

# SPORT

## Blues for Stones as they get hit for six

**Banstead Ath 6 Wealdstone 0**  
WEALDSTONE were sent crashing out of the Guardian Insurance Cup on Tuesday in their heaviest defeat under Gordon Bartlett's management. They went behind in the very first minute when Hall opened the home

side's account and Sweeney added their second with just 10 minutes gone. Roy Marshall's foul gave Banstead a penalty which Ward converted 13 minutes into the second half and as the Wealdstone heads dropped, Kilpatrick and Dixon added goals within the next

five minutes to put the home side 5-0 to the good. Kilpatrick's second goal on 70 minutes completed a bad night for Stones. **Wealdstone:** Bonfield, McDaid, London, Moore, Croad, Marshall, Shields, Jones, Green, Hammatt, Bircham. Subs: Massey, Walton, Hibbert.

## It's home sweet home for Wasps

AFTER three and a half years on the Pilkington Cup road, Wasps finally struck lucky in Monday's fifth round draw when they landed a home tie against **Second Division Rugby, writes Alan Bodenham**

The last time Wasps played a home match in the competition was Easter Saturday 1993 when they lost narrowly to Harlequins in the semi-finals.

Since then they have travelled to all points of the compass. Newcastle and Exeter included, in search of glory.

The only time they have played in London was in the 1995 final at Twickenham.

Sudbury is the likely venue for the match on December 21. "Wasps are keen to keep to the continuity of home games at Loftus Road," said chief executive Geoff Huckstep "and although we have no disrespect for our visitors, they are unlikely to draw a huge crowd on the Saturday before Christmas."

With the Loftus Road pitch facing several big games over Christmas, including clashes with

Northampton and Harlequins, it would be wise not to overtax the playing surface.

Wasps should also be confident of a safe passage to the sixth round. Rugby recently conceded 156 points to Rob Andrew's Newcastle and although they have improved since, they are unlikely to trouble Lawrence Dallaglio's powerful unit.

Wasps players made significant contributions to England's victory over Italy at Twickenham, Andy Gomarsall Chris Sheasby and Lawrence Dallaglio all scoring.

## Missed three peps the Towers

LONDON Towers took their seventh Budweiser League success of the season in dramatic fashion on Sunday as Birmingham Bullets guard Kurt Samuels missed a last second three point effort to leave the Towers 67-65 victors.

Seconds earlier, with Bullets one point up, Towers England international centre Neville Austin had been faced with two free throws and promptly scored the first to level the scores.

His second hit the rim but forward Tony Windless grabbed the rebound and, following a scram-

ble, tipped the ball in for a crucial score to put Towers two points ahead.

Against their bogey side, Towers had started strongly and led 20-13 at quarter time and were 39-32 up at the break.

The third quarter was a different story as the Towers offence stuttered under constant Birmingham pressure which resulted in a five point Bullets lead early in the final quarter. But an astutely taken time out by coach Kevin Cadle saw the Towers recover and lead to the drama of the final minute.

Towers big men, Austin and Joe Hooks, top scored for the home side with 15.

In a testing week, Towers have a tough away game at top of the table Chester Jets on Sunday and on Wednesday they return to Wembley to face Yugoslavs, Podgorica, in the European Cup, tip off 8pm.

Admission is £6 for adults, £4 for children for advance bookings, £1 more on the door. Call the Towers Hotline on 0171 722 6677 or Wembley hotline on 900 1234 for ticket details.

## Lions through after 12 goal cup bonanza

**Hillingdon Borough 5 Wembley 7**

WEMBLEY progressed into the last eight of the Middlesex Charity Cup on Tuesday following an extraordinary game at Hillingdon which included a sending off, four penalties, some curious refereeing decisions, not to mention 12 goals, writes **Richard Markiewicz**.

Borough went in front after 10 minutes when Dave Sue was adjudged to have impeded Chris Toussaint and Colin Miller slotted in the ensuing goal kick.

Shaun Fleming equalised in the 26th minute from a penalty awarded for keeper Jon Mason's alleged push on Les Thompson.

Two more Wembley goals at the start of the second half, a Jon-Barrie Bates strike and another penalty from Fleming following a foul on Carlton

Mitchell appeared to put Lions in the driving seat and it looked like curtains for the home side when they had Steve Payton sent off for a second bookable offence.

But two superb strikes from Mark Papa levelled the scores and although Keith Boreham headed Wembley back in front, Toussaint beat Beckles a minute later to make it 4-4 and forced the game into extra time.

Boreham again put the Lions ahead only for Borough to equalise through O'Neill with the fourth doubtful penalty of the evening.

However, two Wembley goals from Steve Jones and Ashley Cumberbatch in the second half of extra time finally killed off the home side.

