# SPORT

## Towers tumble again in European Cup

**LONDON Towers crashed to another home European Cup defeat on Tuesday night when they beaten 84-69 by German Champions, Rhondorf.**

**Danny Lewis was the game's top scorer with a 28 points haul, but it was nowhere near enough for Towers.**

**Last Wednesday Towers comfortably beat Plymouth Raiders 99-77 in the National Cup. Danny Lewis (20), Neville Austin (17) and Martin Gottfried (12) led the scoring.**

**Towers face a big top of the table clash at Leopards on Sunday, tip off 6.30pm. On Wednesday they are at home to Derby, tip off 8pm. For tickets call Towers on 0171 722 6677 or Wembley on 0181 900 1234.**

# Borough fear Trophy axe

## Earlsmead anxiety as FA deliberate over postponed tie

By John Comfort

ANXIOUS Harrow Borough are waiting to hear their FA Trophy fate after coach problems prevented them getting to Somerset on Monday in time for their first qualifying round replay against Weston Super Mare which was eventually postponed.

The Football Association are not known for their leniency over unplayed fixtures and Borough are fearing the worst.

Expulsion from the competition and a hefty fine are two of the options open to the FA's Trophy committee as they deliberate over the tie, but Borough are fervently hoping that a rearrangement of the match will be ordered as events were clearly not of their making.

"We are now totally in the FA's hands," said Borough Football Director, Peter Rogers. "Obviously they will decide what's best for the competition and we'll just have to accept it."

Borough's problems began on Monday when the coach booked to take the team to Somerset, due at Earlsmead at 3.30pm for a 4pm departure, failed to show.

Frantic phone calls were made to the coach company which revealed both the coach and driver had gone missing. Police being informed of their disappearance.

A second coach was re-directed to Earlsmead but got caught in heavy London traffic and, by the time the club was able to acquire a further coach, from another company, it was gone 6pm before the team left Harrow for the 135 mile journey to Somerset for a 7.45pm kick off.

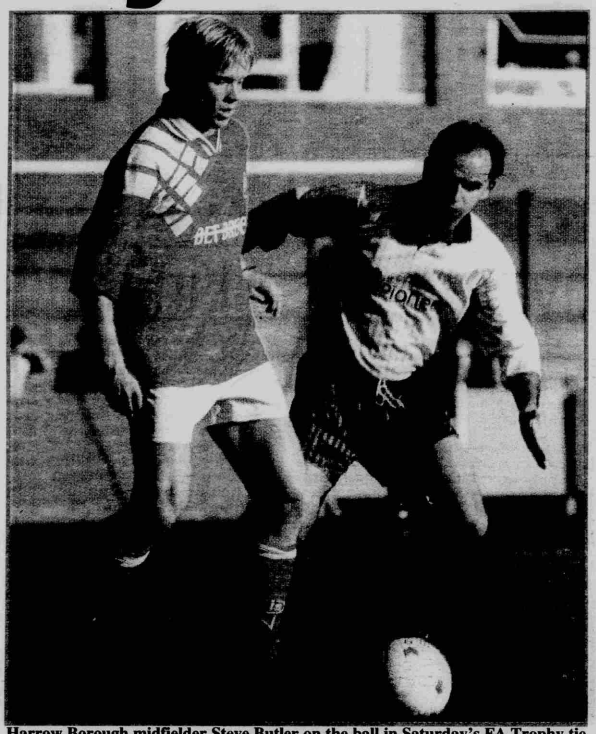
With Weston and the FA both kept up to date with proceedings, Borough set off but they were only just past Slough on the M4 Motorway when they received a phone call to say that FA referees secretary, Colin Downey, in consultation with match referee, Steve Dunn, had made the decision to postpone the game as the kick off would now be unacceptably late.

As the coach turned back, Borough players Jason Court, Mark Xavier and Steve Butler, who had all made their own way to Weston, were also informed that their journies had been in vain.

Said Peter Rogers "I don't know what else we could have done to overcome this situation, we did everything we possibly could, but it's all down to the FA now."

An FA spokesman said yesterday (Wednesday) that the case was being considered by the Trophy committee and a decision was not expected before today (Thursday).

It is the second time in recent years that Borough have experienced problems in the FA Trophy. Two years ago they had to replay a tie with Racing Club Warwick after reporting to the FA that they had inadvertently played an ineligible player.



Harrow Borough midfielder Steve Butler on the ball in Saturday's FA Trophy tie against Weston Super Mare. Butler scored Borough's goal in a 1-1 draw.

## Bates snapped up by Borough

HARROW Borough have finally signed Wembley midfielder Jon-Barrie Bates and he is in the squad for Saturday's game at Hitchin.

Borough will be without Darren Coleman, who is suspended, while Pat Gavin and Sean James are injury doubts.

Top of the table Edgware hope to have Joe Sheridan back after injury for their home game with Tooting.

Roy Marshall, Chris Walton and Alan Galloway were all rested for Wealdstone's midweek cup game against Barton but all three are likely to be reinstated by manager Gordon Bartlett for the league visit to Bedford Town.

