

SPORT

Borough comeback catches K's cold

WHILE the other local senior soccer clubs were frozen out of the action on Saturday, Harrow Borough were one of the few ICIS League clubs to get a game. And what a game it was too, as they staged a remarkable comeback to draw 4-4 at Kingstonian after being 4-1 down with 16 minutes to go. Match report on page 115.

Kingstonian are now managed by former Borough duo, Graham Westley and Graham Pearce.



Va'aiga Tuigamala.

Wasps set to lose out in bid to keep Tuigamala

WASPS' hopes of retaining Vai 'aiga Tuigamala until the end of the season have taken a severe blow with the news that Wigan have agreed a £15m deal with Lancashire businessman David Phelan, the owner of Wigan Athletic FC, to buy their Central Park ground, writes Alan Bodenham.

Wasps had made a substantial offer to help the Rugby League giants with their debts in return for Tuigamala's services but the Phelan deal takes care of that problem.

There is still a chance that Wasps may attempt to buy out the Western Samoan's contract.

But with his Rugby League employers determined to wrest the Super League title away from St Helens, it is highly unlikely that they would part company with one of their most gifted players.

Wasps have a replacement lined up in Irish international Rob Henderson. The chunky centre is keen to join Wasps but negotiations are still in

progress with his present club, London Irish.

Wasps are also said to be looking to sign Gloucester hooker, Phil Greening.

Meanwhile, there will be no action on the pitch for Lawrence Dallaglio's team until the big Pilkington Cup tie with Saracens on Sunday January 26.

Both this Sunday's Courage League encounter with London Irish at Loftus Road, and the Anglo Welsh Cup tie on Wednesday January 22 against Bridgend, scheduled to be played at

Sudbury, have been cancelled.

The League game was postponed because London Irish have several players involved with International commitments on Saturday.

The Anglo Welsh Cup tie was called off after Bridgend requested a cancellation.

"It is both frustrating and worrying," said Wasps director of rugby, Nigel Melville. "The backlog of fixtures is building up, and at this rate we could still be playing at the end of May."

Towers head for Euro exit

Russian reverse is blow for Cadle's team

LONDON Towers' European Cup adventure appears to be almost over following their 75-70 defeat at the hands of Russian Super League leaders, Autodor Saratov, at Wembley on Tuesday night.

The Towers are the first English club to reach the last 32 of the cup but unless they can find something considerably better than the Jekyll and Hyde form that has been the hallmark of their Budweiser League performances this season, their exit from Europe's premier basketball competition now seems somewhat inevitable when they journey to Moscow for the second leg next Tuesday.

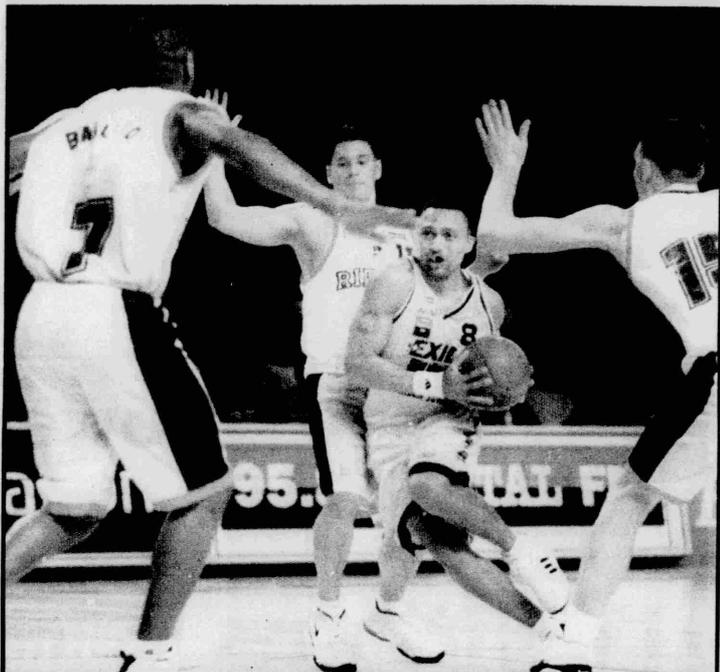
It was Saratov's Lithuanian Olympic bronze medal winning centre Gintaris Einikas who did the damage against Towers, scoring a game high 32 points.

Towers might have thought they were in with the chance of an upset when Saratov's star forward Andrei Matcev fouled out after 16 minutes but Kevin Cadle's team failed to take advantage.

Joe Hooks led the scoring for the Towers with 20 points but their American German ace, Paul Deppisch, disappointingly connected with only two of nine long range attempts before he too fouled out with five minutes remaining.

