

# SPORT

## Towers make it a trophy double

LONDON Towers completed a magnificent trophy double on Sunday when they defeated Sheffield Sharks in the final of the National Cup, following hot on the heels of their recent 7-UP Trophy success. Full match report on page 106.

### Ivers is a winner for Wares

**Dorking 0 Edgware Town 1**  
INJURIES forced Edgware to make changes from the side that performed so well against Bracknell, but they were still good enough on Tuesday to beat bottom of the league Dorking, writes Tom Hooks.

They clearly had the better of the first time this season had nothing to show for their superiority. Former Edgware keeper Tony Holtby made a point blank range stop from Gerry Brennan and Tony Anglin hit a post, and just before the break Holtby made a brilliant save to deny Instone.

In the second half Edgware won a succession of corners without being able to engineer the vital breakthrough until ten minutes from time.

Brilliant play by Anglin and substitute Ahmed saw the ball played towards Mark Ivers and with an acrobatic volley his shot rocketed into the net, giving Holtby no chance.

Steve Newing should have got a second for Edgware, but after being put clear by Brennan, the big striker screwed his shot wide.

**Edgware:** Carter, Brennan, Anglin, Valenti (Armed), Shanahan, Flynn (Shenan), Louch, Instone, Ivers, Newing, Coleman. Other sub: P. Dale

### Big match winner

A PUNTER made a swift £15,000 profit from William Hill's bookmakers on Monday after placing an £8000 bet on Manchester United to beat Newcastle at 15/8 in one of their Harrow offices.

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# Stones pull out of cup

## Tournament's future is left in doubt

WEALDSTONE FC have officially withdrawn from the Harrow Senior Cup competition which the club inaugurated last year.

The competition, won by Harrow Borough, and also contested by Edgware Town and Rayners Lane, was well received by local supporters and was played at Earlsmead and the White Lion ground.

However, Wealdstone officials were outraged over allegations subsequently levelled at their supporters in a letter published in the Observer from Harrow Borough's club historian, Tony Booth.

"The comments - which were scurrilous and entirely untrue - have yet to be disowned by Harrow Borough, so we feel the only option remaining to us is to withdraw, albeit reluctantly, from the competition," said Wealdstone director, Layne Patterson.

"It is unfortunate as the event raised some £2000 for the competing clubs and it had been hoped that it might become a regular curtain-raiser to the local season."

Borough's Peter Rogers, the competition's secretary, does not see the withdrawal necessarily signalling the end of the tournament.

"We're disappointed that Wealdstone have withdrawn but that is their decision and it doesn't mean that the competition is a dead duck," he said.

"I will be sounding out both Edgware and Rayners Lane to see what their views are. We could play it with just three clubs or even invite a guest club to join us. We will be meeting later this month to consider the options."

## Big loss passes annual meeting test

WEALDSTONE FC's annual general meeting passed off on Thursday evening with little outcry over the club's statement of accounts for the year up to July 31, 1995, which showed a big loss of £249,971.

With club vice-chairman, Nick Dugard, declaring "If people are unhappy we will go through it line by line even if it takes until two o'clock in the morning," a year of exceptional expenditure for the club was clearly and concisely explained,

culminating in a proposal for the adoption of the accounts which drew only two votes against.

Club chairman Paul Rumens said that the current year was likely to see a loss of at least £80,000. "And until we get a home it will carry on being like that."

The prospects of a new ground were the main talking point of the evening with club general manager, the man charged with the task of securing one, saying: "There should be some serious move to-

wards getting a ground by the end of the year, and although I don't want to build hopes, it could be earlier."

Stones are still awaiting a decision by Camden Council over the sale of Prince Edward Playing Fields, which is likely around August, although it could be made as early as this end of this month.

Wealdstone have been advised that at present they are the only party in the frame for the site, for which the club have plans for a multi-sport complex.

## Euro target adds spice to derby clash

COURAGE League rugby returns to Repton Avenue for the first time in four months on Saturday when Wasps take on Harlequins, kick off 3pm, writes Alan Bodenham.

Games between these two bitter rivals are always keenly fought to say the least but there is added significance to

this match because of the race to finish in the top four of Division One, European qualification for next season being the most vital thing. The Sudbury outfit are currently fifth and Quins occupy third place.

Wasps will also be desperate to overturn September's defeat at the Stoop when they

came off second best and met Quins fly half David Pears in top form.

Little known to Wasps they were also on the brink of a major crisis with Rob Andrew and the Newcastle affair soon to break.

Coaches, Rob Smith and Dick Best, are keeping close

contact in the run up but both will be without key players because of the England training weekend. Skipper Lawrence Dallaglio will be involved along with Will Carling and Jason Leonard of Quins.

All seats for the game have been sold but there will be ground admission on the day.

## Blunders point the way out for Wealdstone

**Wealdstone 1 Hungerford 2**  
AFTER Saturday's excellent win at Windsor, Wealdstone came swiftly back down to earth on Tuesday when they blundered their way out of the Carlton Trophy, writes John Comfort.

A survey of how many goals Stones have conceded by their own failings this season, rather than the expertise of their opponents, would doubtless make interesting reading. Certainly the two that ended their interest in cup football for the current campaign were both in the former category.

