

# SPORT

## Skipper's strike saves a point for Wealdstone

**Chalfont St P 1 Wealdstone 1**  
A BELOW par performance from Stones saw them grind out a draw with Chalfont on Tuesday night, writes **Graham Smith**.

Although Wealdstone have been lacking the goal touch recently, they should have been ahead at half time after Simon Garner was blatantly brought down by Lee in the area, but

the referee amazingly waved play on. The visitors suffered a blow with the loss of Mario Celeira with a hamstring injury and just before the break skipper Fergus Moore was denied a goal when the impressive Pollard tipped over his fierce effort.

However, it was Chalfont who took the lead after just a minute of the second half. Darren Bonfield saved from

Jackman, but as he tried to get back on his feet, Stone lobbed him.

Four minutes later a Terry Hibbert effort was cleared on the line, then Garner surprisingly missed an open goal.

But with 12 minutes left Stones finally drew level. A Brian Jones free kick was half cleared to Moore and he fired home the loose ball.

Stones were unlucky not to score again when a Steve Bircham shot was cleared off the line and in the dying seconds Paul McKay thought he had clinched the three points only to see his glancing header magnificently saved by Pollard.

**Wealdstone:** Bonfield, Bowder, Sterling, Moore, Edmunds (Atkins), Waugh, McKay, Jones, Celeira (Hibbert), Garner, Bircham. Other sub: Walton.

## Towers sign new forward

EXIDE London Towers have signed 6' 11" Italian centre Marco Baldi.

The 30 year old has joined Towers from top German team Bayer Leverkusen, having formerly been with Italian League and Cup holders, Stefanel Milan.

Towers coach Kevin Cadle said: "Marco Baldi is a veteran who understand the game - he's a real professional."

## Borough are no shining lights

**Harrow Borough 0 Sutton United 2**  
BOROUGH'S new floodlights were switched on for the first time on Tuesday night but while they shone brightly, Borough most certainly did not, writes **John Comfort**.

The lively visitors hounded and harassed them from the outset, never allowing them to get their game together. Errors were constantly forced and the outcome was a comfortable win for Sutton that took them to the top of the Premier Division table.

Early Borough blunders could have given the visitors a dream start.

Only Jason Court's last ditch tackle prevented Matt Hanlan scoring following a poor back pass from John Hurlock and Hanlan was just off target minutes later after blocking Andy Quyy's clear-

ance attempt.

With Borough being allowed to create little, it came as no great surprise when Sutton took the lead nine minutes into the second half, Joff Vansittart beating Quyy in the air to head home a Danny Brooker cross.

10 minutes later the points were sealed when Quyy missed with his attempt to punch clear a Dave Everrett cross, leaving Andy Salako to volley home unchallenged at the far post.

Pat Gavin guided a couple of headers at keeper Les Cleeveley late on but Borough never looked like scoring, while Sutton should have had a third goal when Hanlan got clear but then fired wide.

**Harrow Borough:** Quyy, Clarke (Ekoku), James, (Hooper), Court, Coleman (Alexander), Paris, Hurlock, Metcalfe, Gavin, Xavier, Webster.

# Sporting shutdown

## Fixtures halted as mark of respect

LOCAL sport comes to a virtual standstill on Saturday as a mark of respect for the funeral of Diana, Princess of Wales.

Following the lead set by the Nationwide League, which has postponed its entire programme, the ICIS Football League has ordered the cancellation of all fixtures, giving clubs the option to rearrange them for either tonight (Thursday), tomorrow (Friday) or Sunday.

Wembley, at home to Leatherhead in Division One, have opted to play tonight, as have Kingsbury Town, who are away to Hemel Hempstead in Division Three, while Edgware Town, who play host to Bedford Town, will play tomorrow night.

Harrow Borough hoped to reschedule their Premier Division match at home to Bishops Stortford for tomorrow night. But Stortford claim to be unable to field a team due to injuries. It leaves Borough without a game - and both clubs possibly facing the wrath of the league for failing to reschedule the fixture.

Matches in all FA competitions have also been postponed, which effects Wealdstone's first qualifying round tie in the FA Carlsberg at Hornchurch.

That will now be played on Tuesday evening, with Stones scheduled Guardian Insurance Cup tie against Barton being postponed. If a replay is required it is likely to be at the White Lion ground next Thursday.

All senior rugby fixtures have been postponed.

Wasps were due to start their Heineken European Cup campaign at Swansea on Saturday. That match has now been switched to Sunday. Kick off is later, at 3.15pm, but the special supporters coaches will still be leaving Sudbury at 9am, and the supporters train from Paddington has a 10am departure time.

The Sainsbury's Classic Cola Basketball Tournament at Wembley Arena, in which London Towers are competing this weekend, has been put back by 24 hours.

The semi-finals that were to take place on Saturday will now be played on Sunday, tip off 4.15pm. Sunday's scheduled finals have been moved to Monday, tip off 5.30pm.

Tickets already purchased for Saturday are now valid for Monday (but confirmation must be made by calling 0990 232011) and the organisers are also offering Saturday ticket holders a free additional ticket for Sunday's games, which can be obtained by presenting their ticket at the Wembley box office.

Sunday ticket holders can also receive a 'free ticket for Monday's games, also by presenting their ticket at the box office.

On the cricketing front, the Hampton Trust Middlesex County League have called off this week's league programme. Stanmore and Wembley will now play their final games on Saturday week.