Denis Greene's arrival has been delayed by a Finnish Cup Final appearance. He is now likely to be back to face Banstead on Tuesday.

Centre back Kevin Stewart is back in action after recovering from a broken leg and could be in the Kingsbury side at Harlow.

Wembley have no game on Saturday as scheduled opponents, Romford, are engaged in FA Cup action.

## Fixtures

**Saturday October 25**

**Isthmian League Premier Div:** Hitchin Town v Harrow Borough.

**Isthmian League Div Two:** Bedford Town v Wealdstone; Edgware Town v Tooting & Mitcham Utd (White Lion ground, 3pm).

**Isthmian League Div Three:** Harlow Town v Kingsbury Town.

**Tuesday October 28**

**Isthmian League Full Members Cup:** Wembley v Billericay Town (Vale Farm, 7.45pm).

**Middx Charity Cup:** Kingsbury Town v Beaconsfield (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

**Isthmian League Premier Div:** Carshalton Ath v Harrow Borough.

**Isthmian League Div Two:** Wealdstone v Banstead Ath (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

## The latest league tables

**ISTHMIAN LEAGUE**

| Premier Division | p | w | d | l | f | a | pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dagenham | 15 | 10 | 3 | 2 | 25 | 14 | 33 |
| Sutton Utd | 12 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 30 | 13 | 28 |
| Boreham W | 14 | 6 | 4 | 4 | 30 | 18 | 22 |
| Purfleet | 12 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 17 | 14 | 22 |
| Enfield | 15 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 22 | 24 | 21 |
| **Harrow B** | **11** | **7** | **0** | **4** | **16** | **14** | **21** |
| Kingstonian | 12 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 21 | 13 | 20 |
| St Albans | 12 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 17 | 13 | 20 |
| Heybridge | 11 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 24 | 18 | 19 |
| Hendon | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 16 | 19 | 19 |
| Bromley | 15 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 20 | 21 | 17 |
| Yeading | 12 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 15 | 14 | 16 |
| Bishops St | 14 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 20 | 26 | 16 |
| Aylesbury | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 13 | 24 | 16 |
| Dulwich H | 13 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 23 | 19 | 15 |
| Gravesend | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 23 | 14 |
| Chesham | 14 | 4 | 2 | 8 | 24 | 24 | 14 |
| Carshalton | 11 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 19 | 23 | 13 |
| Walton & H | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 26 | 13 |
| Hitchin | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 12 |
| Basingstoke | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 11 | 21 | 12 |
| Oxford C | 13 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 28 | 9 |
| **Division One** | | | | | | | |
| Grays | 11 | 9 | 2 | 0 | 30 | 8 | 29 |
| Leatherhead | 13 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 22 | 11 | 28 |
| Aldershot | 13 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 24 | 13 | 25 |
| Billericay | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 29 | 11 | 24 |
| Maidenhead | 12 | 8 | 0 | 4 | 25 | 13 | 24 |
| Chertsey | 14 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 33 | 25 | 24 |
| Hampton | 12 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 22 | 16 | 24 |
| Worthing | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 24 | 23 | 19 |
| Uxbridge | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 16 | 23 | 16 |
| Romford | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 15 | 14 |
| Leyton P | 12 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 19 | 13 |
| Staines | 10 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 16 | 13 |
| Berkhamsted | 12 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 27 | 13 |
| Croydon | 9 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 15 | 12 |
| Whyteleafe | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 13 | 21 | 12 |
| Bognor | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 17 | 15 | 11 |
| Barton | 11 | 2 | 5 | 4 | 13 | 18 | 11 |
| **Wembley** | **11** | **2** | **5** | **4** | **12** | **14** | **11** |
| Wokingham | 11 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 23 | 11 |
| Thame | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 30 | 8 |
| Molesey | 12 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 23 | 6 |
| Abingdon | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 10 | 18 | 5 |
| **Division Two** | | | | | | | |
| **Edgware** | **13** | **9** | **3** | **1** | **31** | **16** | **30** |
| Met Police | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 19 | 10 | 25 |
| Canvey Is | 11 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 25 | 10 | 23 |
| Northwood | 13 | 7 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 16 | 23 |
| Barking | 11 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 21 | 22 | 20 |
| Bedford | 12 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 7 | 19 |
| Braintree | 8 | 5 | 3 | 0 | 22 | 11 | 18 |
| **Wealdstone** | **10** | **5** | **3** | **2** | **19** | **11** | **18** |
| Hungerford | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 26 | 19 | 18 |
| Marlow | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 24 | 17 | 18 |
| Chalfont | 13 | 4 | 6 | 3 | 20 | 19 | 18 |
| Tooting | 11 | 5 | 2 | 4 | 16 | 14 | 17 |
| Leighton | 11 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 15 |
| Bracknell | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 20 | 22 | 12 |
| Banstead | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 14 | 17 | 11 |
| Wivenhoe | 10 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 16 | 10 |
| Witham | 11 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 18 | 22 | 9 |
| Horsham | 12 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 17 | 25 | 8 |
| Windsor | 11 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 27 | 8 |
| Egham | 12 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 31 | 8 |
| Tilbury | 10 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 12 | 18 | 7 |
| Cheshunt | 12 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 12 | 27 | 5 |
| **Division Three** | | | | | | | |
| Hertford | 8 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 20 | 8 | 20 |
| Ware | 8 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 7 | 19 |
| Clapton | 9 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 19 |
| Hemel H | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 29 | 12 | 18 |
| Ford | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 19 | 11 | 14 |
| Harlow | 9 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 18 | 15 | 14 |
| Croydon Ath | 10 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 13 | 14 |
| Tring | 10 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 14 | 15 | 13 |
| E Thurrock | 7 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Hornchurch | 11 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 20 | 23 | 12 |
| Epsom | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 21 | 11 |
| Dorking | 9 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 18 | 31 | 11 |
| Flackwell H | 6 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 11 | 8 | 10 |
| **Kingsbury** | **10** | **3** | **1** | **6** | **16** | **24** | **10** |
| Wingate & F | 7 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 9 |
| Camberley | 8 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 15 | 13 | 8 |
| Corinthian C | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 15 | 8 |
| Aveley | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 13 | 12 | 8 |
| Lewes | 9 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 11 | 22 | 5 |
| Southall | 9 | 0 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 28 | 1 |