Striker Lee Walker was at fault for Hungerford's 30th minute opener. He carelessly lost possession, then engaged in a heated row with teammate Leigh Barnard which distracted Wealdstone's attention from a breakaway by Alan Davies who provided the cross for the unchallenged Peter Horwat to head home.

Things might have been worse. Davies shot against the covering Fergus Moore after rounding Rob Tenkorang and then Horwat was denied by a great save from the keeper after he

had broken clear.

Stones always looked likely to level, however, with Paul Sheldrick having a cross-shot deflected onto the bar right on half time.

But it was not until 23 minutes into the second half that they finally equalised, Sheldrick firing home after good work by Chris Walton, Walker and Lee Tekell.

However, Stones continued to live dangerously in defence and after Steve Mills sent a driving header onto the crossbar, Hungerford cashed in on another blunder to regain the lead with eight minutes to go. Barnard's weak pass to Steve Croad was intercepted by Davies and he crossed for the unmarked Horwat to fire past the helpless Tenkorang.

Referee Evans added a generous six minutes of stoppage time but Stones failed to find another equaliser and slid disappointingly out of a competition that many felt they would win.

**Wealdstone:** Tenkorang, Smart, Moore, Hibbert, Croad (Vaughn), Barnard (Hart), Walton, Tekell, Walker, Sheldrick, Smith. Other sub: Terry.

## Duo back to boost Lions

WEMBLEY'S battle against relegation continues at Wokingham Town on Saturday where they will be boosted by the return of John Granville and Wayne Walters after serving suspensions.

Paul Shields and Neil Bates will both be missing but will be available for the midweek match at Uxbridge. Steve Lawrence (ligament problems) is the only injury doubt.

Frank Appiah and Nke Ekwaku are both injury doubts for Harrow Borough's home game which sees the return to Earlsmead of former Borough favourite, Paul Ripley.

Wealdstone face another six pointer in their bid for promotion when they journey to second in the table Horsham.

Although Steve Fraser is available after missing the Hungerford defeat through

being cup-tied, manager Gordon Bartlett has several injury problems.

Tim Buzaglio with hamstring trouble and Lee Walker, who has an achilles injury, are both doubtful and question marks also hang over Roy Marshall, who has a groin strain, and Chris Walton, who has a badly bruised ankle.

Stones Supporters Club are running a coach to Horsham

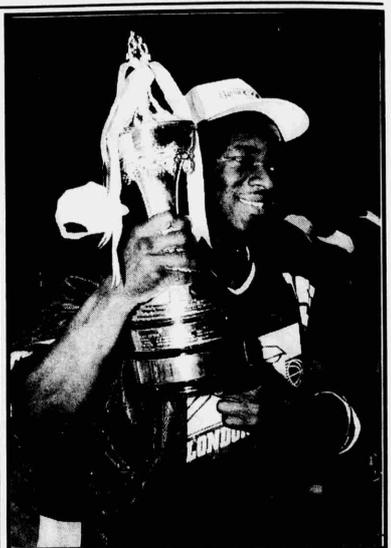
leaving the Civic centre at 12 noon. Ring Darren Linden on 424-9030 to book places.

Seamus Finnerty, Eugene Flynn and Dave Sue are all suffering with injuries and could miss **Edgware Town's** home game with Met Police.

Graham Ash is on holiday, while Niall O'Rourke starts a suspension, and both miss **Kingsbury Town's** visit to Hornchurch.

### Soccer fixtures

**Saturday March 9**  
ICIS League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Yeading (Earlsmead, 3pm)  
ICIS League Div One: Wokingham Town v Wembley  
ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Met Police (White Lion ground, 3pm)  
ICIS League Div Three: Horsham v Wealdstone, Hornchurch v Kingsbury Town  
**Hellenic League:** Easington v Rayners Lane  
**Tuesday March 12**  
Midx Senior Cup semi-final: Hayes v Harrow Borough  
Midx Senior Cup: Edgware Town v Staines (White Lion ground, 7.30pm)  
London Senior Cup: Thamesmead v Kingsbury Town  
ICIS League Div One: Uxbridge v Wembley



Triumphant London Towers captain Roger Duhaney proudly shows off the National Cup after his team's great win against Sheffield Sharks.

Picture by George Williams.

## Town turn nightmare into shock victory

**Horsham 0 Kingsbury Town 1**  
KINGSBURY faced a potential nightmare at promotion chasing Horsham on Tuesday after arriving late without a full complement of players and having no kit.

They took the field in Horsham's away strip but had only ten men and their defence immediately took on a marked resemblance to the Alamo. Newman hit the crossbar as Horsham pressed relentlessly but Kingsbury held on and when extra player arrivals brought them up to full strength after 15 minutes, the game turned dramatically.

Just three minutes later the strong challenge of a Horsham player sent the ball across the face of his own area and when Jeb Hughes dummied over it, Nelson Kumah ran in to lash a superb shot into the top right hand corner of the net.

Amazingly that setback totally knocked the heart out of the home side and while they struggled, Kingsbury just got better.

In the second half the visitors could have made their victory more convincing. Hughes had a great chance when he got clear but was denied by a good save from Green, and in a frantic scramble in the home goalmouth 10 minutes from time both Hughes and Kumah had close range efforts blocked.

**Kingsbury:** Bonfield, Leslie, Zazzera, Gower, Stewart, Morris, N. O'Rourke, D. O'Rourke, Hughes, Kumah, Alday, Suits, Perez, Sioley, Loughlin.

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