Towers only made the final scoreline respectable by scoring the last six points.

The Towers turn to domestic action tonight (Thursday) when they play the first leg of their 7 UP trophy quarter final tie away to the Leopards, tip off 7pm.



No way through - guard Danny Lewis is surrounded by opponents as London Towers head for a shock defeat in Friday's game against Leicester at Wembley.

Dockers are no cup problem for Wembley

Wembley 4 Tilbury 1

WEMBLEY Progressed into the third round of the ICIS League's Associate Members Trophy with a fairly comfortable victory over Tilbury on Tuesday night, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Both sides showed no real signs of rustiness despite recent inactivity and a competitive cup tie ensued on a frosty but yielding pitch.

The Lions drew first blood, taking the lead in the 20th minute when Sofiane Sardi's soft, angled shot rolled unimpeded into the net after

he had latched onto a Shaun Fleming pass and entered the Tilbury goal area.

However, the Dockers replied with Wayne Howard heading in a quickly taken free kick to level matters six minutes later.

But two goals by Keith Boreham from a couple of Fleming corners, shortly before the interval, effectively ended the contest.

Hurracia Willock nodded Fleming's inswinging flag kick into the goalmouth for Boreham to flick home Wembley's second goal in the 41st minute.

And then Boreham deftly converted another Fleming corner with a near post header to make it 3-1 two minutes later.

Wembley hit cruise mode during the second half and wrapped the tie up in the 75th minute with Leslie Thompson scoring their fourth goal from close range after Fleming had undone the Tilbury defence with yet another accurate corner.

Wembley: Beckles, Cumberbatch (Wolfe), Willock, Walters, Shields, J.B. Bates, Thompson, Jones, Boreham (Allday), Sardi, Fleming. Other sub: Walsh.

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Keith Boreham - two goal blast helped Wembley to victory over Tilbury.

Jock fumes over late cancellation

EDGEWARE Town boss Jock McGleish was not a happy man after his side's Middlesex Senior Cup clash at Hillingdon Borough was belatedly called off again on Tuesday night.

Referee John Kirkbride of Uxbridge declared the pitch at Hillingdon's Middlesex Stadium playable but as the teams got changed he then remarkably had a change of heart and called the game off.

The Edgware boss said of the referee's decision: "After inspecting the pitch he said 'of course it's on' but he didn't get changed himself. He stood in the clubhouse watching the tv and after seeing that a couple of other games had been called off, he changed his mind. He had no intention of playing the game so why didn't he just say so in the first place?"

The game has now been rearranged for January 28.

Harrow Borough's County Cup replay at Staines was another late cancellation victim - 45 minutes before kick off.

The tie has been rearranged for this Tuesday.



Angry - Jock McGleish. Hammatt is tops

STRIKER Bryan Hammatt has been named as Wealdstone's Carlton Player of the Month for December. Runner up was Chris Walton with Fergus Moore third.

Smith and Boreham injury doubts

ANDY Smith (groin) and Keith Boreham (shoulder) are both injury doubts for Wembley's League game at home to Chalfont St Peter on Saturday.

Definitely missing will be Ian Bates who is serving a suspension. Youth team player Luke Allday is added to manager Glen Charles' squad.

Edgware Town will be expecting to improve their league position when they take on bottom of the table Hemel. Manager Jock McGleish has no injury problems for the game.

Without a league game, Harrow Borough are playing a friendly against

Buckingham Town at Earlsmead on Saturday.

They have Brian Jones and Gary Isott back after suspensions but striker Mark Xavier will be missing, having broken a wrist in last week's County Cup game against Staines.

Wealdstone, also sitting out league action, have arranged to play a friendly at Camberley.

The top of the table clash with Braintree, which was cancelled on Saturday, has now been rearranged for Tuesday February 18 at the White Lion ground.

| Saturday January 18 | |
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| ICIS League Division Two: | Edgware Town v Hemel Hempstead (White Lion ground, 3pm); Wembley v Chalfont St Peter (Vale Farm, 3pm). |
| ICIS League Div Three: | Kingsbury Town v Southall (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm). |
| Friendlies: | Camberley Town v Wealdstone; Harrow Borough v Buckingham Town (Earlsmead, 3pm). |
| Monday January 21 | |
| Football Combination: | QPR v Norwich City (Earlsmead, 7pm). |
| Tuesday January 22 | |
| Middle Senior Cup: | Staines Town v Harrow Borough. |
| Associate Members Trophy: | Wivenhoe v Edgware Town. |
| Wednesday January 23 | |
| Middx Senior Cup: | Brook House v Wembley. |

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