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## Mitchell misses out

WEMBLEY face a tough game against Leatherhead tonight (Thursday) without Carlton Mitchell, who has a groin injury.

Edgware Town have a clean bill of health for tomorrow night's clash with Bedford. Manager Jock McGeishe selects from a full strength squad.

Kingsbury hope to have striker Darren Barry back to fitness for their match at Hemel tonight.

Harrow Borough have re-signed midfielder Steve Butler who has returned from studying in America where he had a spell playing in Lincoln Brigade. He has received international clearance and is available for Borough's Guardian Insurance Cup match with Canvey on Tuesday.

## Soccer fixtures

**Thursday September 4**  
ICIS League Div One: Wembley v Leatherhead (Vale Farm, 7.30pm)  
ICIS League Div Three: Hemel Hempstead v Kingsbury Town (7.45pm)  
Football Combination: QPR v Charlton Ath (Earlsmead, 7pm)  
**Friday September 5**  
ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Bedford Town (White Lion ground, 7.45pm)

**Tuesday September 9**  
FA Vase 1st qualifying round: Hornchurch v Wealdstone (7.45pm)  
Guardian Insurance Cup: Harrow Borough v Canvey Island (Earlsmead, 7.30pm); Hitchin Town v Wembley

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Wayne Walters.

## 10-man Wembley battle their way to a draw

### Barton Rovers 0 Wembley 0

THE battling Lions preserved their unbeaten start to the new season by claiming a point at Barton on Tuesday despite having only ten men for much of the second half after having skipper Wayne Walters sent off, writes **Richard Markiewicz**.

At the end a draw was probably a fair result. Both sides had chances during an evenly contested first half.

The home side failed to capitalise on several promising situations after they had opened up the Wembley defence with penetrating passes.

Richard Wilcox fired over when well placed, while Danny Howell hit a post when it seemed easier to score.

Wembley however, having survived these scares, finished the half the stronger side and they came close to scoring following strikes from Tommy Williams and Bradley Anderson respectively which the fully stretched keeper, Gary Turner, somewhat unconventionally managed to prevent crossing the goal line.

The pattern of play altered in the second half following the dismissal of Walters in the 55th minute for committing a second bookable offence following a

lengthy feud with Barton's Howell.

The depleted visitors worked hard to win the ensuing battle for possession and superbly held the home side at bay.

The 10 man Lions even went closest to breaking the deadlock with the only clear cut chance of the second half when Williams, shrugging aside his marker, set up the onrushing Anderson but his flawed first touch forced him to hurry his shot which flew inches wide of the target.

**Wembley:** Miller, Cumberbatch, Dockwray, Walters, Ross, Smith (Bates), Mee, Elliott, Williams, Anderson (Thompson), Toussaint. Other sub: Sardi.

## Edgware power back to the top of the table

### Edgware Town 2 Hungerford 1

AFTER losing the Division Two leadership on Saturday when they were without a game, Edgware swiftly returned to the top of the table on Tuesday, maintaining their 100% league record with a win over Hungerford that was much more comfortable than the scoreline suggests, writes **Tom Hooks**.

Indeed, only the combination of the woodwork and a brilliant performance from the visiting goalkeeper Paul Thompson prevented the Wares from running up a cricket score.

Edgware made an impressive start with Seamus Finnerty sending a free header straight at Thompson

and Lee Smart smashing a superb 30 yard effort against the crossbar. Finnerty had another header saved and straight after the keeper denied Mark Ivers with a brilliant save from close range.

On 27 minutes the home side at last made the breakthrough through their dominance deserved. Steve Newing fed Karl Thomas who brilliantly lost his marker on the left and crossed for John Coleman to coolly side foot home.

Thompson kept out a good Newing effort but Edgware had a let off just before the break when Ford went clear but shot wide with only Andy Carter to beat.

Peter Sutton was Edgware's star after the break but was unfortunately unable to open his scoring account, his best effort being Thompson but rebounding to safety off a post.

Thomas and Newing were denied by Thompson before a second goal finally arrived on 75 minutes. A Carter punt upfield fell to Newing whose shot took a wicked deflection to beat the keeper.

A deflection saw Carter beaten by a Durkan shot soon after to reduce the arrears and make it appear a close game, which it most certainly was not.

**Edgware:** Carter, Smart, Lyons, Brennan, Finnerty, Hurd, Coleman (Whytock), Thomas (Valenti), Ivers, Newing (McCluskey), Sutton.

## Wasps have Euro plan for Lions ace

WASPS are confident of dealing with Scot Gibbs when they travel to Swansea on Sunday for the first match of their Heineken European Cup campaign, writes **Alan Bodenham**.

The dynamic Welsh centre was one of the major successes for the British Lions in South Africa this summer and proved himself a truly World class player.

Wasps supremo Nigel Melville admitted: "Gibbs will be a major factor in the game, but we come up against top class men like him most weeks now, and we have a plan."

Melville also cited Arwel Thomas as another Welshman to beware of. The pint sized fly half is always full of tricks and will go into the match on the back of a fine performance for Wales against Romania.

Melville was satisfied with the win over Bristol but conceded that his side were "a bit ring rusty."

"I didn't expect us to be perfect first time out," he said, "but we will improve with every game."

There will be no wholesale changes to the side that won at Bristol but as Simon Shaw has regained full fitness, he looks certain to make his debut.

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