

# SPORT

## Mohammed takes the Britannic award

A DRAMATIC burst over form over the last weekend of the season has won the Observer Britannic Assurance Player of the Month award for September for Harrow St Marys batsman Mohammed Rizvi.

In a rain affected month that put the damper on the hopes of many players, Mohammed's best effort was a fine 88 against Rickmansworth until the weekend. Then he scored a superb 119 against Kew, Bland Hamptons and on Sunday battered them in unorthodox style, making a club record score of 196 against Ferrvale.

Mohammed's award will include a trophy, a Britannic Assurance Juggler and tickets for a Britannic Assurance Championship match of his choice.

He also goes into the reckoning, along with other monthly winners this season, for the Britannic Player of the Year award.

The name of the winner will be announced in the Observer next week.

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Player of the Month

## Strugglers hold Town

Camberley 1  
Kingsbury Town 1  
DISAPPOINTING Kingsbury could only manage a draw at bottom of the table Camberley on Tuesday night.

The blank half time score-line reflected an uneventful first half but it lived up after the break and Kingsbury took the lead when Neil O'Rourke collected a pass, turned and fired home.

However, poor defending allowed Camberley to level in the 72nd minute. Dixon taking advantage of Kingsbury's failure to clear.

Ian Brown-Peterside had a good effort well saved soon afterwards but in the closing minutes both sides had golden chances to win the game.

Dixon went clear for Camberley but put his shot wide and then Kingsbury's new striker, Talbot, also broke through, but he also failed to find the target.

Kingsbury: Borland, Pugh, Vickers, Harwood, Bland, Simpson, Brown-Peterside, M. O'Rourke, Talbot (Capt), Ivers, Whytock. Other subs: D. O'Rourke.

League award goes to Dutch  
HARROW'S Keith Dutch has been named as the Rapid Cricketer Championship Player of the Season.

20 year old Dutch, a right hand bat and off-spin bowler, who is widely tipped as the successor to John Embury at Middlesex, took 51 wickets at a cost of 25.67 and hit 420 runs at an average of 35 for the County's 2nd XI this season.

His performances earned him his Middlesex 1st XI debut late in the season.

KO Final date  
THE Middlesex 20 Over Knockout Final between Beesborough and Mill Hill will take place on Sunday on Beesborough's third XI pitch at Headstone Manor, starting at 2pm.

# Mighty Arsenal come to Vale Farm Wembley v the big guns

THE big guns of ladies soccer come blazing into Vale Farm on Sunday when Wembley Ladies take on Arsenal in the Premier Division of the National League.

Two wins and a draw from their opening three games have put newcomers Wembley out on top of the table but they will have their work cut out maintaining that run against an Arsenal side that boasts nine international players.

Last season the Gunners won the honours board, winning the League Championship, the League Cup and the Womens FA Cup.

That is the measure of the task facing

Wembley, who are in the first ever season of Premier Division soccer.

But Wembley manager John Jones remains quietly confident that his side will not be overawed either by the occasion, or by the strength of the opposition.

"It's going to be a tough one," he said, "but I'm sure we will give a good account of ourselves."

Certainly Wembley will have to show better form than they did in last Sunday's game away to midlands club, Stanton Ramers, if they are to cause a major upset against Arsenal. They won 3-1 but it was an untidy victory.

They had the boost of an early goal from Wendy Grant, following a powerful

run from full back Paula Cleve, but Stanton hit back strongly in the second half to equalise through Brown in the 67th minute.

However, Wembley inched their way back into the game and two late goals from Ayala Liran gave them the points.

Wembley Reserves were more impressive in a 6-0 win over Collier Row in the Greater London League.

Their goals came from Sally Ede, Tracey Koch, Debbie Garvey, Kelly Smith, Paula Lambert and an own goal.

Wembley's match against Arsenal, kicks off at 2pm, heralds the start of the clubs new sponsorship deal with Dragon Stout.

## O'Connor ready for return

HARROW Borough face a tough league game at Carshalton on Saturday but they could be boosted by the return of Eamon O'Connor.

