SPORT

Paris is Dowie's new assistant

HARROW Borough manager Bob Dowie has a new assistant manager in centre back Alan Paris, who has been signed from Conference Club, Stevenage Borough.

Paris, who will still be playing, and made his debut for Borough at St Albans on Saturday, was formerly with Slough Town and had Football League experience with Notts County, Leicester City and Peterborough United.

Borough have a tough task on Boxing Day when ex-manager George Borg brings his title chasing Enfield side to Earlsmead, kick off 3pm.

Lewis stars as Towers hit top spot

DEFENDING Budweiser League champions, London Towers, have joined Sheffield Sharks at the top of the league table for Christmas after their 102-96 victory at Leicester Riders on Sunday.

Tony Windless sparked Towers into life in the first half. A 9-2 burst from Towers in the first quarter put them 15-10 ahead and they were never to lose the lead, opening up a 35-23 advantage by half time.

But it was Danny Lewis who stole the show. His 13 third quarter points helped the Towers maintain their advantage and himself to a massive 31 points on the night.

Having spent a lengthy period on the bench with four fouls, Leicestr's Lee McGee came off to hit 12 points in five fourth quarter minutes and Nate Reinking hit a couple of three pointers in the dying minutes. But for the Riders it was too little too late

Wasps go on Sudbury cup spree

WASPS made short work of Rugby Lions at Sudbury on Saturday, crushing their rivals 84-8 in the Pilkington Cup.

Both Shane Roiser and Nick Greenstock landed hat-tricks as Wasps notched a total of 14 tries.

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Fixtures

Thursday December 26
ICIS League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Enfield (Earlsmead, 3pm).
ICIS League Div Three: Wealdstone v Northwood (White Lion ground, 3pm); Wingate & Finchley v Kingsbury Town (1pm).
Saturday December 28
ICIS League Div Two: Wembley v Edgware Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).
Wednesday January 1
ICIS League Premier Div: Dulwich v Harrow Borough (3pm).
ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Windsor & Eton (White Lion ground, 3pm); Hungerford Town v Wembley (7.30pm).

Tables

ICIS LEAGUE

Premier Division

Yeovil	19	14	3	2	32	15	45
Enfield	19	13	4	2	42	16	43
Sutton U	17	10	5	2	36	25	35
Dulwich H	21	10	4	7	36	27	34
Oxford C	21	10	4	7	44	39	34
Heybridge	20	10	3	7	28	32	33
Dagenham	17	9	5	3	26	11	32
Aylesbury	20	8	6	6	21	21	30
Yeading	18	7	5	6	30	24	26
Purfleet	20	7	5	8	28	28	26
Hitchin	21	7	4	10	25	35	25
Carshalton	20	6	6	8	24	28	24
Kingstonian	21	7	2	12	33	39	23
St Albans	17	6	4	7	31	29	22
Bromley	14	6	3	5	28	20	21
Bishops St	19	6	3	10	17	29	21
Hendon	17	4	7	6	22	23	19
Boreham W	17	6	1	10	19	28	19
Harrow B	**20**	**4**	**6**	**10**	**25**	**33**	**18**
Grays Ath	17	4	5	8	23	28	17
Staines	20	5	2	13	19	34	17
Chertsey	21	4	3	14	24	51	15

Division Two

Wembley	**21**	**12**	**5**	**4**	**54**	**27**	**41**
Leatherhead	20	12	5	3	50	23	41
Windsor	21	11	6	4	38	30	39
Bedford	21	11	4	6	36	19	37
Barking	19	10	6	3	28	20	36
Horsham	17	10	4	3	30	16	34
Leighton	19	9	5	5	33	24	32
Wivenhoe	21	9	4	8	30	29	31
Met Police	19	9	3	7	32	22	30
Edgware T	**18**	**7**	**8**	**3**	**33**	**21**	**29**
Collier R	15	7	7	1	33	17	28
Bracknell	18	9	1	8	41	28	28
Banstead	18	9	1	8	34	27	28
Chalfont St P	19	7	6	6	29	27	27
Hungerford	22	7	6	9	38	41	27
Tilbury	19	7	3	9	32	33	24
Witham	19	7	3	9	21	25	24
Cheshunt	21	5	1	15	22	52	1
Ware	18	3	4	11	16	31	13
Dorking	20	3	2	15	19	52	11
Egham	21	2	3	16	19	59	9
Hemel Hemp	20	2	3	15	9	54	9

