

SPORT

Sounds familiar!

Kent Trophy incident stirs Wealdstone's memories

REPORTS that a Folkestone player had headed a spectator on Saturday after being sent off for violent conduct in a Kent Senior Trophy tie against Dartford were of considerable interest to Wealdstone FC and their supporters.

For the player involved was David Ward, the former Fisher defender, who is well known to the Stones.

It was at the conclusion of a Beazer Homes League Southern Division match against Wealdstone two seasons ago that Ward, then playing for Fisher, jumped the spectator barrier and struck Wealdstone FC Supporters Club chairman, Howard Kraiss.

Although the incident was not seen by the match referee, it was reported by Wealdstone officials.

However, at the subsequent Football Association disciplinary hearing, just a two week ban was imposed on Ward, which Stones regar-

ded as somewhat inadequate punishment.

That impression was confirmed last season following the infamous Eric Cantona kung fu kick incident at Crystal Palace which resulted in a hefty three months suspension as well as court proceedings for the Manchester United forward.

It was claimed to be the first incident of its kind. Wealdstone officials were quick to point out otherwise.

Following Saturday's incident Ward, who was playing his last game for Folkestone before starting a five match ban, was promptly sacked by the club. He is now due to face a Kent Football Association disciplinary committee over the matter.

Said Wealdstone director Layne Patterson: "Technically it has nothing to do with us, but if requested we will of course be prepared to cooperate with the County FA."

Daly takes Wembley out of drop zone

Billerica v Wembley 1
HAVING approached this ICIS League game at snowbound Billerica on Tuesday with great reluctance, Wembley returned home highly delighted at the acquisition of three vital points, which lifts them out of the Division One relegation zone, writes Richard Markiewicz.

The main talking point was whether the game should have taken place at all. In near freezing temperatures, a blanket of snow, three inches deep in some places, had covered the playing area. Referee Pettit, however, was very eager to

commence play and both teams deserve credit for adapting admirably to the wintry weather and avoiding turning the contest into a farce.

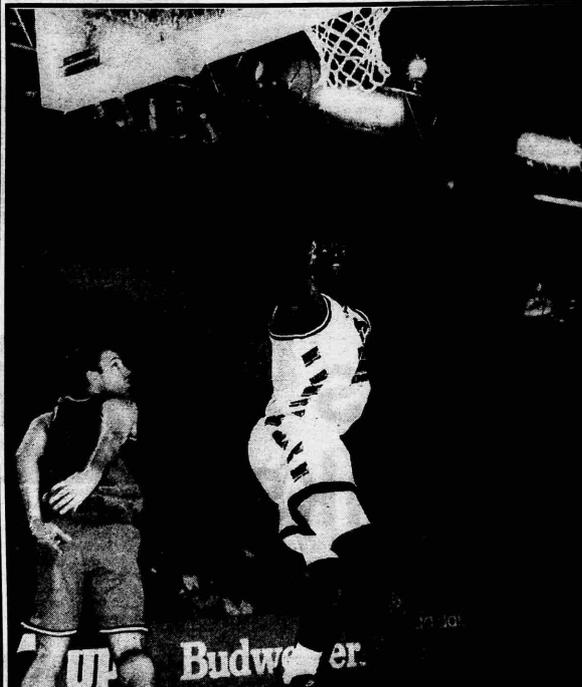
Both sides had several scoring opportunities during a blank first half. Mark Witter blazed wide for the visitors after breaching the home rearguard to latch onto Shaun Fleming's excellent through ball, while at the other end, Billerica's loan signing from Cambridge United, Leon Gatzmore, missed a couple of clear-cut efforts when well placed.

But Wembley held the upper hand as

the cold conditions worsened during the second half and they were eventually rewarded for their resilience by scoring the decisive goal in the 74th minute.

A drive from J. B. Bates was pushed away for a corner and with the home defence expecting the ensuing kick to be hit high, Fleming's lumb-founded them by delivering the ball low to Steve Daly on the edge of the area and he drilled it powerfully into the net to give Wembley victory.

Wembley: Beckles, Cumberbatch, Fleming, Walters, Lawrence, Daly, Sardi, I. Bates, Smith, J. Bates, Witter (Saidraou), Other subs: McLeod, Thompson.



Clark gets his Euro Tour card

PINNER Hill golfer Gary Clark has confirmed his arrival on the professional scene by obtaining a European Tour card.

180 would-be card holders started out in the qualifiers at the San Roque and Guadalmina courses in Spain and after four rounds that number was cut to 75 for the last two rounds. The top 40 were then awarded European cards, and Gary comfortably got his by finishing in 29th place.

"I'm well pleased," said Gary, who turned pro after making his mark by finishing as third top amateur in this year's British Open.

He is now looking for a sponsor before the Tour starts in Singapore in January, and is followed by events in Australia and South Africa before the commencement of the European round of tournaments.