He has now recovered from a summer knee operation and after proving his fitness in last week's 2-0 defeat in a friendly at Edgware, is in line for a comeback.

Wealdstone boss Fred Callaghan was trying out several trialists in a friendly against Feltham last night but he is unlikely to make any new signings before Saturday's home game with Salisbury. Stones have no injury problems.

Wealdstone Supporters Club will again be running their special coach service from the Harrow Civic Centre to the Warren for the game. It departs at 2pm and returns after the match at 5pm. The fare is £2 return.

Although Uche Egbe is fit and available for selection, Wembley still have injury doubts with Tony Headlam, Bobby Hutchinson and Paul Shields for their home match against Windsor. Suspension also keeps Lee Enderby on the sidelines.

Hamid Harnak, who has a suspected hairline fracture in his leg is certain to miss Edgware's home game with Metropolitan Police. Martyn Kidd, who has a foot injury, is also doubtful as Edgware look for their first league win of the season.

Kingsbury will be looking to turn around their mediocre form when they face Chestnut at home in the FA Vase. Apart from Steve Surridge, who will be out until Christmas with a fractured jaw, manager Frank O'Brien has no injury problems.

Raysers Lane have a difficult away game against South M. Midlands League club Biggleswade Town in the FA Vase. Their only injury doubt is midfielder Fergus Meany.



● Harrow Borough striker Graham Westley has Viking keeper Mark Hyde well and truly covered in Saturday's FA Cup clash at Earlsmead. Full match report on page 106. Picture by Gareth Beard.

## Everything goes wrong for Wares

Newbury 3 Edgware Town 1  
EVERYTHING went wrong for Edgware on Tuesday night as their bid for their first league win of the season came unstuck at Newbury.

They went behind after only two minutes after conceding a free kick on the edge of their area which was quickly taken and Tony Gribben nipped in to score.

The rest of the half was fairly uneventful, although Tony Holtby made a superb save to deny Mick Masters after he had gone clear.

Any hopes Edgware had of salvaging something from the game disappeared as they conceded two goals - both from the penalty spot - in the first 10 minutes of the second half.

The first was hotly disputed as the ball rebounded off his Steve Evans on the head as he

saw it out for a goal kick. But a flagging linesman gave it and Stuart Bevon netted from the spot.

There was no doubt about the second as Evans tripped an attacker in his attempt to retrieve the ball, and Bevon again did his stuff from the spot.

Ronnie Nelson, Les Thompson and Eugene Flynn might all have got Edgware back in it had they found better placed opponents rather than electing to shoot but the visitors did finally get a consolation goal two minutes from time when a Mark Dyson corner was palmed into the net by the Newbury keeper.

Edgware: Holtby, Laid (McIntosh), Morgan, Evans (Ferry), Sullivan, McLeod, Dyson, Flynn, McGrath, Nelson, Thompson.

## Clark off in Wembley nightmare

Wembley 4 Abingdon 5  
ON a night of madness and mayhem at Vale Farm on Tuesday, Wembley surrendered a 4-2 lead and had Henry Clark sent off as they tumbled to defeat, writes John Campbell.

Most of the madness was supplied by referee Hern of Sarrait, Herts, with a string of ludicrous decisions that had a large bearing on the outcome.

Penalizing Charlie Flaherty in the 20th minute when he was clearly having his shirt tugged by Abingdon's Howard Kemp was just one and Kevin Alexis blasted home the free kick from 25 yards to put the visitors ahead.

Wembley hit back eight minutes later

when Clark powered home a header from Paul Shirt's corner and Shirt put them in front with a well struck drive 10 minutes later, but right on half time Abingdon equalised when the unmarked Robbie Carlisle fired past Jeff Fozzer from a Darren Kipping cross to the far post.

Mr Hern and linesman North suffered a hail of abuse from Abingdon's players and manager after Mi-ty Fredericks, in a seemingly offside position, put Wembley back in front five minutes into the second half and the mayhem continued after Uche Egbe set up Steve Lawrence to make it 4-2 - a seemingly commanding lead for the Lions.

