

# SPORT

## Brown injury is bad break for Towers

LONDON Towers major signing of the summer, England guard Karl Brown, will be out of action until November after fracturing his ankle in a pre-season tournament in Italy.

After sustaining the injury, Brown, aged 29, was immediately flown back to London for hospital treatment. Brown, who moved across London from the Leopards in the close season,

was expected to move to Europe but joined the Budweiser League, National Cup and 7 UP-Trophy Champions in their quest for further domestic and European Cup honours.

## Bates books Lions a date with Hendon

**Wembley 1  
Bracknell Town 0**  
A LATE winner from Jon-Barrie Bates enabled Wembley to finally overcome a stubborn Bracknell outfit in the Guardian Insurance Cup on Tuesday and book an intriguing away tie at Hendon in the next round, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Wembley's win was reward for their patient persistence in trying to break through a well organised visiting unit. Nelson Kumah had Wembley's best chance during a dull first period, but completely misjudged the flight of Ian Bates' clever lob into the goal area and the ball sailed past.

A stupendous strike from Shaun Fleming was superbly tipped over by the Bracknell

keeper at the start of the second half and Eddie Mee also went close with two well struck efforts.

One was well saved while his other strike skimmed the woodwork.

Despite further pressure not many other clear scoring opportunities materialised.

However, to their credit, the Lions did not flag and continued to push forward and the vital goal finally arrived five minutes from time.

Kumah eluded his marker to latch onto Mee's throw on the right and raced to the by-line before whipping over a perfect cross for Jon-Barrie Bates to stoop and head home.

**Wembley:** Beckles, Cumberbatch, Hollingdale, Walters, Shields, J-B-Bates, Willock (Smith), I. Bates, Mee, Kumah, Fleming. Other subs: Metherell, Walsh.

## Moore from Fergus puts Stones through

**Wealdstone 1  
Kingsbury Town 0**  
ANOTHER goal from Stones put scorer Fergus Moore decided this local derby in the preliminary round of the Guardian Insurance Cup on Tuesday night, writes Graham Smith.

Wealdstone's best chance of the first half fell to Rudi Hall whose header from a Steve Bircham cross went inches over and early in the second half John Massey also went close.

The last 20 minutes saw concerted Stones pressure on the Kingsbury defence and they were rewarded in the 83rd minute after a Bircham shot was blocked. Paul

Sheldrick's effort from the rebound was kept out by Town keeper Steve Hilton but Moore bravely followed up to head home for his third goal of the season.

Damian Gillespie went close for Kingsbury in the closing minutes but at the final whistle the biggest smile came from Darren Bonfield who kept a clean sheet against his former club.

Stones are at home to Horsham in the next round.

**Wealdstone:** Bonfield, Massey, Tekell, Moore, Groat, Marshall, Walton, Hall (Hibbert), Walker, Ross (Sheldrick), Bircham. Other sub: Hammat.

**Kingsbury:** Hilton, Loughlin, Zazera, Tynan, Stewart, Morris, Ash, O'Rourke, Hughes, Dowle, Gillespie. Subs: Dwah, Gower.

## Edgware's nine men grab dramatic cup win

**Hertford Town 1  
Edgware Town 2**  
DESPITE being reduced to nine men, Edgware pulled off an incredible win at Hertford on Tuesday night in the Guardian Insurance Cup, writes Tom Hooks.

They opened the scoring after 25 minutes when Steve Newing was fed by John Coleman and coolly beat keeper Bozier from 10 yards, but their chances looked bleak 15 min-

utes into the second half when Gerry Brennan handled a Whitehead shot off the goaline and was sent off and McCormack levelled for Hertford from the penalty spot.

But being down to 10 men brought out the best in Wares and on 70 minutes they went back in front, Coleman hammering home a great shot.

With 15 minutes remaining Edgware's number was further re-

duced when keeper Andy Carter got the red card after bringing down McCormack to concede another penalty. However, Newing took over in goal, produced a brilliant save to keep out McCormack's spot kick and then performed superbly as Edgware's brave nine held out to earn their place in the next round.

**Edgware:** Carter, Brennan, Mangan, Shanahan, Whylock, Flynn, Instone, Louch, Coleman, Newing, Kirby. Subs: Murphy, Hutchinson, Clark.

## Borough hit rock bottom

**Grays Ath 3  
Harrow Borough 2**  
BOROUGH slid to the foot of the ICIS League Premier table following this defeat at the Recreation ground on Tuesday when they were beaten by themselves rather than a better team, writes Tony Booth.

Though Paul Benning was forced to make two goalline clearances early on, Borough then put the home defence under pressure and they took a 14th minute lead when a Sean James corner found Mark Xavier at the far post and he rounded a defender before shooting under the keeper.

John Hurlock shot wide from close in after being set up by Xavier - a miss that Borough were to sorely rue.

Grays took heart. Charles three times went close to equalising before the home side levelled six minutes into the second half. David Hook did well to parry Ray's header from a Goldstone corner only for Wilson to force the ball home from close range.

Five minutes later static defending allowed a Sammons cross to reach the far post where Southon put Grays ahead.

Hurlock bungled a golden chance to level and again Borough paid as Grays netted their third goal in the 66th minute, Southon netting following a mazy run by Charles.

With eight minutes left Issott's tackle won possession for Xavier to run and cross for Jones to reduce the deficit but there was to be no equaliser for Borough.

