

SPORT

Compensation bill is likely to be £5,000

Wasps in rage over cup cry-off

WASPS are to seek talks with the Welsh Clubs Organisation and demand suitable compensation after last night's (Wednesday's) Anglo Welsh Cup tie against Neath at Sudbury was called off with less than 48 hours notice.

Neath cancelled on safety grounds, claiming they had no specialist front row players available.

The decision is thought to have cost Wasps somewhere in the region of £5,000 for installing temporary stands and upgrading the Sudbury ground, as well as advertising the game.

Having promised that there would be a number of top class games at Sudbury this season, the cancellation will not have gone down well with local fans.

Wasps chief executive, Geoff Huckstep, was dismayed by the decision.

However, he was quick to point out, "Wasps are strongly committed to the Anglo Welsh competition."

By Alan Bodenham

He added that compensation would be sought from Neath.

With a busy fixture schedule ahead, including the European Cup campaign, there is a problem about finding a date for the rearranged fixture.

On Sunday Wasps travel to Kingsholm for a Courage League clash with Gloucester.

The cherry and whites have yet to win this season but this doesn't mean the outcome is a foregone conclusion.

Said Wasps rugby supremo, Nigel Melville "it's never easy playing at Kingsholm. They will have a big crowd and as usual they will be baying for blood."

Melville admitted that Wasps relaxed too much in the latter stages against Orrell.

"We have learnt our lesson though and will hold it together more against Gloucester and will seek to keep our concentration for the whole 80 minutes."

The cancellation of the Neath game meant Andy Reed, the Scottish international lock, did not get his first game for Wasps. However, he is unlikely to be included in the side to face Gloucester.

Honours end even again for draw specialists

Edgware Town 1 Leighton 1

NOT for the first time this season the Wares created a hatful of chances in this game on Tuesday only to be denied a well deserved victory

by a combination of their own lack of composure in front of goal and yet another outstanding display by a visiting goalkeeper, writes Tom Hooks. Leighton played their part,

threatening to swamp Edgware in the first 15 minutes but the home side weathered the storm and took control with Steve Newing contriving the miss of the match when he headed over with the

goal at his mercy from a Carl Lindo cross.

Edgware finally got the goal they deserved on 43 minutes when John Coleman beat Heaps with a low shot after an excellent five man move, but on the stroke of half time a lapse in concentration in the home defence allowed Barnard to hammer home an equaliser for Leighton.

Edgware dominated the second half which proved to be a tale of two penalties, one to each side. Leighton's, harshly awarded for a Seamus Finnerty challenge, saw justice done when Andy Carter saved Anderson's spot kick.

Edgware's came in the dying minutes when Lindo was hauled down in the box. But keeper Heaps saved superbly from Finnerty.

Edgware: Carter, Brennan, Mangan, McCluskey, Finnerty, Latty, Flynn, Lindo, Ivers, Newing, Coleman. Subs: Kirby, Murphy, Instone.

Towers give Royals a roasting

LONDON Towers gave Hemel and Watford Royals a lesson in basketball on Saturday as they trounced their rivals by 122-82 at Wembley Court, the highest score yet in the Budweiser League this season.

It was a result that had Pizza Hut in Brent Cross Shopping Centre ordering more dough for the coming week. They had pledged a slice of pizza to everyone presenting a match ticket from the Hemel game if Towers won with 90 points or more.

Three point machine Paul Deppisch was again in remarkable shooting form, 18 of his 21 points coming from outside the arc in a match that saw six Towers players finish with double figures - a feat unlikely to be beaten this season.

England international Karl Brown made a welcome return following his ankle injury with a 20 point haul, Joe Hooks landed 19, and there were 18 points apiece for both Danny Lewis and Tony Windless.

The Towers stunned a 13,000 crowd in Georgia with a tremendous 87-78 win over Vita Tbilisi last week in the European Cup, Danny Lewis leading the way with a remarkable 29 points.

But on Tuesday Towers lost their latest European game when they went down by 61-72 to Ankara at Wembley.

This Saturday Towers are away to Birmingham Bullets in the Budweiser League and visit the former Yugoslavia to face Podgorica on Tuesday in the European Cup.

