

SPORT

THE Harrow School of Gymnastics has been awarded the double honour of London Club of the Year and UK Club of the Year by the British Amateur Gymnastics Association. Incredibly, it is the fifth year in a row, that the club has achieved this feat.

JON Barrie-Bates has been nominated as Wembley's Carlton Player of the Month for September. The August winner was Sofiane Sardi. Edgware Town's Carlton Player of the Month for September was Paul McCluskey.

Towers have to bite bullet again

LONDON Towers were denied a unique trophy clean sweep of basketball's top honours last season when they lost to Birmingham Bullets in the final of the Budweiser Championships and on Saturday the Birmingham jinx struck again as Kevin Cadle's team defeated their first Budweiser League defeat of the season at the hands of their rivals.

After a close and low scoring first quarter, the Towers held a 15-11 advantage but a 21-7 run by the Bullets in the second quarter, coupled with some im-

pressive defence from Fab Flournoy saw the home side turn round 32-22 ahead - and Towers were unable to recover.

Birmingham's hot streak continued as they opened up a 48-26 advantage in the third quarter and although Danny Lewis sparked a 17-8 Towers run in the final period, it was not enough and the home side cruised in for a 69-22 win.

Tony Windless and Paul Deppisch led the scoring for Towers with 13 apiece, while Danny Lewis and Neville

Austin each scored 10.

Towers were beaten 103-96 by Podgorica in an unhappy European Cup match on Tuesday which saw both Joe Hooks and Paul Deppisch fouling out and coach, Kevin Cadle, picking up a technical foul.

Tomorrow (Friday) the Towers are at home to Thames Valley Tigers in the League, tip off 8pm.

Tickets are available from the Wembley box office on 900 1234 or the Towers Hotline on 0171 722 6677.

Wasps get cup boost

Star duo return for Euro clash

VAI'aiga Tuigamala and Chris Sheasby return to the Wasps side for Sunday's European Cup clash with Cardiff at Loftus Road.

Both were out through injury for the defeat at Gloucester and were sorely missed. Their return is vital if Wasps are to make any impression against last season's losing finalists.

There was more good news for Wasps when

By Alan Bodenham

centre Damian Hopley was named in the side for the midweek match with Cambridge University last night (Wednesday).

The tough centre has been out of action since a knee injury sustained in the Hong Kong Sevens at the end of last season. It is unlikely though

that he will turn out against Cardiff but it is a mouth-watering prospect for Wasps supporters to think of Hopley lining up alongside Tuigamala in the midfield.

Simon Mitchell will return at hooker and former Cardiff man Mike Griffiths will join him in the front row to face his old team.

Cardiff will include such luminaries as

Jonathan Davies, flanker Hemi Taylor and Welsh scrum half Steve Howley, who made such an impression in the Five Nations last year.

Discipline is the message from Wasps rugby boss, Nigel Melville.

"We gave away far too many penalties and yardage through ill discipline at Gloucester and we will not tolerate it against the Welshmen."



Bearing more than just a passing resemblance to his famous father, Hoddesdon Town's Pablo Ardiles, son of Ossie, battles for possession with Wealdstone's Stewart Jones in Saturday's FA Vase clash which Stones won 1-0.

Edgware aiming for cup revenge

EDGWARE Town make a swift return to Meadow Park on Saturday, hoping to avenge their midweek Guardian Insurance Cup defeat in an FA Cup third qualifying round tie against Boreham Wood.

The Wares led for much of Tuesday's game and had the chances to have sealed victory, so they will not be in awe of their rivals. But they will need to be tighter in defence.

Edgware will be boosted by the return of Leon Latty, who was cup-tied for the midweek clash, but they will be without Steve Newing, who is attending a wedding, and Eugene Flynn who is unavailable. If a replay is required it will take place at the White Lion ground on Tuesday.

Hurracia Willock is suspended following his dismissal against Barking and

misses Wembley's home game with Tilbury.

After being released by neighbours Edgware Town, striker Bobby Hutchinson has returned to Vale Farm. Wembley have also acquired the services of Darren Wolfe from Uxbridge.

