

# SPORT

## Vase trips for Stones and Edgware

BOTH Edgware Town and Wealdstone have been drawn away in the first round proper of the FA Vase on Saturday November 1. Edgware meet Wootton Blue Cross, who beat Wares' Isthmian Division Two rivals Tilbury 4-1 in the second qualifying round.

The Bedfordshire club play in the Premier Division of the United Counties League. Stones go to Ipswich to face Whittton United from the First Division of the Eastern Counties League. They got through with a walkover against Saffron Walden Town.

## Rutherford serves his send off sentence

A ONE match suspension for his sending off at Margate puts Ian Rutherford off of Harrow Borough's visit to Bishops Stortford on Saturday, but Borough hope to have Andy Alexander fit after sustaining an injury against St Albans.

Ashley Cumberbatch and Luke Dockway are added to Wembley's injury list for Saturday's home game with Worthing.

Ex-Lions, Henry Clark and Asim Ahmed, have rejoined the club while Colin Hall, who impressed during the recent Brent Football Festival, has also signed.

Steve Bircham, injured against Hungerford, is doubtful for Wealdstone's home game with Canvey Island.

Joe Lyons is back for Edgware Town for their visit to Marlow after being rested for Tuesday's match against Chalfont as he was playing for Watford Reserves against Chelsea last night.

However, Karl Thomas, John Coleman and Mark Ivers are all still on the sidelines with injuries.

## Fixtures

**Saturday October 11**  
Isthmian League Premier Div: Bishops Stortford v Harrow Borough.  
Isthmian League Div One: Wembley v Worthing (Vale Farm, 3pm).  
Isthmian League Div Two: Marlow v Edgware Town; Wealdstone v Canvey Island (White Lion ground, 3pm).  
Isthmian League Div Three: East Thurrock Utd v Kingsbury Town.  
Middle County League: Ealing Shamrock v Haynes Lane (2.30pm).

**Tuesday October 14**  
Isthmian League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Basingstoke Town (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).  
Isthmian League Div One: Berkhamstead Town v Wembley.  
Isthmian League Div Two: Edgware Town v Braintree (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

## Tables

ISTHMIAN LEAGUE Premier Division		P	W	D	L	Pts	
Dagenham	-13	9	1	21	10	30	
Sutton Utd.	-10	8	0	27	11	24	
Kingsbury	-11	5	5	21	20	20	
Heybridge	-10	6	1	32	14	19	
Boreham W.	-12	5	3	4	17	18	
Erithfield	-12	5	3	4	17	18	
Harrow Boro.	-10	6	0	4	14	18	
St Albans	-10	2	3	14	17	17	
Purfleet	-9	4	4	11	16	16	
Yeading	-10	2	3	12	15	15	
Dulwich Ham.	-11	3	5	3	20	14	
Chesham	-12	4	2	6	20	17	
Cashalton	-11	4	2	7	22	12	
Hendon	-12	3	4	5	13	18	
Bishops	-12	3	4	5	12	13	
Bromley	-12	3	3	6	16	16	
Basingstoke	-11	3	3	5	11	21	
Avonmouth	-11	3	0	9	22	12	
Gravesend	-10	3	2	5	22	11	
Welling	-11	3	1	8	12	10	
Walton H.	-11	3	1	7	10	21	
Oldford C.	-11	2	1	7	9	25	8

  

Division One		P	W	D	L	Pts	
Grays	-9	8	1	0	25	5	25
Uxbridge	-10	2	0	28	9	24	
Chertsey	-12	7	2	3	31	20	23
Maidenhead	-10	7	0	3	20	11	21
Canvey Is.	-11	4	4	18	12	19	
Leatherhead	-10	6	1	3	16	11	19
Haringey	-11	5	4	5	15	18	
Leyton P.	-11	3	4	4	17	16	13
Worthing	-9	4	1	4	15	18	13
Berkhamstead	-11	4	1	6	18	23	13
Uxbridge	-12	4	1	7	15	23	13
Wokingham	-11	4	2	1	13	12	12
Whyteleafe	-10	3	3	4	13	17	12
Bognor	-10	3	2	5	15	11	11
Wokingham	-10	2	5	3	11	11	11
Barton	-9	2	5	2	12	13	11
Walsingham	-9	3	2	4	8	16	11
Romford	-8	3	1	4	13	11	10
Slaines	-9	3	1	5	10	16	10
Motney	-11	3	7	9	22	6	5
Thame	-9	1	2	6	25	5	5
Ampthorn	-9	1	1	7	18	23	4

