16	21
Harlow	13	5	5	3	20	17	20
Flackwell Hth	13	6	1	6	17	17	19
Northwood	13	5	3	5	21	16	18
Southall	16	5	3	8	16	42	18
Hornchurch	15	5	2	8	15	24	17
Kingsbury T	13	4	4	5	13	19	16
Harefield Utd	14	5	1	6	20	30	16
Wingate & Finch	15	5	1	9	21	33	16
Camberley T	15	4	3	8	16	27	15
Lewes	15	4	2	9	19	33	14
Hertford Town	11	4	1	6	20	22	13
Clapton	13	3	2	8	16	23	11
Cove	16	3	1	12	17	45	10

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