**Harrow Borough:** Hook, Clarke (Appiah)(Issott), James, Court, McKay, Benning, Jones (Woodon), Metcalfe, Hurlock, Xavier, Day.

# Wasps set for the off

## The new pro era starts at Sale

WASPS kick off the professional era in earnest on Saturday when they travel to Sale for a Courage League Division One fixture.

The Sudbury based club, who will be playing many of their major matches at QPR this season, have a great record against the Northerners.

They beat them three times last season, winning both league games and knocking them out of the Pilkington Cup, and, after a great late run, pipped them for the final European Cup place.

Pre season for Lawrence Dallaglio's men could not have gone better as they retained the Euro Cup which they won in Holland last season, scoring 16 tries in the games, and defeating Stade Francais 44-26 in the final.

Outstanding was new signing Paul Sampson, a flying winger from Otley. He has a 100 metre time of under 10.5 secs and scored four tries, confirming the reason why he was called into the full England squad last season while still at school.

Sampson will make his debut at Sale alongside another big signing, Scottish international second row Damian Cronin.

The fly half spot could well go to another international, Canadian Gareth Rees, who returns to Wasps after first appearing for the club while still a schoolboy at Harrow.

A definite absentee however will be Wasps biggest signing, former All Black, Va'auga Tuigamala.

It is hoped though that the situation regarding his eligibility will be cleared up this weekend.



**Harrow Boro' FC 1996/97** Back row (left to right): Andy McDade, Frank Appiah, Tony Prospero, David Clarke, Brian Jones, Chris Metcalfe, David Hook, Nko Ekoku, Mark Weedon, Paul Benning, Harry Manoe. Front: Cliff Rapley, Jason Court, Sean James, John Hurlock, Colin Day, Gary Issott, Paul McKay, Mark Xavier.

## FA Cup action for the locals

THE locals go into FA Cup action on Saturday with Edgware, Wealdstone and Kingsbury all contesting preliminary round matches.

Edgware, at home to Flackwell, have Paul Dale suspended while Steve Hurd is an injury doubt. Seamus Finnerty, Mark Ivers and Joe Lyons, all recovered from injuries, could be included in the squad. If a replay is required it will take place at Flackwell next Wednesday.

**Wealdstone** travel to Sussex League

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The latest league tables										
ICIS LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts				
Sutton U.	4	4	0	0	13	7	12			
Heybridge	4	3	1	0	10	6	10			
Yeovil	4	3	1	0	5	2	10			
Gulwell H.	4	3	0	1	9	4	9			
Yeading	4	3	0	1	7	2	9			
Staines	4	3	0	1	7	5	9			
Dagenham	4	2	2	0	7	3	8			
Enfield	4	2	1	1	9	6	7			
Aylesbury	4	2	1	1	6	4	7			
Kingstonian	4	2	0	2	8	5	6			
Bromley	4	1	1	2	4	4	4			
Grays Ath.	4	1	1	2	8	5	4			
St Albans	4	1	1	2	5	8	4			
Oxford C.	4	1	0	3	7	10	3			
Purfleet	4	1	0	3	4	8	3			
Chertsey	4	1	0	3	7	12	3			
Hitchin	4	1	0	3	5	10	3			
Hendon	4	0	2	2	5	7	2			
Bishops St.	4	0	2	2	2	7	2			
Harrow B.	4	0	1	3	8	9	1			
Division Two										
Leatherhead	2	2	0	7	4	7				
Collier R.	2	2	1	0	5	2	7			
Windsor	2	2	1	0	7	5	7			
Horsham	2	2	0	5	3	7				
Leighton	2	2	1	0	5	3	7			
Mel Police	2	2	1	0	8	3	6			
Wivenhoe	2	2	0	1	6	2	6			
Wembley										
Wembley	3	2	0	1	6	4	6			
Bedford	3	2	0	1	4	6				
Barking	3	2	0	1	4	2	5			
Tilbury	3	1	1	1	4	1	4			
Edgware T.	3	1	2	0	2	1	4			
Hungerford	3	1	1	1	6	8	4			
Chalfont St P.	3	1	0	2	2	3				
Cheshunt	3	1	0	2	2	3				
Epsham	3	1	0	2	3	3				
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Hemel Hemp.	3	0	1	2	1	3	1			
Ware	3	0	1	2	0	4	1			
Dorking	3	0	1	2	1	0	1			
Barnet	3	0	0	3	2	0	0			
Bracknell	3	0	0	3	2	1	0			
Harrow										
Harrow	2	2	0	0	6	1	6			
Barnet	2	1	1	0	7	1	4			
Flackwell H.	2	1	1	0	6	2	4			
Northwood	2	1	1	0	6	3	4			
Epsham & E.	2	1	1	0	4	2	4			
Cambridge	2	1	1	0	6	3				
Waldstone	2	1	0	1	3	3	3			
Kingsbury T.	2	1	0	1	2	0	3			
Wingate S.F.	2	1	0	1	2	0	3			
Hertford	2	0	2	0	4	2				
Monchchurch	2	0	2	0	2	2				
Tring	2	0	1	1	0	1				
Clapton	2	0	1	1	0	2	1			
Ashey	2	0	1	1	0	1				
Lewes	2	0	1	1	0	1				
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