

# observer SPORT

## Tottenham tamed by Town

# Wembley's just round the corner

ONLY Finchley now bar the way to a place in the Russell Grant Middlesex Charity Cup Final at Wembley Stadium following their sensational 3-0 victory over Tottenham on Thursday.

A bumper crowd of 600 saw Kingsbury coast home against a strong yet very disappointing Spurs side who never looked like living up to their tag as favourites - not only for this quarter final tie but also for the competition.

For Kingsbury the game was as good as won when they took an 8th minute lead from a Stuart Atkins free kick which took a deflection off the defensive wall and had the unfortunate Bobby Mimms in familiar pose - picking the ball out of the back of the net.

That should have signalled a Tottenham barrage but it didn't materialise and Kingsbury must have been pleasantly surprised at the ease with which they coped with their mighty rivals who failed to trouble Fred Smart throughout.

Spurs did have the ball in the net after 27 minutes from a Samways' free kick but he neglected to observe that it was signalled as indirect and was quite correctly ruled out.

There was still no sign of any Tottenham effort to save the game as it headed into the second half and this gave Kingsbury renewed confidence to power forward in search of further goals and they were justly rewarded in the 60th minute when under pressure John Polston played the ball across the face of his own goal and the lurking Henry Clark was only too happy to despatch it past Mimms.



BY JOHN COMFORT

Battling Kingsbury had the tie signed sealed and delivered, but creditably they declined to rest on their laurels and their adventurous nature put the outcome beyond all doubt in the 76th minute when the ever dangerous Gursel Gulfer headed home at the far post from a Steve Lucas corner.

The semi final against Finchley is scheduled for Silver Jubilee Park next month. On this form, Kingsbury already have one foot on Wembley's hallowed turf.

Kingsbury Town: Smart, Bhatia, Fitzgerald, Murphy; Shields, S. Lucas, Zacharia, Atkins, Gulfer, Clarke (D. Lucas), Marshall.

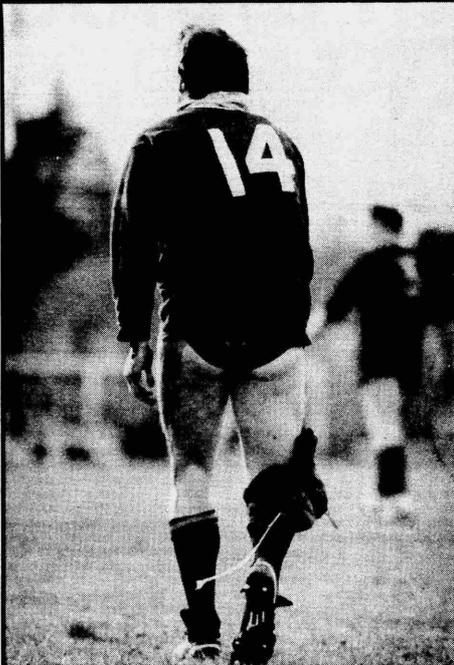
## Parkside pair are selected for Britain

TOP Parkside athletes Alison Wyeth and Andrea Whitcombe have won themselves places in the Great Britain team after superb runs in the World Cross Country Trials.

Compelling in the senior event, Alison ran a sound tactical race, keeping in close contact with the leading bunch and then out sprinted all but the first two to take third place.

The efforts of both girls saw them gain automatic places in the British team which will contest the Championships in Stavanger, Norway. The duo could also be joined in Norway by clubmates Christine Kennedy and Gabby Kaminski who are in line for places in the Irish team.

## Mark is caught short!



THE bare faced cheek of it all! Red-faced Wasps' winger Mark Bailey was caught flying his shorts at half mast in Saturday's Pilkington Cup match against Aspatria.

As the England international lunged for the line to score one of his two tries in a 39-7 victory he was tackled by an Aspatria player who whipped his shorts down in the process.