  

Division Two		P	W	D	L	Pts	
Met Police	-9	1	0	18	6	25	
Edgware	-8	7	1	1	22	10	20
Northwood	-11	6	2	3	12	13	22
Canvey Is.	-9	5	3	1	9	8	19
Barking	-9	6	1	2	19	18	19
Marlow	-8	5	2	1	5	16	14
Branes	-8	2	0	2	15	16	14
Hungerford	-9	4	2	3	21	14	13
Widnes	-8	3	3	3	9	5	12
Chalfont St P.	-10	3	4	3	13	13	13
Wealdstone	-8	4	3	3	9	5	12
Bedford	-8	4	0	5	10	15	12
Tring	-9	3	2	4	11	13	11
Windsor	-8	2	2	4	14	17	8
Conisburgh	-5	1	3	1	18	12	6
Widham	-8	1	2	5	12	16	5
Bracknell	-8	1	2	5	10	15	5
Berkhamstead	-8	1	2	5	10	15	5
Horsham	-10	1	2	7	21	21	5
Chesham	-10	1	2	7	21	21	5
Egham	-9	1	2	6	10	26	5

  

Division Three		P	W	D	L	Pts	
Hertford	-5	0	15	5	16	6	
Clapton	-7	5	1	1	13	8	16
Hemel H.	-8	4	2	2	24	9	14
Ware	-6	4	1	1	18	7	13
Harrow	-7	3	3	0	14	9	12
Essex	-7	3	1	1	13	12	12
Epsom	-8	3	2	3	14	15	11
Dorking	-8	4	2	1	13	15	10
Flackwell H.	-5	3	0	2	11	8	9
E Throck	-5	3	0	2	11	8	9
Font	-6	2	2	2	10	8	8
Hornchurch	-8	2	2	4	10	16	8
Croydon Ath.	-7	2	3	1	10	7	7
Cambridge	-6	1	3	2	10	8	6
Kingsbury	-7	2	0	5	10	11	6
Conisburgh	-5	1	2	2	11	5	5
Avley	-5	1	2	2	8	5	5
Wingate & F.	-4	1	2	4	7	4	4
Leaves	-7	1	1	5	9	18	4
Southall	-7	0	7	3	24	0	

## Stones are thwarted by keeper

**Hungerford Town 1 Wealdstone 1**  
STONES had to settle for a point at Hungerford on Tuesday night but would surely have had all three had it not been for a series of fine saves by home keeper Thompson, writes Graham Smith.

Things started badly for Stones who went a goal down in the very first minute when Crane went clear to score, giving Noel Imber no chance. Five minutes later Alan Galloway had a thunderous shot that produced an excellent save from Thompson who soon after denied Brian Jones.

At the other end it was then Imber's turn to get into the action, tipping a Richardson effort onto the bar and over for a corner.

Wealdstone drew level in the 23rd minute when Dominic Sterling was fouled in the area by Bowen and Keith Boreham stepped up to coolly slot home the resultant penalty kick.

Five minutes before the break a fine move between Jones and Steve Bircham ended with Boreham firing just over the bar.

In the second half Stones were the better side but only created two really good chances. The first, in the 68th minute, saw a Jones cross find Boreham whose shot went straight at the keeper.

Then with eight minutes remaining, a Terry Hibbert cross was met by Chris Walton whose first time shot seemed to be a winner until Thompson brought off a magnificent save to earn his side a share of the points.

