

# SPORT

## There's no charity as luckless Lions go out

**Wembley 0 Hampton 2**  
FOOTBALL can sometimes be an exceptionally cruel game as luckless Wembley found out to their cost on Tuesday night as they made their exit from the Middlesex Charity Cup in this semi-final clash, writes **John Comfort**.

The Lions may well be struggling to preserve their place in Division One of the Ryman League, but against a Hampton side perched at the opposite end of the table, and on the verge of promotion, they gave a magnificent team

performance that did not warrant their demise.

Hampton had already won on two previous visits to Vale Farm this season, but if Wembley thought that on this occasion it would be third time lucky, they were very much mistaken - for luck on the night was certainly not evident on their side.

The crossbar kept out their best effort of the first half, a rasping drive from Davis Haule who had been set up by a superb pass from the outstanding Jesse Hall.

Then Carlton Mitchell might have scored as he homed in on goal only to be sent tumbling on the edge of the area by John Crouch. The Hampton defender got a yellow card when many thought it should have been red - one of the many decisions by referee Melin that did not endear him to the Wembley faithful.

To add salt to the Lions wounds, Mitchell's resultant injury forced him out of the action soon after.

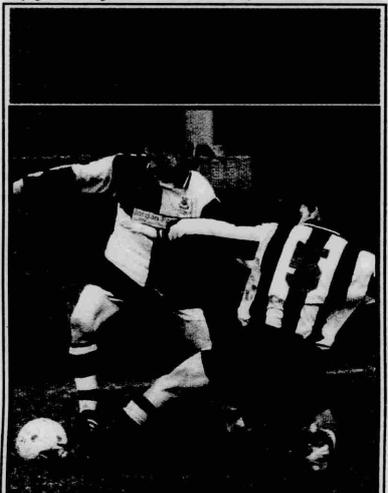
In the second half Wembley should have gone in front when Crouch's attempt to head back to his keeper only found the lurking Dave Vincent, but the striker's lob over Mark Russell narrowly cleared the bar.

Wayne Walters had to make a goal-line clearance to keep out a header from Hampton's Paul Jennings, but a minute later Steve Cheshire cleared on the line to prevent Haule's header giving Wembley the lead.

The deadlock was eventually broken with 72 minutes gone, Ian Savage cutting in from the right and setting up Barry Moore to fire low past Lee Ward and give Hampton the lead.

Five minutes later David Vines headed Hampton's second after the home defence missed numerous chances to clear, and for Wembley the cup trail was over for another season.

Wembley: Ward, McKay, Hall, Walters, Scott, Millard, Bates, Roche (Thompson), Vincent, Mitchell (Smith), Haule. Other sub: Latty.



**Brian Jones on the ball for Wealdstone in Saturday's home league defeat by Met Police.**

**Wealdstone 0 Epsom & Ewell 1**  
WEALDSTONE crashed out of the Vandanel Trophy on Tuesday night to a Third Division Epsom side that showed more desire to win, writes **Graham Smith**.

It was the first time this season that Stones have lost two successive games and the second occasion in a week that they have failed to score at home.

The only goal came in the 11th minute. A powerful shot from Tomlinson was superbly saved by Darren Bonfield but the unfortunate keeper saw the ball slip under him and Tomlinson netted with his follow up effort.

Simon Garner started brightly for Stones and had a fine shot saved by Hyatt, then Paul Benning went close with a header that went just over the bar.

Right on half time a Kenny Gayle shot was only saved at the second attempt by Hyatt.

The second half saw injury hit Wealdstone, who were without Dominic Sterling, Paul Lamb and Steven Bircham, pressing hard for the equaliser, but to no avail.

In the last five minutes it was the visitors who came closest to adding to the scoreline but two excellent saves from Bonfield denied first Tomlinson and then Owen.

Wealdstone: Bonfield, McKay, Walker, Moore, Waugh, Marshall, Gayle (Gomes), Jones, Celaire (Boreham), Garner (Yaku), Benning.

## Tough promotion test facing Stones

WEALDSTONE'S promotion credentials face a stern test on Saturday when they face fellow contenders Bedford.

Dominic Sterling, Paul Lamb and Steve Bircham are all struggling with injuries, but striker Dennis Greene, rested in midweek, should return.