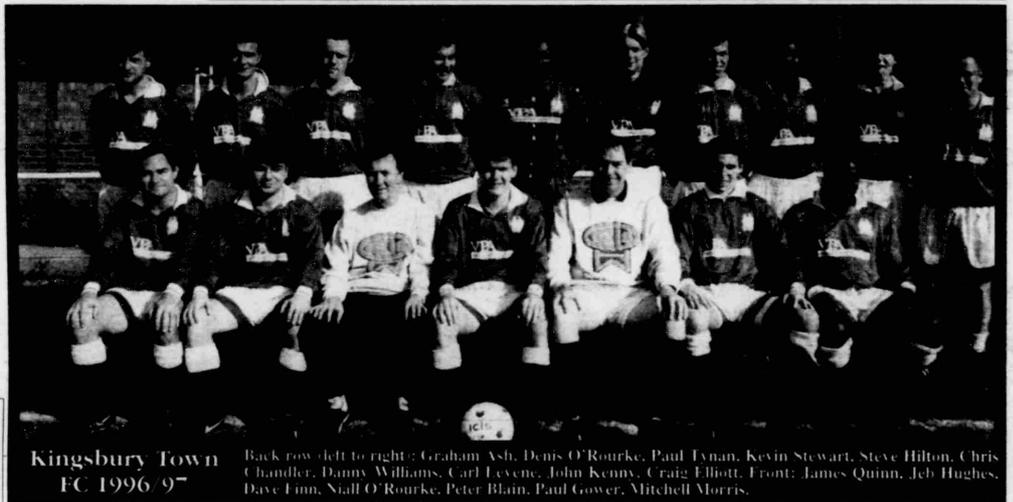
Their next home game is at Wembley Arena on Friday October 11 when they face the Thames Valley Tigers, tip off 8pm. For ticket info ring the Towers hotline on 0171 722 6677 or the Wembley box office on 900 1234.



7 year old Joshua Douglas-Abel, from Wembley, was the mascot for Towers match against Hemel. Joshua is pictured with his favourite Towers player, Danny Lewis.

Marshall is the man for Stones

DEFENDER Roy Marshall has been named as Wealdstone's Carlton Player of the Month for September. Midfielder Terry Hibbert took 2nd place with striker Bryan Hammat 3rd.



Kingsbury Town FC. 1996-97

Back row left to right: Graham Ash, Denis O'Rourke, Paul Tynan, Kevin Stewart, Steve Hilton, Chris Chandler, Danny Williams, Carl Levene, John Kenny, Craig Elliott, Front: James Quinn, Job Hughes, Dave Finn, Niall O'Rourke, Peter Blain, Paul Gower, Mitchell Morris.

Leg break tragedy for Williams as Kingsbury crash

Kingsbury Town 1 Tring Town 4

A SOUND beating was secondary for Kingsbury on Tuesday night in a game which saw them tragically lose Danny Williams with a broken tibia, writes John Comfort.

The defender sustained the injury when he turned and fell awkwardly in the 29th minute. He was carried off and taken by ambulance to hospital where

an operation to pin the break was being carried out yesterday (Wednesday).

As for the game itself, Kingsbury were somewhat fortunate to only lose it by a three-goal margin.

Job Hughes put their level soon after Paul Bunter had given Tring a 9th minute lead but the visitors were back in front just before the break when Peter Mason headed home unchallenged.

Ross Edwards made it 3-1 five minutes after the restart and only a string of fine saves from Chris Chandler kept the scoreline respectable until, ironically, the keeper's 88th minute blunder gifted Mason with Tring's fourth goal.

Kingsbury: Chandler, Williams (Kenny), Zazzera, Levene, Stewart, Morris, Ash, N.O'Rourke, Hughes, Quinn (Elliott), Gower. Other sub: Perez.

Stones, Wares on Vase trail

WEALDSTONE and Edgware Town look to move a step nearer the Twin Towers on Saturday in FA Vase 2nd qualifying round ties.

Stones, managed by Gordon Bartlett, who triumphed in the Vase with Yeading, face Hoddesdon, the very first winners of the competition.

Terry Hibbert (calf) and Paul Sheldrick (ankle) are both injury doubts but Steve Bircham should be okay after a chest infection.

