

# SPORT

## Wembley take on Wealdstone conquerors

IN the second round of the FA Carlsberg Vase, Wembley have been drawn at home to United Counties League club, Spalding United, that team that put out neighbours

Wealdstone after a replay in the first round. The tie will take place on Saturday November 23. Harrow Borough's fine win over

Enfield has been rewarded with an away tie against St Albans in the third round of the Guardian Insurance Cup. The tie is scheduled for Tuesday December 17.

## Thomas is back to point way out for Stones



Carl Thomas - dynamic return.

**Edgware Town 2 Wealdstone 1**  
CARL Thomas made a dramatic return to the Edgware team on Tuesday after being sidelined for the past two months following an operation on an injured shoulder, writes John Comfort.  
He had only been on the field for nine minutes after coming on as a 51st minute substitute, when he struck a superb goal that turned the tide for the Wares and put them on the road to victory over Wealdstone in this Landlords v Tenants clash in the Middlesex Charity Cup.  
The blank half time scoreline reflected the lack of scoring opportunities created and gave no hint of the lively second period that was to follow.  
Soon after the restart Edgware keeper

Andy Carter was perhaps somewhat fortunate to escape retribution when he raced from his area and recklessly brought down advancing Stones striker Ardan Zefi.  
With covering defenders around a yellow card seemed more appropriate than the red one the Wealdstone fans were baying for.  
However, referee Danny Nemorin-Noel, whose officiating could at best be described as unusual, deemed that a caution was not required either for Carter's offence or for Zefi's prolonged and decidedly theatrical reaction to the foul.  
Edgware almost opened the scoring when a great cross from the impressive Damian Pett brought a great diving header from Carl Lindo that was just off target, but

after 55 minutes it was Wealdstone who drew first blood.  
A good build up saw Steve Bircham feed Zefi and he laid the ball off for Stewart Jones whose powerful strike from just outside the area took a wicked deflection and flew into the corner of the net past the helpless Carter.  
Stones seemed firmly in the driving seat but their joy lasted a mere five minutes before Thomas pounced to put Edgware level. A Pett free kick was only half cleared to Thomas 25 yards out and his great first time half volley looped over Darren Bonfield into the net.  
Carter prevented the lively Tony Smith from regaining the lead for Stones when he turned his blistering drive over the bar, but

at the other end Steve Newing missed a glorious chance for Edgware when he was put clear by Lindo only to shoot straight at the goalful Bonfield.  
However, with 12 minutes remaining the home side notched the decisive goal.  
Steve Bircham brought down Lindo as he wriggled his way into the Stones area and Seamus Finnerty blasted in the resultant penalty to put Edgware into the second round where they will now face an away match at Northwood.  
**Edgware:** Carter, Pett, Anglin, McCluskey, Shanahan, Finnerty, Whylock (Thomas), Smith, Lindo, Newing, Kirby. Other subs: Hurd, Grant.  
**Wealdstone:** Bonfield, McDavid (Williams), Sverth (Sterling), Moore, Waugh, Marshall, Walton, Jones (Knight), Zefi, Hammett, Bircham.

# Wasps aim to join Quins at the top

## Irish could feel backlash of Gloucester experience

WASPS will rejoin London rivals Harlequins at the top of the Courage League Division One table if they can win at beleaguered London Irish on Saturday.  
The players, having had the luxury of a weekend off, are eager to return to action and after what happened at Gloucester in their last League outing, they are desperate to make amends.  
Wasps were red hot favourites to beat the winless west country outfit but put in a very indifferent performance and in consequence lost their 100 per cent record.  
Director of Rugby Nigel Melville is determined there will be no repeat. "We have learned from the Gloucester experience," he said. "We'll be pulling out all the stops for this one."  
Andy Gomersall, who will win his first England cap on Saturday week, is raring to go.

