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Wembley throw it away

Lewes 3 Wembley 1 WEMBLEY have only themselves to blame for surrendering a one goal lead and allowing three vital points to slip from their grasp on Monday, writes Richard Markiewicz.

A goal up at half time, Wembley were in total control, but in a period of 16 minutes during the second half they undermined their dominance by giving away three goals through elementary defensive errors.

Wembley took the lead in the 29th minute when Laurence Murphy skillfully threaded an excellent defence splitting pass through for Bobby Hutchinson to run onto and neatly slot past the advancing keeper.

However, things changed at the beginning of the second half when poor defending supplied the home side with three goals and the winning points.

A corner carelessly conceded by Robert Larkin led to Horscroft heading goalward and despite the efforts of Smith and Murphy, a linesman signalled that it had crossed the line for the home side's equaliser in the 52nd minute.

Eight minutes later Matthew Wiltshire put Lewes ahead when he picked his spot from the edge of the area after Fred Cummings only half cleared West's long throw.

Wembley's woe was completed on the hour when keeper Andy Smith, who has excelled during the absence of Jeff Fanner, totally misjudged the flight of another long throw by West and flapped the ball into his own net.

Wembley: Smith, H. Hutchinson, Cummings, Johns, Larkin, Graham (Walsh), Murphy, Brown, Williams (Katsiounis), B. Hutchinson, Guller.

Wasps star is killed in car crash

By John Comfort WASPS suffered a tragic loss early on Saturday morning when their talented winger Raphael Tsagane was killed in a car crash during the club's Easter tour of Merseyside.

Tsagane, 20, died when the Volkswagen car in which he was travelling, driven by teammate, Wasps' England B international second row forward, Sean O'Leary, crashed on a dual carriageway road in Moreton, near Wallacey.

Also in the car were Wasps winger Mike Adeyemi and veteran prop forward Martin Brooks. The four were returning to the club's hotel after an evening out following the team's 50-6 victory

By John Comfort over Birkenhead Park in the first match of the tour.

O'Leary, a 25 year old doctor at St Mary's Hospital, London, was taken to Wall Arrow Park hospital in Upton, Merseyside, in a critical condition, with head injuries and broken ribs.

He was given ventilator treatment which, following some improvement, was discontinued, and on Tuesday he was said to be making 'steady progress'.

Adeyemi, who suffered rib injuries, and Brooks, who sustained a fractured leg, were both released after treatment.

After news of the tragedy was relayed to the team, club officials called off the rest of the tour.

Raphael Tsagane, a waiter, who lived with his mother in Chalk Farm, was a former England colts trialist. He had just broken through to the Wasps first XV this season from the colts and made an immediate impact. His tally of 17 tries made him the club's leading try scorer this season.

Club president Mike Cutler described the winger as "one of our fast rising stars." He is expected to pay a full tribute to him before Wasps' game at home to Moseley this Saturday.

Said Wasps manager John Langley: "He was a very talented

player. Obviously it is a great tragedy to lose any young player, but particularly in these circumstances."

Because of his injuries, Sean O'Leary has not yet been told of Raphael Tsagane's death. Club captain Rob Andrew and international centre Kevin Simms were hoping to be with him when the news is broken.

Said Mr Langley: "We hope to have some representation there when he's fit enough to be told. Obviously it's going to be a very traumatic time for him."

Raphael Tsagane's funeral has been fixed for Tuesday at 11.30am at the West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, Golders Green.

Injury time goal sends Kingsbury down

Kingsbury Town 2 Met Police 2 A GOAL three minutes into injury time denied Kingsbury a deserved victory over the Police on Tuesday night and finally condemned them to relegation, writes John Comfort.

With only three matches left to play and 9 points deducted from their total over the Solomon Briemo affair, Kingsbury cannot now climb out of the bottom four and next season will be playing Division Two football.

Town were unlucky not to take maximum points from the Police in a match that had two lengthy stoppages, the first when young Jason Dale turned his ankle badly and was stret-

chered off to hospital with what was suspected to be a break. Thankfully it was diagnosed as only a severe sprain. Then midway through the first half referee Watts took the players off for 12 minutes after lashing rain and sleet made visibility almost impossible.

When they returned it was Kingsbury who struck the first blow when Rod Findley's cross was magnificently volleyed home by Chris Simpson on the half hour.

