

SPORT

Terrific Towers tame Italian aces

EXIDE London Towers achieved one of the finest wins in the club's history at Wembley on Tuesday night when they overcame top Italians, Stefanel Milan, by 65-56 in the European Cup.

James Hamilton, returning from injury, was the inspiration behind the triumph. He dominated under the board with 14 rebounds and scored 15 points as Towers stormed into an

early 10 point lead and were never caught by Milan, who are one of the favourites to take the trophy.

Towers' top scorer on the night was Danny Lewis with 24 points.

With rivals Leopards losing to Birmingham, Towers took over as lone leaders of the Budweiser League table by winning 76-71 at Manchester Giants on Saturday.

Diamond Danny Lewis again proved his worth, hitting 11 consecutive points to take Towers from a 65-65 tie with three minutes to go into a 76-65 lead with under a minute remaining to effectively end Giants' hopes.

Lewis ended as top scorer with 27 point. Keith Robinson and Karl Brown both notched 14.

In a busy week, Towers are in Budweiser League action at Leicester on Saturday, tip off 7.30pm, and on Sunday take on Watford Royals at Wembley Hall 2, tip off 5pm.

Admission is £6 for adults and £4 for children in advance, £1 more on the door. Tickets are available from the Towers hotline on 0171 722 6677 or Wembley box office on 900 1234.

Euro Cup cruncher for Wasps

GLASGOW'S win over Swansea at Scotstoun on Sunday means that Wasps' return match with the Scots at Loftus Road on Sunday, kick off 3pm, becomes the crunch match in Heineken European Cup Pool B, writes Alan Bodenham.

Wasps won 46-22 in Glasgow a fortnight ago but they had a tough time in the first hour against a committed home side and only three late tries sealed the result.

Supremo, Nigel Melville, was pleased about Swansea's defeat. "Everyone expected the Swansea game on October 12 to be the clincher" he said "but now we know how important Glasgow's visit is, our boys will be well motivated for the clash."

It is also vital for Lawrence Dallaglio's men to keep winning as the quarter finals will be seeded. At the moment Wasps have the best points difference in the competition and with no defeats will achieve a seeded position and secure a home draw in the quarter finals.

No injury problems were reported after the win over Ulster so Melville will pick a side best fitted to taking on the Scots.

Dallaglio, Simon Shaw and Alex King were named in Clive Woodward's first England squad early this week.

Three of Wasps' young guns, Will Green, Joe Worsley and Martyr Wood were named in the emerging players squad and will join the elite players for training.

Stones cop it at Police

Met Police 1 Wealdstone 0

A PHYSICAL Met Police side maintained their undefeated league run and went to the top of the table with this win over Stones on Tuesday, but it was the visitors who dominated most of the game and were unlucky not to gain at least a point, writes Graham Smith.

The home side's best chance of the first half came after just 12 minutes when Noel Imber made a fine save to deny Pope.

For Stones a thunderous shot from Paul Lamb was saved on the line by the leg of a defender and went clear, then Steve Bircham and Roy Marshall both had efforts go just over.

Stones' domination continued after the break with Dominic Sterling, twice, and Marshall both going close. But after 71 minutes the inevitable happened when the Police were flicked on a corner which was flicked on for the unmarked Pope to score from close range at the far post.

Stones pressed hard for an equaliser in the remaining minutes, but to no avail.

Wealdstone: Imber, Bowder, Sterling, Moore, Waugh, Marshall, McKay, Lamb, Jones, Boreham (Hibbert), Bircham. Other subs: Walton, Akins.

Town come good in second half

Southall 0 Kingsbury Town 2

TWO second half goals secured the points for Kingsbury on Tuesday night against bottom of the table Southall.

Their opener came ten minutes after the break, Terry Dunning putting Darren Barry through to loft the ball over Kenny Lavender into the net.

Victory was sealed four minutes from time when a back header by John Kenny fell into the path of Dunning who drilled a left foot shot into the corner of the net.

Kingsbury: Penman, Page, Hamilton, McGrath, Loughlin, Kumah, Morris, Kenny, Barry, Hughes, Dunning. Subs: Sonenhall, Nelson, Octave.



The hat-trick heroes



Wealdstone FC striker Brian Jones (above left) waits for the acclaim of his teammates for his hat-trick against Cheshunt. Above right, Kenny Logan runs in one of his hat-trick of tries for Wasps against Ulster.

League pulls plug on ICIS

THE Isthmian Football League has dramatically terminated its sponsorship with sportswear company, ICIS, with almost eight months of their current agreement with the firm still remaining.

ICIS took over as Isthmian sponsors from Diadora in June 1995 but the association has not proved an entirely happy one as far as many of the league's clubs are concerned, with the non-arrival of kit due to them under the sponsorship agreement being a prime concern.

Wealdstone, who had encountered numerous problems, were particularly un-

happy, and two weeks ago indicated to the League that they would no longer have any kit dealings with ICIS.

Other problems led to the League's decision to pull the plug on Friday, saying that ICIS Sportswear Limited and Consumer Promotions Consultants Limited (formerly known as ICIS Ltd) had failed to meet their respective obligations to the League under the sponsorship contract.

The League is currently consulting with its solicitors, Bird and Bird, as to the prospects of recovery of monies due

and what other action can be taken.

They are also busily seeking a new sponsor and clubs will hear if there has been any developments on that front at a meeting on Monday at Hendon.

If no-one comes forward there is the likelihood of no prize money for League winners at the end of the season, while clubs who have not yet received kit from ICIS could be left having to foot the bill to get it from other sources.