Stones have released David Ross, who has gone to Windsor, and Rudi Hall, who has joined Hitchin.

If a replay is required it will take place at Hoddesdon on Tuesday, kick off 7.45pm.

Edgware look to extend their long sequence of cup matches at Letchworth, and could have Steve Murr back after injury.

Any replay will take place at the White Lion ground on Tuesday with the Guardian

Insurance Cup tie at Boreham Wood being postponed.

Wares have released striker Bobby Hutchinson.

Harrow Borough make the long journey to Yeovil, minus Paul McKay, who broke an arm at Dagenham.

Bob Dowie and Brian Jones are injury doubts but Borough are hopeful that Chris Metcalfe, Colin Day and David Clarke will be fit.

Having found the whereabouts of the net against Cheshunt, Wembley go to lowly Dorking on Saturday looking for a further boost to their goal average.

The latest league tables

ICIS LEAGUE															
Premier Division															
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yeovil	9	5	1	1	14	6	19	Weymouth	8	4	2	2	21	14	14
Heybridge	8	6	1	1	16	10	19	Bracknell	8	4	1	3	14	13	
Enfield	9	5	3	1	19	11	18	Chalfont St P.	9	3	3	3	13	12	
Sutton U.	8	5	2	1	20	15	17	Bedford	9	3	3	3	10	12	
Oxford C.	9	4	1	4	20	18	13	Wrentham	8	3	1	4	10	12	
Dagenham	7	4	1	2	9	13	13	Barnes	9	3	0	6	17	10	
Yeading	8	4	1	3	12	12	13	Edgware T.	7	1	5	1	8	7	
Dulwich H.	8	4	0	3	15	12	12	Hungerford	7	1	3	3	12	12	
Boreham W.	7	4	0	3	12	12	12	Dorset	9	1	3	6	11	26	
Hitchin	11	4	0	7	26	12	12	Egham	8	1	1	6	7	17	
Bromley	8	3	2	3	13	10	11	Ware	9	1	2	7	16	2	
St Albans	8	3	2	3	13	11	11	Hemel Hemp.	8	0	2	6	1	25	
Aylesbury	8	3	2	3	8	8	11								
Harrow B.	8	3	1	4	14	14	10	Division Three							
Purfleet	8	3	1	4	9	13	10	Harrow	4	1	0	3	13	12	
Kingstonian	9	3	0	6	16	17	9	Northwood	5	3	2	0	14	6	
Staines	8	3	0	5	9	15	9	Braintree	4	3	1	0	15	2	
Canthillon Ath.	9	2	2	5	8	12	8	Avley	6	3	1	2	17	8	
Bishop's St.	8	2	4	9	13	8	8	Gamberley	5	3	0	2	16	8	
Charley	8	2	2	4	11	17	8	Wealdstone	4	3	0	1	11	8	
Grays Ath.	8	2	1	5	9	14	7	Wingate & F.	5	1	1	3	6	4	
Hendon	8	1	3	4	9	12	6	Flackwell H.	4	2	1	1	7	7	
								Epson & E.	3	1	2	0	5	5	
								Hertford	5	1	2	2	11	13	
								Tring	3	1	1	1	6	4	
								Claxton	4	1	1	1	2	4	
								Kingsbury T.	4	1	1	2	4	4	
								Lewes	4	1	1	2	3	4	
								Wingate & F.	5	1	1	3	6	4	
								Hornchurch	5	0	2	3	13	2	
								E Thurrock	3	0	3	3	16	0	
								Southall	5	0	5	2	14	0	

Soccer fixtures

Saturday October 5	
FA Vase second qualifying round:	Letchworth v Edgware Town; Wealdstone v Hoddesdon Town (White Lion Ground, 3pm).
ICIS League Premier Div:	Yeovil Town v Harrow Borough.
ICIS League Div Two:	Dorking v Weymouth.
Middle County League:	Stonebridge Town v Raynes Lane.
Monday October 7	
Football Combination:	GPR v Bristol Rovers (Edinwood, 7pm).
Tuesday October 8	
Guardian Insurance Cup:	Boreham Wood v Edgware Town.
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