Division Three

Wealdstone	**15**	**13**	**0**	**2**	**35**	**12**	**39**
Braintree	12	9	2	1	42	10	29
Northwood	13	8	5	0	36	17	29
Harlow	12	8	1	3	28	16	25
Camberley	16	7	3	6	31	24	24
Aveley	14	7	2	5	33	24	23
Hertford	13	7	2	4	34	27	23
Wingate & F	14	7	2	5	25	25	23
E Thurrock	13	7	0	6	24	24	21
Lewes	14	5	2	7	12	18	14
Hornchurch	16	5	2	9	14	28	17
Tring	15	5	1	9	16	30	16
Clapton	13	4	2	7	12	18	14
Kingsbury T	**14**	**4**	**1**	**9**	**17**	**27**	**13**
Flackwell H	13	3	1	9	11	33	10
Epsom & E	13	2	3	8	22	31	9
Southall	16	2	1	13	11	39	7

Six goal Lions back on top

Egham Town 0 Wembley 6

RAMPANT Wembley went on top of the ICIS League Division Two Christmas tree, albeit on goals scored, with this festive thrashing of lowly Egham Town on Saturday, which included a Leslie Thompson hat-trick, **writes Richard Markiewicz**.

The rout began in the 8th minute when Jon-Barrie Bates fed a quickly taken free kick to the overlapping Shaun Fleming, whose cross was headed home by the flying Keith Boreham.

The Lions took a while adapting to the heavy conditions before Thompson, with a neat 20 yard lob, scored their second goal on the half hour.

Wembley affirmed their superiority by netting three goals during the opening eleven minutes of the second half.

Thompson skilfully slotted Andy Smith's through ball past the keeper to make it 3-0 in the 49th minute.

Fleming then converted a 54th minute penalty awarded for a foul on Carlton Mitchell who was trying to latch onto an Ashley Cumberbatch centre.

And two minutes later it was 5-0 when Boreham dived in to head home Thompson's whipped cross following another quickly taken J.B.Bates free kick.

The Lions created enough chances thereafter to have doubled their total and during a brief respite two fine saves by Kevin Beckles prevented the home side from reducing the arrears.

However, eight minutes from time Thompson completed the scoring, side-footing home Steve Jones' delivery to register his hat-trick and the sixth goal to put Wembley back on top of the table.

Wembley: Beckles, Cumberbatch (Burgess), Smith (Willock), Walters, Shields, J.B.Bates (Jones), Mitchell, I.Bates, Boreham, Thompson, Fleming.

Xavier goal saves point for Borough

St Albans City 2
Harrow Borough 2

A MARK Xavier strikes five minutes from time earned Borough a vital point on Saturday that they looked unlikely to gain when they were two goals adrift at the break, **writes John Comfort.**

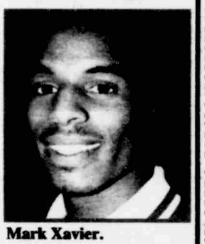
In a game of two contrasting halves, the first most certainly did not belong to the visitors whose main contribution was a somewhat seasonal benevolence in defence. Their first gift was gratefully accepted by City after just five minutes when Steve Clark rose alone and unchallenged to head an Andy Driscoll cross past David Hook.

John Daly was offered similar freedom to head City's second after 39 minutes from a Greg Howell corner, conceded needlessly by Jason Court, who wildly sliced a clearance attemptunder no pressure.