**Wembley:** Beckles, Cumberbatch, Sue, Mitchell, Wolfe, J.B. Bates, Wilcock (Smith), Jones (Ellis), Boreham, Thompson, Fleming. Other sub: Sardi.

# Borough see the light

**Reduced pylons get okay**

HARROW Borough have been given the go ahead to use the floodlights at their Earlsmead ground following the mysterious collapse of one of the 80ft pylons last Monday evening.

Fortunately for the club the tower - on the stand side at the bottom end of the ground -

**By John Comfort**

fell squarely into the car park area behind the goal and not towards the house: in adjoining Arundel Drive. Structural engineers and in-

surance company representatives have assessed the damage and passed the remaining pylons, which are all subject to an annual safety check by Harrow Council, as being completely safe.

The club feared that the loss of the pylon might require them to cancel imminent midweek games and possibly force them to bring forward the kick off time for Saturday matches, including this week's FA Trophy tie with Salisbury.

However, following an inspection by approved FA contractors this week the lux reading taken revealed that there was sufficient lighting from the remaining pylons and, with some adjustment of bulbs, they were okay to play floodlight games using only three towers.

As to the future, Borough football director Peter Rogers said the club is considering its options.

"We are looking at the costing but we could bring in one new floodlight tower or alternatively this might be an ideal opportunity to replace them all," he said.

The latter course is likely to cost between £50,000 to £60,000.

## Dominique takes British crown



**DOMINIQUE** Lloyd-Walter, 15, from Hatch End, beat Vicky Lankester of Bury St Edmonds 9/5, 9/6, 9/4 in the final of the Keyline British under-16 Squash Championships in Birmingham at the weekend to win the prestigious women's squash title for the first time.

Lloyd-Walter and Lankester are good friends and close rivals and were seeded to meet in the final, with victory expected to go to the top seed and England under-16 No 1 from Suffolk.

However, glory this time went swiftly to the Middlesex girl who took just 26 minutes to beat her opponent in straight games.

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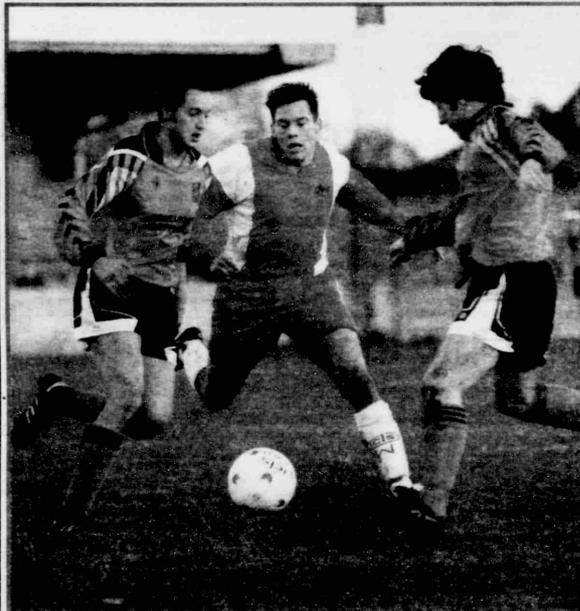
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Spalding defenders converge on Wembley striker Keith Boreham from both sides in Saturday's FA Vase tie which the Lions lost 1-0. Picture by Gareth Beard.

## Borough without Stevens for FA Trophy clash

HARROW Borough will be without Neal Stevens for their FA Trophy third qualifying round tie with Salisbury City at Earlsmead on Saturday.

FA rules do not allow on loan players to participate, so he is ruled out of the action.

If the match ends in a draw the replay will take place on the Wiltshire club's Victoria Park ground on Wednesday.

Wealdstone could well make Kingsbury suffer from the backlash of their 6-0 Cup drubbing at Banstead when the clubs meet in a derby clash at the White Lion ground.

Stones hope to have Chris Walton and Tony Smith back after illness and Ian Waugh following a groin injury.

Yugoslavian striker Ardan Zefi looks to have played his last game for Stones. Manager Gordon Bartlett was not best pleased when Zefi threw off his shirt after being substituted in the game with Southall.

Ian Jones is still troubled with a shoulder injury and could miss Wembley's home game with Hemel Hempstead. Definitely out is the suspended Wayne Walters.

Striker Steve Newing is suspended for three matches for accumulated bookings and misses Edwage's visit to Dorling.

John Coleman is also out through injury but Leon Latty and fit again Eugene Flynn are both in contention for places.

## Soccer fixtures

Saturday November 30  
FA Trophy 3rd qualifying round: Harrow Borough v Salisbury City (Earlsmead, 3pm)  
ICIS League Div Two: Dorling v Edwage Town; Wembley v Hemel Hempstead (Vale Farm, 3pm)  
ICIS League Div Three: Wealdstone v Kingsbury Town (White Lion ground, 3pm)  
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