**By Alan Bodenham**  
"With Bath losing last week and with Harlequins having some difficult games coming up, we have the perfect opportunity to take charge in the league," he said.  
Providing Vai'aiga Tuigalala, who made his debut for Western Samoa against Ireland in Dublin, returns in good health, there are no injury problems and Melville will select from a full squad later in the week.  
London Irish, with just one victory to their credit in the League, had nine players on international duty this week and they could well be feeling the strain.  
Damien Hopley will soon be back in first team

action for Wasps. The big centre has had several false starts in recovering from a knee injury he picked up in the Hong Kong Sevens last season, but his comeback is now almost complete.  
He has made several appearances for the Vandals XV and on Saturday cut an impressive figure and scored a try in the 40-11 victory over London Irish seconds.  
Wasps have been told they will now have to replay their postponed Courage League match against West Hartlepool.  
The north easterners called off the game and Wasps were hoping to claim the points but have now been told by the Rugby Union that it has to be played. No date has yet been set.  
The tickets won by Observer readers for the game in our recent competition will be valid for the rearranged fixture.

## Giant cup task for the Towers

LONDON Towers continue their defence of the National Cup tomorrow (Friday) night when they take on the Manchester Giants at Wembley Court in a quarter final tie, tip off 8pm.  
Towers have already beaten the Giants in the league earlier this season but coach Kevin Cadle knows this will be no easy task. "We beat the Giants in the League last September 83-62," he said. "That was a big win but they are now a totally different side. We won't get complacent but I feel we've come a long way since we lost to the Leopards ten days ago."  
On Tuesday the Towers journey to Turkey to continue their European Cup campaign with a match against PTT Ankara. With a 2-4 record prior to last night's (Wednesday's) clash with Vita Tblisi, Cadle's team badly need to win to retain their slim hopes of qualifying for the knockout stages from Group H.  
Last Wednesday they came desperately close to pulling off one of the best results by a British team in Europe, losing in overtime to the experienced Italian side, Verona.  
With the scores tied at 55, a shot in the dying seconds by Towers guard Karl Brown lipped away from the rim to send the game into overtime during which the Italians proved too strong and pulled away to win 71-64.  
Towers were 24-18 up at one stage but led only 28-27 at half time and in the second half they were hit by an ankle injury to Danny Lewis. But he still managed to top score for his team with 21 points, including a lay-up and two coolly taken free throws to level the scores in the final minute.  
Get two tickets for the price of one to see Towers play Manchester Giants. See page 111.

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## Stones anxious to avoid a cup defeat hat-trick

AFTER reverses against Spalding and neighbours Edgware, Wealdstone will be anxious not to suffer their third cup defeat in the space of a week when they journey to Hendon tonight (Thursday) in the Middlesex Senior Cup.  
With an FA Cup tie at Cardiff on Saturday, Hendon are likely to be at less than full strength, but that is unlikely to lessen Stones' task.  
They will have fit again Terry Hibbert, Tony Knight and Paul Sheldrick in contention for places, but Lee Walker is sidelined with a knee injury.  
On Saturday Stones face Southall in the League and will be without Steve Bircham who is suspended for one match.  
Keith Boreham, Nelson Kumah and Dave Sue are all recovering from recent knocks but should be fit for Wembley's match at home to Leighton Town on Saturday.  
Hurracia Willock, who scored two goals for the reserves last Saturday, is added to the squad.  
Wembley have signed

Steve Jones, a midfield player, from Windsor, although he too is currently injured.  
David Clarke is serving a one match suspension and will miss Harrow Borough's derby game with Yeading. Bob Dowis has returned from a business trip to America and will be available.  
Borough have loaned out Jason Santos to Southall.  
John Coleman will be available for Edgware's visit to Bedford on Saturday after missing the midweek cup game against Wealdstone, as will Leon Latty, but there is still a question mark over the availability of Gerry Brennan.  
On the injury front, John Mangan has a rib injury while Eugene Flynn is sidelined with a trapped nerve in his neck.