Picture by Gareth Beard

## League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE						
Premier Division						
	P	W	D	L	Pts	
VS Rugby	25	15	5	5	36	21
Dartford	25	14	6	5	50	24
Cambridge City	23	12	8	10	42	44
Dover Athletic	21	12	6	3	43	22
Gosport Borough	23	12	6	5	42	32
Carlisle Town	22	12	6	5	37	41
Bromsgrove Rovers	26	10	10	6	52	36
Worcester City	26	10	10	6	38	40
Burton Albion	22	10	7	8	35	37
Ashford	25	10	7	8	42	39
Bath City	29	9	10	10	46	39
Dorchester Town	24	9	11	6	35	35
Crayke Town	26	8	11	6	35	35
Martley Tydill	21	10	4	7	46	29
Wealdstone	25	7	9	9	35	31
Farnham Town	26	10	4	11	31	35
Moor Green	26	9	6	11	38	50
Alvechurch	27	9	5	13	38	43
Widewater	26	8	11	7	31	45
Leicester United	25	4	6	15	30	45
Redditch United	27	4	3	20	21	70
Bedworth United	27	2	4	21	22	64

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE						
Premier Division						
	P	W	D	L	Pts	
Leytonstone Ilford	29	18	8	3	53	32
Farnborough Town	28	18	6	4	58	31
Slough Town	29	17	3	9	44	29
Grays Athletic	30	16	12	5	54	11
Bishops Cleeve	27	14	8	5	43	31
Kingstonian	28	12	4	12	33	20
Henon	27	11	12	4	40	45
Barking	27	11	10	7	35	28
Canterham	28	11	4	8	29	18
Bognor Regis Town	24	11	4	8	20	27
Leyton-Wingate	28	9	11	8	31	34
Windsor & Eton	27	9	9	9	31	31
Wokingham	29	9	8	12	31	40
Hays	28	9	8	11	34	35
Bromley	29	7	11	11	41	38
St Albans City	28	8	12	8	31	32
Dagenham	29	7	9	13	34	49
Dulwich Hamlet	26	7	5	14	36	36
Tooting & Mitcham Utd	27	4	17	23	48	25
Harrow Borough	28	4	8	16	33	61
Croydon	29	3	7	19	15	43
Melrose	28	2	7	18	26	64

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE						
Division One						
	P	W	D	L	Pts	
Staines Town	26	18	5	3	53	18
Farnborough Town	25	16	5	4	56	22
Kingsbury Town	26	15	6	5	51	53
Lewes	28	15	6	7	41	50
Wingrove Town	24	14	3	7	39	27
Widewater	22	14	4	4	44	21
Hitchin Town	27	11	9	7	40	28
Boreham Wood	27	12	6	9	43	36
Wotton & Ash	25	12	5	3	35	24
Uxbridge	28	12	5	9	35	30
Leatherhead	26	12	4	10	43	32
Wembley	28	11	4	13	31	37
Metropolitan Police	29	5	14	33	49	32
Cheamham United	27	8	13	34	51	30
Southwicks	27	9	9	10	30	29
Chalfont St Giles	27	7	13	38	50	28
Worthing	29	6	7	16	35	61
Bracknell Town	27	4	6	17	25	49
Hampton	27	4	14	28	45	21
Beaconsfield United	28	5	6	17	25	50
Collier Row	25	5	6	15	25	56

## Boro' Hirst blow

Chertsey 1 Harrow Borough 3 BORO' gained another confidence boosting friendly win at Chertsey on Tuesday but paid the price when they lost midfielder Martyn Hirst with a head wound requiring five stitches.

Chertsey took a 10th minute lead but two goals from Duncan Hardy and one from Phil Dicker gave Boro' a comfortable win.

## Stones stunned by lowly Redditch

Redditch United 2 Wealdstone 0 REDDITCH, with only three wins from 26 league matches this season, destroyed Wealdstone's hopes of their second away success in four days with a deserved victory on Tuesday night.

As early as the 6th minute, Redditch had the ball in the Stones' net though Volrath was adjudged to have fouled Kevin Foster. But there was no such fortune for Stones a minute later

when White's shot was parried by Foster and Whittington shot home the rebound. Stones' best equalising chance came in the 34th minute when Lynch crossed and Bailey's far post header fell perfectly for Margerrison, but the midfielder shot wide from 12 yards. And just before half time Olaleyah had a splendid chance but with keeper Carnell stranded 20 yards off his line, the striker hesitated and the chance was lost.

Richards robbed Eriemo and shot just wide straight after the break but four minutes later Stones' night of misery was complete when Redditch notched their second goal. Byatt's clearance rebounded off White whose cross struck Byatt and flew past the startled Foster into the net. Wealdstone: Foster, Corbin, S. Browne, Byatt, Morris, La Ronde (Eriemo), Margerrison, Bailey, Wilkins, Olaleyah, Lynch (Wright).

## Tooting duo sign for Boro'

HARROW Borough have signed 22 year old goalkeeper Mark Poulney from Tooting and Mitcham for a small fee.

Poulney, who was originally at Tottenham Hotspur as a junior, moved to Enfield before joining Tooting this season.