**Wealdstone:** Imber, Lamb, Sterling, Moore, Galloway, Marshall, Walton, McMay, K.Boreham, Jones, Bircham (Hibbert). Other subs: G.Boreham, Bonfield.

**Borough on the Internet**  
Harrow Borough FC are on the Internet. Their official club website, which will include reports and club news, can be reached on: <http://www.www.xenia.demon.co.uk/HBoro/index.html>

**WEALDSTONE FC BLUE RIBBON LOTTERY**  
Week 18  
£50 1803; £50 2496-022; £55 A 11-566; £75 M 01-231; £150 Z 20-245.

## Euro Cup blow as Towers fall to Honved

LONDON Towers suffered their second European Cup defeat on Tuesday when they disappointingly lost 73-67 at Wembley to a Honved side that had lost all three of their previous matches in the competition.

Towers led 12-4 in the first quarter but then lost their grip. Honved recovered to lead 37-26 at half time and then stretched their lead to 20 points, giving them enough in hand to withstand a late Towers rally.

The result was the second blow in four days for Towers whose unbeaten Budweiser League run was ended on Saturday when their lost by 84-74 to

the Birmingham Bullets, who are now the league's only unbeaten side.

Towers, who were without the inspirational Neville Austin and James Hamilton, were killed off in the final period when Birmingham held them scoreless for four minutes.

In front of a crowd of over 5000 at the NERC, Towers struggled to gain control and trailed 26-15 after the first quarter.

They finally woke up and took the game to Birmingham in the second quarter with an 11-0 run edging them into a 43-37 lead by half time.

After the break Birmingham's in-

spiration came from their new American signing Reggie Kirk, who scored all of his 20 points in the second half, and 1996 MVP Tony Dorsey, who scored 22.

With Towers 74-72 up, it was Kirk who nailed his fifth three pointer to regain the lead for Birmingham and this inspired a 12-0 run to effectively kill off the visitors.

Towers coach Kevin Cadle was far from happy with his team's display. "We spent the last four minutes worrying about the referees instead of worrying about lay-ups and winning the game," he said.

Towers face Crystal Palace in the league on Sunday at Wembley Exhibition Hall 2, tip off 5pm.

Admission is £6 for adults and £4 for children in advance, £1 more on the door. A family ticket for four is £16, or £18 on the door. Tickets are available from the Towers hotline on 0171 722 6677 or Wembley box office on 0181 900 1234.

**London Towers coach, Kevin Cadle, has been named as the Budweiser Basketball League's Coach of the Month for September.**

# Walsh resigns

## Shields in line to be new Lions boss



Paul Shields - set to become the new Wembley boss.

JOHN Walsh has dramatically resigned after just five months as manager of Wembley Football Club, citing work and family commitments as the reasons for his decision.

He was due to have met club chairman, Brian Gumm, on Monday for a quarterly meeting to discuss team matters, but instead handed in his resignation.

Walsh's assistant, Wembley veteran, Paul Shields, is now the clear favourite to take over, while a 'comeback' by Walsh's predecessor, Glen Charles, who resigned the post at the end of last season, cannot be totally ruled out. Shields was in hospital this week to undergo a knee operation but Brian Gumm was planning to speak to him to offer him the job.

Said Wembley secretary, Jean Gumm: "Brian will offer it to 'Shields' first and if he does not want it we will probably advertise the job."

Wembley reserve team boss, Peter Grant, and first team coach, John Smith, took charge of the team at Maidenhead on Tuesday. Smith, who came to Vale Farm with Walsh, has indicated that he too intends leaving.

## Rough justice as Wembley take a four goal beating

THERE was no justice for managerless Wembley on Tuesday as they suffered their heaviest defeat of the season, despite clearly being the better footballing side, writes Richard Markiewicz.

It was the visitors' inability to convert several promising openings after dominating the first half that proved to be their undoing. The best fell to Leslie Thompson who fired a couple of efforts at keeper Roffey from close range.