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## Jones boy turns on style to see Stones through

**Wealdstone 4**
**Barton Rovers 1**

TWO goal Brian Jones was the star of the show for Wealdstone in the Guardian Insurance Cup on Tuesday night as they comfortably saw off a poor Barton outfit to earn a second round tie away to Premier Division Hitchin, **writes John Comfort.**

Gordon Bartlett made good use of the match to give squad players a run out, and his experimentation soon paid off with a goal after just 11 minutes, Steve Bircham squaring the ball for Paul McKay to drive a low shot into the corner of the net from 20 yards.

The lead lasted only two minutes before John Coley took advantage of Steve Kelly's error to fire Barton level, but four minutes later Wealdstone were back in front, courtesy of the classy Jones.

He picked up the loose ball after a Paul Lamb cross had been half cleared and jinked nonchalantly round defender Danny Turner before blasting home off an upright.

Barton's clumsy centre back Kevin Wheeler had been fortunate not to concede two penalties after bringing down Lamb and then Keith Boreham in the box so there was a touch of poetic justice in the 27th minute when Simon Garner's powerful shot cannoned off the defender's ample rear and beat keeper Gary Turner to make it 3-1.

Any thoughts of a second half Barton recovery were swiftly dispelled 12 minutes after the restart, thanks to the quick thinking of Paul McKay.

While the Rovers defence argued over referee Crossley penalising Turner for a foul on Boreham, McKay smartly took the free kick and put Jones free to fire home Wealdstone's fourth goal.

**Wealdstone:** Imber, Kelly (Bowder), Sterling, Moore, Waugh, Bircham (Hibbert), McKay, Jones, Boreham, Garner (Celaire), Lamb.

## Edgware draw blank

**Barking 0**
**Edgware Town 0**

EDGWARE extended their lead at the top of Division Two to five points on Tuesday with a useful point from a poor match at Barking, **writes Tom Hooks.**

Edgware were on top early on with Seamus Finnerty shooting just wide from long range, but it was Barking who went closest to opening the scoring, full back Munday sending a 40 yard effort onto the crossbar after Andy Carter had been slow getting back to his line following a clearance.

Then in the final minute of the half Pickering miskicked in front of an open goal.

Edgware easily had the better of the second half and their best scoring effort came in the 65th minute when a Steve Newing shot came back off the bar with Baker beaten and Fabio Valenti's follow up shot was blocked by the Barking keeper.

**Edgware:** Carter, Smart, Finnerty, McCluskey, Hurd, Brennan, Lyons, Valenti, Glynn (Whytock), Newing, Ash. Other subs: Sutton, DeVita.

## Wasps backlash for Irish?

**IT could be backlash time at London Irish on Sunday, kick off 3pm, as Wasps seek to better themselves after the reverse against Saracens, *writes Alan Bodenham.***

**A rigorous inquest into the Saracens defeat will be conducted at Sudbury all this week. "We will be very hard on ourselves," said skipper Lawrence Dallaglio, "and everyone in the team will have to be honest as to their shortcomings at the weekend."**

**Centre Rob Henderson should be back to face his old club after a leg injury kept him out of the Saracens game.**

**Many observers noted how much his penetration had been missed.**

**Hooker Trevor Leota came off the subs bench last Sunday and probably did enough to gain inclusion in the starting line up at the Irish.**

**Wasps game on Sunday November 2 against Leicester at Loftus Road has been postponed due to Leicester's European Cup play off with Glasgow. Sale will now be Wasps visitors on that date.**

**This Saturday afternoon the victorious Wasps Vandals team take on London Irish Wild Geese at Sudbury, kick off 3pm. Admission is free.**

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