Manager Gordon Bartlett cast his eagle eye over

Bedford at Egham on Tuesday and is looking for the Stones fans to get firmly behind his side for this vital clash.

"It's at times like this that we need them behind us," he said. "If we can get another goal of 600, the lift it will give the lads will be tremendous."

Harrow Borough boss Alan Paris also has selection prob-

**Harrow Borough 0 Dagenham & Redbridge 5**  
DRAMATIC decisions that favoured the visitors, at the start and finish of this Premier Division fixture, rubbed salt into Borough's wounds on Tuesday as they suffered their heaviest home defeat of the season, writes **Tony Booth**.

Depleted by injury and the suspension of player-manager Alan Paris, they were ultimately outclassed.

Borough had their fair share of the early play, with Mark Xavier and Jon-Barrie Bates creating openings before Sean James crossed in the 18th minute and Pat Gavin chested the ball down before heaving his 16 yard drive palmed away by the diving Gothard.

A minute later a scything

foul on McGarrell by the lunging Matthews saw the Dagenham defender merely cautioned. From Nko Ekoku's resultant free kick, Xavier had a shot deflected over the bar by Matthews who arguably shouldn't have been on the pitch to intervene.

An unfortunate 22nd minute error started the goal avalanche. Janney's cross was allowed to travel across the face of the Borough goal and Gorman could only steer the ball into his own net at the far post to put Dagenham ahead.

The loss of Gavin through injury was another blow to Borough's hopes and only a brilliant tackle by Chris Green prevented Shipp netting after he had forced the ball past Imber. However, in the 38th

minute Parat drove a 25 yard shot past Imber for a goal out of nothing that effectively ended the contest.

Borough started the second half brightly but any semblance of a recovery was ended in the 59th minute when Shipp's cross sailed over the home defence and the unmarked Cobb headed home Dagenham's third goal.

In the 68th minute it became 4-0 when Matthews won a forceful tackle and Janney shot home from Cobb's cross.

Even Borough's experienced defenders were losing tackles and when James did so in the 87th minute, Janney ran on to shoot past Imber to complete the rout.

Borough were denied even consolation a minute later when Xavier was tripped from behind in the penalty area by Cole only for referee Torrance to blithely waive play on. Even at 0-5, a foul is still a foul!

Harrow Borough: Imber, Ekoku, James, Green, Gorman, Webster, McGarrell, Issott, Gavin (Rutherford), Xavier, Bates.

# Mara just champion



**National Champion, Mara Myers, shows off her gold medal.**

PARKSIDE (Harrow) AC have struck gold again in the National Cross Country Championships at Leeds with Mara Myers winning the Senior Womens title.

In a fantastic climax to the winter season for the Parkside ace, she added the National crown to the Southern title she won back in January.

The race conditions were excellent, a mild, sunny day, with firm ground underfoot, but all the athletes had to contend with the renowned Hill 60, so called because it slopes up at an angle of around 60 degrees.

Mara was in the leading group from the start and broke away to win in a time of 28.59 over the 8kms course, a full eight seconds clear of runner up, Lucy Elliott of Shafesbury Barnet Harriers.

She led Parkside into 4th team place, just outside the medals, but with 56 teams competing, it was still a superb placing.

Good supporting runs came from the other Parkside scorers, Sharon Dixon (35th

31.45), Sally-Ann Cox (68th in 33.15) and Sally Young (81st in 33.45).

Other Parkside finishers in the big field of 483 athletes were Hannah Bowers (123rd in 35.30) and Alex Docherty (171st in 36.49).

Parkside's other success of the afternoon came from Helen Lee.

Fresh from her previous week's English Schools 3rd place success, she superbly took the bronze medal in the under-13 race. In a field of 367 runners, she clocked 11.24 over the 3kms course.

The Parkside team finished 24th out of 41 teams in the under-15 race over 3.6kms.

Frances Vosper (112nd in 15.27) was first home, followed by Katie Jones (150th in 15.41), Becky Nicholls (191st in 16.03), Liz Tilbury (210th in 16.13) and Ruth Coughlan (216th in 16.15).

The club's successes were testament to the excellent coaching of Bob Parker who trains most of the Parkside middle and long distance athletes.

## Golden glory for Harrison

KINGSBURY super heavyweight star Audley Harrison took the gold medal in the European Championships qualifying tournament last week in Venice.