The second half was a different story but Borough's resurgence went unrewarded until the 71st minute. A great ball from Brian Jones put the impressive Ian Rutherford through and he coolly beat advancing keeper Gareth Howells to reduce the arrears.

Xavier should have levelled after being set up by Jones but with only Howells to beat his tame effort was saved.

However, he made amends with five minutes to go. Howells did well to tip over a good header from Steve butler and from the corner taken by Jones, Xavier bundled the ball home at the far post to give Borough a well deserved share of the spoils.



Mark Xavier.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Clarke, James, Court, Butler, Hurlock, Jones, Paris, Rutherford, Xavier, Endersby.

Edgware home in

Edgware Town 4 Banstead Ath 1

CHRISTMAS came a little early for Edgware supporters on Saturday as they made it two home wins in five days on Saturday and confirmed their intention to stay in the promotion race, **writes Tom Hooks.**

They got off to a good start and after only seven minutes Karl Thomas ended a dazzling run with a pass to Danny Kirby who fired home. However, Banstead levelled eight minutes later, Simon Liddle heading in from a corner.

But Edgware continued to pressure the Banstead defence and after 23 minutes Mark Ivers passed through to Thomas who struck an unstoppable shot into the net. The visitors had no answer to Edgware's constant attacking and after after 31 minutes it was 3-1 when Eugene Flynn laid the ball off for Paul McCluskey to blast home from 25 yards.

The second half saw Edgware not such a dominant force they had been in the first half, but they did notch a fourth goal after 82 minutes.Thomas was brought down in the penalty area and Seamus Finnerty netted from the spot.

Edgware: Carter, Whytock, Mangan, McCluskey, Shanahan, Finnerty, Latty, Flynn (Hurd), Ivers, Thomas, Kirby (Newing).

Gillespie snatches points for Town

Kingsbury Town 2 Lewes 1

AN injury time goal from substitute Damian Gillespie stole the points for Kingsbury in a game that they had been second best in for much of the time.

The first 75 minutes belonged to the visitors but a combination of excellent goalkeeping by Town's Steve Davies, poor finishing by Lewes, and considerable luck, ensured the scoresheet remained blank.

Amazingly it was Town who went ahead after 78 minutes when Jeb Hughes beat two defenders to a long ball out of defence and then superbly lobbed the advancing keeper.

Lewes drew level within two minutes and the game seemed to be heading for a draw but with virtually the last kick of the match Town snatched the honours, Gillespie netting after a scramble in the Lewes goalmouth.

Kingsbury: Davies, Page, Zazzera, Gower, Stewart, Morris, Jones, Ash, Hughes, Levene, Hamilton. Sub: Gillespie.

13 unlucky for Stones

Braintree 2 Wealdstone 0

IT was unlucky thirteen for Stones as their 12 match winning run ended at the hands of second placed Braintree, **writes Graham Smith**.

The first half saw the sides evenly matched, not entirely unexpected for the teams with the two best defences in the entire ICIS League.

The visitors had two good chances to open the scoring. A goalbound Tony Smith effort hit Gunn's body and flew to safety, then a fine header from Peter Green brought an excellent save out of Catley.

At the end of the half Braintree's Gardiner shot straight at Darren Bonfield from just three yards out, then Devereux hit the upright.

In the second half Braintree played with more urgency and it paid off in the 66th minute when Stones sub Lee Walker lost possession, allowing Bailey to find the league's top scorer, Wade Falana, who hit an excellent shot beyond Bonfield.

Any chance of a Stones recovered was dashed seven minutes later as Falana beat Bonfield again from a Devereux pass to make it 2-0.

Had it not been for fine displays from Roy Marshall and Ian Waugh it could have been worse for Stones.

Wealdstone: Bonfield, Massey (McDaid), Smith, Moore, Waugh, Marshall, Walton, Hibbert, Green (Walker), Hammatt, Bircham (Jones).

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