Mr Hern took no action to quell the

Abingdon insults but amazingly, after Andy Martin's superb 25 yarder had reduced the arrears, he decided to send off Wembley's Clark, who had earlier been booked for dissent, when he tapped the ball away after a free kick.

Wembley fell apart in the closing stages. Suicidal defending allowed Kemp to break clear on the right and set up Kipping for the equaliser and three minutes into injury time the home side's nightmare was completed when a disputed free kick was quickly taken and substitute Rob Wyatt lobbed a dramatic Abingdon winner over Fozzer.

Wembley: Fozzer, Flaherty, Clark, Lawrence, Powell, Duly, Shirt, Fredericks (Grazzoli), Smith, Sales, Egbe (Barnes).

We'll turn it on at Leicester' says skipper

Two seasons ago Wasps suffered their heaviest ever league defeat playing Leicester at Welford Road, writes Alan Bodenham.

It precipitated a slide in Wasps fortunes for that season and skipper Dean Ryan is determined there will be no repeat on Saturday.

On the contrary "We are coming to the boil nicely," said Ryan. "In our last two league matches we have shown signs of what we are capable of and can expect to turn it on against Leicester."

Ryan added "Saturday represents our toughest test so far and if we can get a result here and against Bath next week we will know exactly where we stand as far as our title aspirations go."

Certainly Wasps will need to be at their best as Leicester at Welford Road are traditionally one of the hardest examinations of sides potential in rugby union.

Wasps go into the match with only one probable change, Fran Clough, now recovered from injury, coming into the centre for Graham Child.

There will be some intriguing man to man battles in the match, chiefly in the back row where Ryan will take on Leicester skipper Dean Richards, and possibly the most important where Lawrence Dallaglio goes up against Neil Back. If Dallaglio comes out on top he could well find himself the main contender for the redoubt Peter Winstanley's England shirt.

Chris Old, who marked his return to Wasps action with two tries against Newcastle, also has a chance to establish himself with a good showing against the Underwood brothers.

On Tuesday night Wasps defeated Richmond 34-0. Andy Gomersall scored two tries and Les Jackson, Wasps 6'6", 20 stone import from American Football team Thames Valley Chargers, marked his debut with a try.

Wasps colts opened their campaign on Sunday with a 20-0 win over Newbold on Avon.

## Pay off to Wycombe

CHIEF coach Bob Pay has left Harrow and Wealdstone Swimming Club after 16 years with the Harrow Leisure Centre based club.

His departure is believed to have followed a dispute with the club over a new contract. He has now joined the High Wycombe Swimming Club as their chief coach.

During his time with the Harrow club Pay groomed

many talented swimmers to national and international level and his efforts were rewarded with a place on the Great Britain coaching staff.

He coached at the Olympics Games in both Seoul and Barcelona, as well as a World Championship and several Commonwealth Games.

The Harrow club is now busily endeavouring to find a replacement for him.

## Armstrong to quit Harrow

HARROW Rugby Club is set to lose club stalwart Steve Armstrong, whose five years stint as club captain up to 1991 is a club record.

Armstrong, who is currently enjoying much deserved recognition in the Hertfordshire County side, has provisionally registered for National Division Five Club, Tabard, and is unlikely to play again for Harrow in the new future. "The quality at Harrow is not too good at the moment and I now feel a bit stale," he said. "I need a new challenge at a higher level of rugby and I hope Tabard will provide it."

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Division League Div One: Wembley v Windsor (White Lion Ground, Spk)

Division League Div Two: Edgware v Mill Hill (White Lion Ground, Spk)

FA Cup preliminary round: Harrow v Chesham (Silver Jubilee Park, Spk); Biggleswade v Dunstable (The Warren, Spk)

Senior Women League Division One: Wealdstone v Salisbury (The Warren, Spk)

Sunday October 3

Division League Div Three: Hornchurch v Highbury Town

Wednesday October 6

Division League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Wellesley (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)

Division League Div One: Bognor Regis v Wembley

Division League Div Two: Edgware v Mill Hill (White Lion Ground, 7.30pm)

FA Cup 1st round 1st leg: Wealdstone v Dunstable (The Warren, Spk)