In the meantime the League has deleted ICIS from its title and reverted back to 'The Isthmian Football League.'

Wembley lack killer touch in goalless bore draw

Wembley 0 Staines Town 0

A FRUSTRATING and generally unimpressive performance from the Lions on Tuesday was still good enough to earn them a point against an equally lack lustre Staines outfit, writes John Cornfort.

With a decidedly poor referee adding his own miserable contribution to this banal affair, a goalless draw was perhaps the most appropriate outcome.

In an even first half, Eddy Mee, who fired wide with the goal at his mercy and Les Thompson, who shot into the side netting from close in following a Sean Fleming corner, missed Wembley's best chances, while Ashley Cumberbatch's goal-line clearance denied Jim Williams a goal for Staines.

The Lions enjoyed the better of the second half but sadly lacked the killer touch around goal.

Chris Toussaint had their best effort parried away for a corner by keeper Tony Wells.

Deep into injury time Staines almost stole the points. Andy Driscoll's shot was fumbled by Joe Miller but he recovered smartly to smother the ball before it crossed the line.

Wembley: Miller, Cumberbatch, Fleming, Walters, Sardi (Toussaint), Walsh, Snon, Bates, Williams, Thompson, Mee. Other subs: Alday, Dockwray.

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Borough and Lions on FA Cup trail

HARROW Borough and Wembley are back in FA Cup action on Saturday both facing second qualifying round ties against opposition from the Dr Martens League.

Borough journey to the Kent coast to face Margate and will be boosted by the return of Jason Court after suspension, while Glynn Hooper, who missed the Kingstonian defeat, is also available.

Borough hope to have Mark Xavier, John Hurlock and David Hook fit from injuries.

If a replay is required it will take place at Earlsmead on Tuesday with the scheduled league game against Boreham Wood being postponed.

Wembley will be without defender Dean Ross, who is suspended, and striker Bradley Anderson, who is away on a course, for their home clash with Fisher Athletic.

But they hope to have midfielder Craig Elliott back in action. He missed the mid-week game against Staines after being injured in an accident at work.

Youssef Sakhraoui has returned to the club after a spell with Hendon and has made his mark with four goals in two games for the reserves and he could be in line for a place in the Wembley squad.

Edgware Town are away in the league on Saturday to a Leighton side that will be boosted by Dwan Clarke, David Nolan and Paul Benning, all on loan from Harrow Borough.

John Coleman (ankle) and

Danny Kirby (back) are both out but Wares expect to have other injury victims, Karl Thomas and Joe Lyons, fit to play.

With scheduled opponents Windsor involved in the FA Cup, Wealdstone have no league game on Saturday but they will visit Corinthian Casuals for a friendly.

Stones have signed former Wembley midfielder Gary Boreham who has followed his brother Keith to the club.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday September 25
Football Combination: QPR v Ipswich (Earlsmead, 7pm)

Saturday September 27
FA Cup 2nd qualifying round:
Margate v Harrow Borough;
Wembley v Fisher Ath (Vale Farm, 3pm).

Isthmian League Div Two:
Leighton Town v Edgware Town;

Isthmian League Div Three:
Lewes v Kingsbury Town.

Midx County League:
Northfield CAV v Rayners Lane.

Friendly: Corinthian Casuals v Wealdstone.

Tuesday September 30
Midx Senior Cup: Brimsdown
Flowers v Kingsbury Town.

Isthmian League Premier Div:
Harrow Borough v Boreham Wood (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

Isthmian League Div Two:
Edgware Town v Eggham Town (White Lion ground, 7.45pm); Tilbury v Wealdstone (7.45pm).

There's no justice for battling Borough

Kingstonian 5 Harrow Borough 2

A STIRRING first half comeback saw Borough claw back a two goal deficit at Kingsmeadow on Tuesday night only to have the balance of the game tilted away from them when a clear penalty wasn't awarded in their favour, writes Tony Booth.

Unbeaten Kingstonian went on to score three goals for a victory that was considerably flattering to them in its margin.

Despite being without the suspended Jason Court, the injured Mark Xavier and John Hurlock and the un-

available Glynn Hooper, Borough began strongly and it was against the run of play when K's took a 13th minute lead, Luckett's cross being allowed to cross the area for Patterson to fire a fierce shot past David Hook.

Worse followed when nine minutes later Evans dived in to head home Dean Hooper's free kick at the far post to make it 2-0.

But Borough battled back and a trademark surging run from Alan Paris was finished off with a 25 yard drive that flew wide of Gregory, with the aid of a deflection off Evans, to reduce the arrears in the 32nd minute.

Five minutes before the interval a quickly taken free kick by Kenny Webster found Ian Rutherford who cleverly chipped the ball over the keeper from 25 yards for the equaliser and Borough were right back in contention.

K's were rocked back on their heels and there for the taking, given the next goal.

But the game turned after 51 minutes when Evans clearly handled Darren Coleman's header but the obvious penalty was not awarded.

Within two minutes a defensive slip at the other end allowed Harper to

cross for Akumoh to head in off the post to put K's undeservably back in front and five minutes later another defensive lapse set up Akumoh to race clear and score again.

The home side notched a fifth from a controversial Dennis penalty after he was adjudged to have been fouled by Chris Metcalfe in the 63rd minute and in the closing stages Borough's ill fortune on the night was confirmed when a Pat Gavin header was headed off the bar by Evans.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Clarke, James (Denny), Alexander, Coleman, Paris, Butler, Metcalfe, Gavin, Rutherford (Ekoku), Webster. Other subs: Barata.

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