New boy Colin Hall also went close with a hooked volley from a Sofiane Sardi cross which the fully stretched Roffey did well to push aside. But during a rare attack it was the hosts that scored the only goal of the first half in the 14th minute after Wembley had lost possession. Garry Aitrell broke clear to set up Micky Creighton whose shot had sufficient power to trickle over the line despite being parried by Joe Miller.

An excellent save by the flying Miller, tipping a vicious Obinna Ulasi strike onto the bar, prevented Maidenhead from extending their lead at the end of the half. The concession of two goals just after the interval, an Ulasi drive following a 46th minute corner, and an Aitrell penalty nine minutes later, put the home side firmly in the driving seat and Wembley completely lost their composure after that. Three brilliant saves by Miller followed before Tyrone Houston netted Maidenhead's fourth three minutes from time to give the scoreline an unjustified one-sided look. **Wembley:** Miller, Burgess, Fleming, Walters, Sardi (Mee), Clark, Smith (Alday), Bates, Williams (Anderson), Thompson, Hall.

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## Medal performance by Harrow swimmers



Harrow and Wealdstone Swimming Club were among the medals at the club's B grade gala on Sunday and took the Club Champion Trophy for the third year running. Full story and picture - page 134.

## Edgware make most of gifts

**Edgware Town 2 Chalfont St Peter 1**

EDGWARE had a generous Chalfont defence to thank on Tuesday night for a victory that their mediocre performance hardly merited, writes John Comfort.

The visitors took a mere nine minutes to hand out the first of their decisive gifts when Mack Hall's attempt to head a Paul McCluskey cross back to his keeper, Matt Pollard, fell short and the alert Fabio Valentini needed no further invitation to add to his four goal haul against Kingsbury on Saturday by rounding Pollard and netting from an acute angle.

That opener came against the early run of play but Chalfont would have rectified the injustice had Andy Carter not blocked a close range effort by Gareth Wood soon after and had Gavin Ward not woefully missed the target with only Carter to beat.

Edgware created little in the first half but just before the break Valentini was denied a second goal by Hall's goaline clearance as he swooped on Peter Sutton's far post cross. Lee Smart blasted over after a good run and Steve Newing found the net with a cross-shot only to have it disallowed for offside against Valentini as Edgware made a bright start to the second half, but it didn't last and Chalfont soon regained control and deservedly levelled after 56 minutes, Christian Ayres lashing home a fearsome free kick. Wares looked as if they would have to settle for a point but with nine minutes left they were handed all three. Chalfont defender Andy Hazel needlessly fouled Steve Hurd 25 yards out and Smart laid off the free kick for Newing to curl a superb shot round the wall and into the top corner of the net. When Hazel flattened Chris Glynn in the area minutes later, referee Harvey was only the one in the ground who didn't think it was a penalty. But by then Edgware had already used up their full quota of good fortune. Edgware: Carter, Smart, Valentini, McCluskey, Hurd, Brennan, Sheridan, Devita, Sutton (Glynn), Newing, Ash (Finnelly). Other sub: Murphy.

## Wasps look to keep a perfect record

WASPS go into the last pool match of the Heineken European Cup against Swansea at Loftus Road on Sunday, kick off 3.15pm, determined to remain the only side in the competition with a 100 per cent record, writes Alan Bodenham.

The Welsh side on the other hand will be desperate for a win if they are to progress to the quarter finals via the play offs.

The game at St Helens last month

was a very good contest and Wasps had to play top notch rugby to win. Swansea have been bad travellers though, having lost to both Glasgow and Ulster away, even so Lawrence Dallaglio's men will be wary of a side containing the likes of Scott Gibbs are Arwel Thomas.

Kiwi second row Mark Weedon suffered a twisted ankle in the game against Ulster but is expected to recover. Chris Sheasby, who missed the

Irish trip with a knee injury, will be back in contention on Sunday.

Wasps Vandals will be in action again at Sudbury on Saturday against Rosslyn Park, kick off 3pm.

Many of Wasps' internationals, including Simon Shaw and Trevor Leota, have appeared and it is a good chance to see emerging players, such as new signings John Ions and Joe Beardshaw. Admission is free. Full clubhouse facilities are in operation.