Paul Benning and David Clarke are both injury doubts for Harrow Borough's visit to Heybridge Swifts, but Jason Santos is available after returning from holiday.

Wealdstone entertain Avelley - hoping to rediscover the goal touch which deserted them against Hoddesdon.

Edgware make their exit in extra time

Boreham Wood 3 Edgware Town 2

EDGWARE'S interest in the Guardian Insurance Cup ended at Meadow Park on Tuesday night but they did take their Premier Division opponents to extra time before succumbing, writes John Comfort.

They scored first after 20 minutes when Carl Lindo superbly controlled a Danny Kirby cross and turned to fire into the corner of the net but were unable to notch a cushioning second goal, although Kirby did go close with a header.

However, with Andy Carter performing heroics in the Edgware goal, a shock result did not appear beyond the realms of possibility.

With John Coleman's incredible goalline clearance keeping out a Paul Hackett header and the bar denying Marc Liburd, that deny still held in the second half until the Edgware defence finally cracked after 64 minutes and Terry Robbins equalised.

Carter's fine form ensured the tie went to an extra half hour but after Dean Samuels scored twice in the opening 10 minutes, the contest was over.

A forceful late run and superb strike by Steve Newing reduced the arrears but Wood's place in the next round was already assured.

Edgware: Carter, Brennan, Mangon, McCluskey, Finerty, Ivers, Kirby, Instone (Hurd), Lindo, Newing, Coleman. Other subs: Whytock, Murphy.

Vase away day

WEALDSTONE'S win over Hoddesdon has earned them a visit to United Counties League Premier Division club Spalding United in the first round proper of the FA Vase, while Edgware's victory at Letchworth has been rewarded with another away tie against Stamford, also of the United Counties League.

The ties are scheduled to be played on November 2.

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Top boss award goes to Meaney



RAYNERS Lane FC boss Fergus Meaney has been named as Manager of the Month for September in the Senior Division of the Middlesex County Mortgage and Insurance League. Lane's impressive record during the month was five wins, together with a draw against league leaders Spelthorne.

The latest league tables

ICIS LEAGUE Premier Division		Division Two	
P	W D L F A pts	P	W D L F A pts
Yeovil	9 7 1 1 16 7 22	Grays Ath.	9 2 2 5 11 16 8
Heybridge	9 6 2 1 16 10 20	Cantholton	10 2 2 6 8 14 8
Enfield	10 5 4 1 20 12 19	Hendon	9 1 3 5 9 13 6
Sutton U.	9 5 3 1 20 15 18	Leatherhead	9 16 2 1 28 14 20
Dagenham	8 5 1 2 11 5 16	Wembley	10 5 2 3 23 15 17
Oxford C.	10 5 1 4 23 20 16	Hendon	7 2 0 14 6 17
Dulwich H.	8 5 0 3 17 11 15	Windsor	10 4 5 1 16 12 17
Bromley	9 4 2 3 15 10 14	Tilbury	9 5 1 3 17 11 16
Aylesbury	9 4 2 3 10 9 14	Barking	9 4 4 1 12 10 16
Chertsey	10 4 2 4 12 17 14	Leighton	9 4 3 2 16 10 15
Yeading	9 4 2 3 13 13 14	Wilman	9 5 0 4 11 6 15
Hitchin	12 4 1 7 18 27 13	Collier R.	7 4 2 1 7 9 14
Boreham W.	8 4 0 4 13 14 12	Bracewell	8 4 1 3 14 13 13
St Albans	9 3 2 4 15 14 11	Chesham	9 5 0 4 12 17 15
Purfleet	9 3 2 4 9 13 11	Chalfont St P.	7 4 2 1 7 9 14
Harrow B.	9 3 1 5 15 16 10	Bedford	9 3 3 10 10 12
Kingstonian	10 3 0 7 16 19 9	Wivenhoe	9 3 2 4 11 13 11
Bishops St.	9 2 3 4 9 13 9	Barnet	10 3 1 6 18 10 10
Staines	9 2 0 7 10 22 9	Edgware T.	7 1 5 1 8 7
		Hungerford	7 1 3 3 12 16 6

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