Harrow Borough's David Clarke who misses the match with Yeading through suspension.

### Soccer fixtures

<b>Thursday November 14</b>	<b>ICIS League Div Three: Flackwell</b>
Middle Senior Cup: Hendon v Westhale	Heath v Kingsbury Town, Wealdstone v Southall (White Lion ground, 3pm)
<b>Saturday November 16</b>	<b>Monday November 18</b>
ICIS League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Yeading (Earlsmead, 3pm)	Friendly: Harefield United v Wealdstone
ICIS League Div Two: Bedford Town v Edgware Town, Wembley v Leighton Town (Vale Farm, 3pm)	<b>Tuesday November 19</b>
	ICIS League Div Two: Bracknell Town v Edgware Town, Ware v Wembley

### The latest league tables

ICIS LEAGUE Premier Division				ICIS LEAGUE Div Two				ICIS LEAGUE Div Three															
P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L	P	W	D	L												
Yeovil	14	8	2	24	12	32		Leatherhead	16	10	3	3	41	19	33	Waldstone	9	8	0	1	22	8	24
Enfield	14	8	4	2	30	16	28	Wembley	15	9	3	3	26	30	Harrow	8	7	1	0	22	8	22	
Sumner	12	8	3	1	26	17	27	Horsham	12	7	4	1	23	12	25	Barnet	8	6	1	1	31	8	19
Heybridge	14	8	3	3	18	11	27	Leighton	14	7	3	4	24	17	24	Northwood	8	5	3	0	19	18	
Oxford C.	15	8	2	5	32	37	26	Windsor	14	6	2	22	17	24	Camberley	10	5	1	4	22	16	16	
Dagenham	12	7	3	2	19	19	24	Barking	15	6	6	3	20	20	24	Hartford	9	4	2	3	24	17	14
Kingstonian	16	7	2	7	31	27	23	Collier R.	12	6	5	1	26	12	23	Aveley	10	4	2	5	21	19	13
Dulwich H.	15	7	1	7	26	23	22	Bedford	15	7	4	2	21	14	25	E Throck	8	4	0	4	18	18	12
Aylesbury	14	5	4	5	14	14	19	Banstead	15	7	1	7	29	23	22	Flackwell H.	8	3	1	4	9	16	10
Purfleet	16	5	4	7	22	25	19	Hungerford	15	6	3	6	29	31	Wingate & F.	9	3	1	5	12	22	10	
Yeading	13	5	3	5	21	19	18	Met Police	13	6	2	5	24	15	20	Epsom & E.	7	2	2	3	11	14	8
Hitchin	15	5	3	7	20	29	18	Chalfont St P.	13	5	4	20	17	16	Wingate & F.	7	2	2	3	11	14	8	
Cantham	14	4	6	12	16	16	Witham	13	6	1	6	14	15	19	Leaves	9	2	2	5	11	18	8	
Boreham W.	15	5	1	7	16	21	16	Wivenhoe	15	5	3	7	18	21	17	Hendon	10	2	2	6	9	22	8
Staines	14	5	1	8	16	22	16	Edgware T.	12	3	7	2	17	17	16	Tring	8	2	2	5	11	18	7
St Albans	14	4	3	7	25	27	15	Chalfont St P.	13	5	2	7	23	16	Kingbury	10	2	1	7	23	7		
Charley	14	4	3	7	20	25	15	Bracknell	13	4	1	8	18	25	13	Kingbury T.	8	1	6	9	18	4	
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### Fraser quits shock

PERSONAL reasons have forced Wealdstone FC striker Steve Fraser to retire.  
The club will however retain his registration in case he decides to play again.  
Stones have replaced Fraser in their squad with the signing of striker Peter Green from Dr Martens League Midland Division club, Rands Town.  
Roy Marshall has been named as Wealdstone's Carlton Television Player of the Month for the second month running.  
He won the October award ahead of Ian Waugh with Fergus Moore third, just ahead of Chris Walton.

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