Century are whitewashed

THE Century were hit for 10 by the Plough Kingsbury A in Division One of the Observer Pool League, their superb whitewash giving them their sixth win from six games.

Other results:
Div 1: Mile 7, Goodson 3; UNER 6, Windermere 6; Staines Ind 6, Greenwood 4; Queens of Heats 7, Belmont 3; Abbey CC 6, Plough Kingsbury B 2; Preston 6, Pinner 6.

Div 2: Raynes 6, Camden Spis 4; Oldfield 7, Corner House 7; Bell Pitslip 7, Windermere 2; Wealdstone Ind 7, Broadfields FC 3; Colindale 2, Eastcote Arms 6; South Harrow B, 7; Windmill 3; Harrow Sun 3; Preston 3.

Snow play for Stones

SNOW on a pitch that was already waterlogged caused the cancellation of Wealdstone's League game with Epsom at Earshot on Tuesday night.

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Reserves show show it's done

Staines Town 0
Edgware Town 0

AN Edgware team comprising mainly reserve players, sprang a surprise in the Middlesex Charity Cup on Tuesday when they held the full Staines side in a game that was abandoned after 90 minutes due to the heavy snowfall.

In a fine performance, in which the stars were centre backs Brett Alger and Steve Hurd, Edgware almost stole victory in the last minute when they had an effort cleared off the line.

There were no red cards for players on the pitch, but Jason Dale, sitting on the Edgware bench as part of their coaching staff, was sent off just before half time for disputing a decision made by Ruislip referee Mick Robinson.

Edgware: Carter, Clark, Alger, Sheridan, Whytock, Hurd, Grant, Ivers, Ahmed, Sonenthal, Robertson.

Kingsbury are early with Christmas gifts

Kingsbury Town 2
Clapton 5

THE snow covered Silver Jubilee Park pitch may well have suggested that Christmas had already arrived, but Kingsbury were a bit premature with their seasonal gifts which saw Clapton into the next round of the Carlton Trophy on Tuesday, writes John Comford.

They had a let-off in the opening minute, when Paul Bunten put a shot onto their crossbar, but amazingly within 30 seconds they took the lead, Don Allday netting after Clapton keeper Keith McLoughlin had failed to control an awkward back pass from Chris Swash.

Town keeper Darren Bonfield and his decidedly uncomfortable looking defence somehow managed to keep that lead intact up to the break, with referee Wells doing his bit by disallowing a Vinnie Johns goal for offside.

Kingsbury's reprise lasted until 13 minutes into the second half when James Way flicked on a Bunter corner for Tommy Williams to head Clapton level and after that Town just fell apart.

Three minutes later Tony Perez lost the ball to Peter Mason who cut into the area to fire past Bonfield and put the visitors ahead, and the home defence was found wanting again on 63 minutes, allowing Williams to net from Bunter's cross.

Williams completed his hat-trick after 69 minutes, outpacing two defenders before beating Bonfield, and he got a fourth six minutes later after being put through by former Kingsbury player Peter Roberts.

Damian Gillespie set up Nelson Kumah to pull one back for Kingsbury 11 minutes from time, but by then their exit had been well and truly confirmed.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Allday, Zazera, Loughlin, Kenny, Perez, N. O'Rourke, Ash (Gillespie), Kumah, Morris, Hughes. Other sub: D. O'Rourke.

Win over Jets is just plane sailing for Towers

MORE points on the board for the Londo Towers in their emphatic 100-70 Badweiser League win over the Chester Jets at Wembley Court on Sunday which took them back to joint top in the table.

For a full match report, and more pictures, turn to page 90.

Trio will miss Edgware's Vase clash

JOHN Shanahan and Mark Ivers are both cup tied and will miss Edgware Town's FA Vase third round tie at Wivenhoe on Saturday.

Edgware will also be without keeper Andy Hopping, who is away in South Africa. Reserve team custodian Andy Carter steps in, Joe Sheridan is now fit and is added to Jock McGeish's squad.

The Wares have already visited the Essex club in the league this season and lost 3-2, so will be anxious to reverse that result.

If a replay is required, it will take place at the White

Lion ground on Wednesday, kick off 7.45pm.

Jason Court has recovered from a bout of flu and will be available for Harrow Borough's League game at home to Bishops Stortford, while Bob Dowie is set to return from a business trip to the Middle East and could also play.

Borough have signed 19 year old central defender Roy Marshall, who was formerly with Watford and Stevenage. Striker Pat Gavin has been transferred to Farnborough.

For their next two home games Borough will be accom-

panied by a paying adult.

As Wealdstone are now in the top five in the league, their admission prices go up from £3.50 to £4, starting with Saturday's home game with Hornchurch.

Rod Brathwaite returns after suspension, while both Ian Waugh and Roy Marshall are fit and available for selection.

Stones have put their recent signing from Brook House, Terry Hibbert, on contract.