Audley eventually won the event by default after his German opponent in the final, the European ranked no 7, Vitali Boot, pulled out with a hand injury. But they could well meet again, for the top four all go through to the Championships Finals which take place in Minsk, Belarus, in May.



**To get to the final Audley won three tough bouts. In the first round he won on points against Frenchman Malen Abdel, then in the second round, his Greek opponent, Kofins Stavros, was stopped in the 3rd.**

The semi-finals again saw Audley in devastating form, stopping Hungarian, Peter Hart, in the 2nd.

## Mullings title crack

HARROW'S Patrick Mullings looks to add the IBO World Super Bantamweight title to his honours on March 28 when he fights experienced Bulgarian Matias Krestov, an ex-European Champion.

The bout is part of a big promotion being staged at Hull Arena which features three World title fights and



**three Commonwealth title bouts. Topping the bill are Lennox Lewis and Herroo Graham.**

The IBO is a newly recognised organisation and not as big as the IBF, WBO and IBA. But Mullings is taking this route to glory as current British and Commonwealth Champion Michael Brodie and European Champion Steven Oliver, have both avoided his challenges.

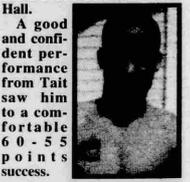
# Outclassed Borough take tanning

## Latest tables

RYMAN LEAGUE		Premier Division		Division Two	
Kingstonian	34	20	10	7	29
Sutton Utd	34	19	8	10	29
Dagenham	34	18	8	9	37
Boreham W.	30	18	7	5	63
Enfield	33	15	6	12	55
Purfleet	34	14	9	11	47
Hendon	32	13	8	11	45
Bromley	33	12	9	12	42
Harrow B.	33	13	8	15	54
Walton & H.	33	13	5	15	41
Dulwich H.	33	11	9	13	51
Aylesbury	32	12	15	15	54
Gravesend	35	11	7	15	63
Basingstoke	31	10	7	13	34
Yeading	33	9	15	10	50
Hornchurch	33	8	10	15	39
Hitchin	33	8	10	15	39
Chesham	32	8	7	13	52
Osprey C.	33	7	9	15	37
Aldershot	34	19	6	7	34
Hampton	33	18	11	4	60
Billycree	32	19	6	6	37
Grays	32	17	7	9	65
Maidenhead	31	18	3	10	57
Leatherhead	32	12	8	15	37
Uxbridge	33	16	5	12	50
Romford	29	16	4	9	61
Bognor	33	14	9	10	59
Chertsey	33	14	9	10	54
Leiston P.	32	12	9	11	51
Worthing	31	13	5	13	52
Canterbury	32	12	8	15	42
Croydon	32	10	9	13	33
Barton	31	8	10	13	34
Belton	34	16	11	7	45
Staines	29	8	7	14	33
Weymouth	32	7	8	15	39
Wembley	31	5	13	13	25
Widnes	33	8	9	15	37
Abingdon	33	8	3	22	41
Thame	33	5	8	20	23
Barnet	33	23	10	9	37
Canvey Is.	32	22	7	4	34
Wealdstone	32	18	9	5	61
Canterbury	32	18	7	4	55
Weymouth	32	17	7	8	64
Edgware	33	16	8	6	68
Widnes	32	14	10	5	69
Barking	33	13	10	5	67
Northwood	33	12	7	12	53
Burford	34	14	7	15	53
Wrenthorpe	33	11	11	5	58

## Seven in a row for Tait

HARROW'S light welterweight, Matthew Tait, made it seven wins on the trot last Wednesday when he saw off the challenge of Tottenham's Vince Rose in the Stars of the Future Show at York Hall.



**A good and confident performance from Tait saw him to a comfortable 6 to 5 points success.**

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## Soccer fixtures

Saturday March 21		Tuesday March 24	
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Ryman League Div One:	Romford v Wembley	Ryman League Div One:	Wembley v Uxbridge (Vale Farm, 7.30pm)
Ryman League Div Two:	Tooting & Mitcham Utd v Edgware Town (Wealdstone v Bedford Town (White Lion ground, 3pm)	Ryman League Div Two:	Wealdstone v Tibury (White Lion ground, 7.45pm)
Town v Croydon Ath (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm)			
Middx League:	Rayners Lane v Willesden Constantine (Lucas Ave, 3pm)		

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