With the signing of Poulney, on loan Lee Bozler has returned to St Albans City.

Also joining Boro' is Tooting midfielder Martyn Hirst. He is initially on a month's contract but that could be extended. Hirst, 27, made over 100 appearances in the Football League for Bristol City and then had spells at both Weymouth and Wealdstone.

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## Suspended Evans is sidelined for Borough's clash with Grays

RICHARD Evans is still suspended and misses Saturday's home match with Grays as Harrow Boro' look for vital points to get clear of the Vauxhall Opel League relegation zone. Martyn Hirst is doubtful with a head wound.

But the striker will be available for Tuesday's clash with fellow strugglers Dulwich Hamlet at Earlsmead.

Wealdstone boss Tony Jennings hopes to have Mark Harrison fit from an ankle injury for Saturday's match at Crawley. But Paul Risk, who has his broken nose reset tomorrow, will be missing as will Darren Williams whose foot injury is expected to keep him sidelined for another two weeks.

Full back Harry Hutchinson missed Wembley's home game with Chesham through suspension on Saturday but striker Bobby

Hutchinson and defender Glen Charles will both be available after serving bans. Edgware will be missing striker Ron Tully with a hamstring injury for Saturday's crucial league visit to Wandsworth and Norwood. But manager Brian Rider expects to have Gary Allen fit after a toe injury and Lee Rider recovered after a bout of flu.

Richard Stokes with an injured ankle is the only problem for manager Don Durkin when he takes his Rayners Lane side on the long trip to Hereford to face Pegasus Juniors.

Kingsbury Town have a lengthy spell without a match. Their next competitive game is not until March 4 when they take on Wealdstone in a Middlesex Senior Cup semi final tie, although they do make the short journey to Edgware on Wednesday for a friendly match.

## Soccer fixtures

- Saturday February 18  
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Crawley Town v Wealdstone.
- Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Grays Athletic (Earlsmead, 3pm).
- Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Wembley v Chesham United (Vale Farm, 3pm).
- Greena King Spartan League Premier Division: Wandsworth & Norwood v Edgware Town.
- Federated Homes League Premier Division: Pegasus Juniors v Rayners Lane.
- Monday February 20  
Capital League: Barnet v Wealdstone.
- Tuesday February 21  
Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Dulwich Hamlet (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).
- Wednesday February 22  
Friendly: Edgware v Kingsbury (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

## County Cup triumph for Harrow girls

HARROW triumphed in the Middlesex Girls Cross Country Championships at Highgate when they won the teams Aggregate Trophy for the first ever time.

The Trophy goes to the borough with the best over overall team results and Harrow's junior, intermediate and senior teams all performed superbly.

The top team performance of the day came from the Harrow junior team which won the Junior Team Trophy with 61 points - the best team score of

the championships. It was an excellent effort by the youngsters which bodes well for the future.

The seniors just missed out in their event, coming second with 117 points while Harrow's intermediate team came sixth with 117 points.

Harrow's best individual result came from Andrea Whitcombe of Greenhill College who retained her County Senior title and will now be looking to repeat her English Schools Championship triumph of last year

when she represents Middlesex at Hertford next month.

Bentley Wood's Alexis Coleman took second place in the junior race with Lee Sydney close up in third place and in the intermediate event Thalia Bestonso of Whitmore School was Harrow's best individual runner in ninth place.

Harrow placings  
Juniors: 2 A. Coleman (Bentley Wood); 3 L. Sydney (Lower Hill); 7 C. Brown (Lower Hill); 8 F. Burden (Lower Hill); 18 E. Bowers

(Park); 23 L. Young (Whitmore); 32 P. Suffed (Lower Hill); 34 K. Knight (Hatch End); 36 L. Bennett (Hatch End). Team: 1st with 61pts.

Intermediates: 9 T. Bestonso (Whitmore); 14 H. Bowers (Park); 22 S. Hamill (Sacred Heart); 31 C. Hutchinson (Park); 32 A. Hutchinson (Park); 39 A. Paz (Whitmore); 44 M. Evans (Rooks Heath); 47 K. Adams (Park); 48 D. Craig (Hatch End). Team: 6th with 151pts.

Seniors: 1 A. Whitcombe (Greenhill); 17 M. Brown (Greenhill); 20 C. Buckland (Weald); 25 C. McDonald (Weald); 28 A. O'Rourke (Weald); 28 A. Mealing (Greenhill); 34 C. Mey (Greenhill); 39 K. Sennus (Weald). Team: 2nd with 117pts.