If there is a fall of snow on Friday, Stones will be looking for an army of snowclearers to clear the pitch and ensure the game goes on. Call the club office on 381-1671 if you are interested in helping out.

Following his release by Chertsey Town, it is no surprise that former Wembley skipper Charlie Flaherty has rejoined the Lions.

He is added to Glenn Charles' squad for the home game

with Staines on Saturday.

Oriot and Cockram are both available for Raynes Lane's visit to Wantage Town on Saturday, but they will be without Metcalfe, Keen, Hordern, Cott and Spires.

The latest League tables

ICIS LEAGUE		Division Two	
Premier Division	P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts	P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts	P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts
Enfield	18 10 3 2 35 16 34	Barking	15 2 6 7 21 28 12
Dulwich Hamlet	16 10 4 2 35 16 34	Beckenham	15 3 1 11 18 31
Southern Wood	17 10 4 3 27 13 34	Collier R.	15 10 1 1 37 10 34
De Alans City	16 9 4 3 21 13 31	Met Police	17 9 1 1 30 10 34
Yeovil T.	16 9 3 4 27 23 30	Barnet	15 8 1 20 7 30
Canterbury	15 9 2 4 25 22 29	Whetstone	15 8 2 3 37 19 29
Kingstonian	17 7 3 3 22 14 28	Canvey Is.	15 7 2 4 24 8 28
Harrow Boro.	14 8 2 4 28 19 28	Croydon	15 8 2 5 31 21 28
Aylesbury Utd.	15 7 4 4 27 18 25	Chesham	16 4 4 25 23 28
Hendon	15 7 2 5 25 22 25	Chaset St P.	14 7 4 3 24 19 25
Sutton Utd.	16 5 7 4 31 25 22	Leathfield	15 4 3 21 17 22
Wingfield	15 5 4 6 20 21 19	Leatherhead	16 3 2 11 28 19
Charley T.	16 5 2 9 18 30 17	Wilham	16 3 1 9 22 34 19
Widcham	15 5 4 6 20 21 19	Edgware Town	16 3 2 11 28 19
Hitchin	15 3 5 6 13 21 16	Ware	14 4 4 23 29 16
Worthing	14 3 4 7 19 28 13	Hungerford	15 4 4 7 18 27 16
Hendon	13 3 3 7 12 21 12	Tilbury	15 4 4 7 18 26 16
Molesey	16 3 10 16 33 12	Bracknell	11 3 3 5 12 12
Walton & H.	15 3 10 16 33 12	Epsom & Ewell	15 2 10 18 30 11
Purfleet	12 1 5 6 10 22 7	Salford Wadlan	14 1 5 8 18 24 8
Bromley	15 2 11 12 32 11	Hemel Hemp.	13 2 10 18 33 9
Grays Ath.	15 1 4 10 8 27 7	Dorling	13 2 10 18 33 9
		Newbury Town have yet to play	
Division One		Division Three	
Haybridge Sw.	15 11 3 1 38 14 36	Leighton	15 11 2 2 37 12 36
Orford C.	15 11 2 2 35 21 35	Waltham	15 10 1 1 33 12 33
Wokingham	16 10 2 4 28 19 32	East Thurrock	17 8 4 2 28 19 29
Cheamham Utd.	16 7 4 5 28 17 25	Westford Town	15 8 2 5 24 16
Bojars Regis	16 6 5 5 23 20 23	Wreakstead	14 8 2 4 38 16 28
Berkhamstead	16 6 3 7 18 21 21	Wingate & Finch	14 7 2 5 21 32 21
Slidons	16 6 3 7 18 21 21	Wickham	15 8 1 6 24 20 25
Alidshott T.	13 6 2 5 31 18 20	Harlow	14 6 3 5 23 16 23
Billerica	16 6 3 7 18 21 21	Northwood	14 6 3 5 23 16 23
Abingdon Town	16 6 2 8 28 32 20	Avonley	14 6 3 5 23 16 23
Wauke Men.	14 6 2 6 14 28 20	Sour. Ath.	17 5 3 9 17 45 18
Basingstoke T.	13 5 4 4 23 18 19	Hornchurch	16 5 2 9 15 25 17
Uxbridge	14 6 2 6 14 28 20	Hendon Utd.	14 6 2 6 14 28 20
Widley	18 4 6 3 31 40 19	Kingsbury T.	14 4 4 6 14 22 18
Whitby	14 4 6 3 31 40 19	Wendover	14 4 4 6 14 22 18
Tooting & Mitch.	14 4 3 7 17 21 15	Wendover	14 4 4 6 14 22 18
Widley	14 4 3 7 17 21 15	Wendover	14 4 4 6 14 22 18
Layton Pan.	15 3 4 8 22 29 13	ICIS League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Purfleet (Earlmead, 7.45pm)	
Widley	14 3 4 7 17 21 15		

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