However, four minutes from the break Russo equalised for the Police with a low shot that curled in at the far post with Kingsbury's young keeper Mark Gower clearly thinking it

was going wide.

Kingsbury had the better of the second half and when Gower's clearance was flicked on by Findley for Paul Dale to fire home off a post after 76 minutes, the points seemed to be theirs.

In the dying seconds Paul Bhatta's goaline clearance from Russo seemed to have safeguarded the points. But from the resultant corner Nicholson headed home to snatch a belated equaliser.

Kingsbury: Gower, Kearns, Augustin (McPherson), O'Shea, Shields, Bhatta, J. Dale (P. Dale), Marshall, Findley, Simpson, Surridge.

Changes pay off with point

Crawley Town 0 Wealdstone 0

WEALDSTONE manager Alan Gane made a bold decision to leave John Margerison, Paul Morris and Steve Browne out of his side at Crawley on Monday and it was a move which paid off with a well deserved and valuable point, writes Graham Smith.

With Chelmsford losing at home to Cambridge, it means that Wealdstone are now safe from relegation. Both sides had their chances of winning the game, the first good effort coming from Crawley when Boyce's header was just tipped over the bar by Darren Williams.

Wealdstone's best move of the first half came in the 28th minute when Robbie Eccles headed on to Tony Lynch who flicked it on for Paul Goyette to fire in a shot which brought a fine save from keeper Winterton.

Minutes later Boyce hit a shot over the bar from just

five yards and soon after at the other end Vessey's back pass was pounced upon by Glenn Price but his shot went wide.

Five minutes into the second half Ring had a great chance of putting the home team ahead but a timely tackle from the impressive Steve Tapley denied him. A minute later Stones should have gone ahead when Ian Fergusson found Robbie Eccles but his good shot went agonisingly just over the bar.

In the 65th minute Wealdstone replaced the hard working Glenn Price with Dave Flint but the nearest they came to a winning goal was when Tony Lynch's shot was just held by Winterton before it crossed the line.

Wealdstone: Williams, Smart, Harrison, Tapley, N. Price, Fergusson, G. Price (Flint), Goyette, Eccles, Obogidi, Lynch. Sub: Morris.

Kingsbury directors quit

THE troubles of ailing Kingsbury Town continued this week with the resignation of three of the club's directors.

Since the departure of manager Alan Dafforn three weeks ago, players Gary White, Fred Smart, Stuart Atkins and Spud Murphy have all quit the club, although Murphy has since returned.

Club physio Judy Montieih also left to join Hendon.

Now directors Fred Deanus, Fred Stride and Del Clayton have all decided to go, leaving

just chairman Chris Larkin and the club's press director Allan Davis on the board.

Mr Larkin said of the resignations: "It's probably a blessing in disguise. The club needs sorting out from top to bottom and this will give us the chance to do it."

"We'll see the season out and then start rebuilding by reforming the committee and getting new sponsors."

Then there is the question of a new manager to be sorted out.

Former youth team boss Frank O'Brien has been in charge since Dafforn's departure and he is known to be keen on retaining the job. "It's something I'll have to give very serious consideration to when the season's over," said Mr Larkin. "We need someone who can get us straight back into Division One."

"Frank has done well for us and is obviously in the reckoning but I may have to turn to someone more experienced."

SOCCER FIXTURES

Thursday April 19 Middx Charity Cup semi-final: Wembley v Chelsea (Vale Farm, 7.30pm). Capital League: Wealdstone v Gillingham (Lower Mead, 7.30pm). Saturday April 21 Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Dover Ath. v Wealdstone. Vauxhall League Premier Division: Staines Town v Harrow Borough. Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Southwick (Vale Farm, 3pm); Lewes v Kingsbury. Greene King Spartan League: Northwood v

Edgware Town. Federated Homes League: Sharpness v Rayners Lane. Monday April 23 Capital League: Enfield v Wealdstone. Tuesday April 24 Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Bromsgrove (Lower Mead, 7.30pm). Vauxhall League Premier Division: Barking v Harrow Borough. Vauxhall League Division One: Worthing v Wembley.

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League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier Division table with columns for team, P, W, D, L, F, A, PTS.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE Premier Division table with columns for team, P, W, D, L, F, A, PTS.

Division One table with columns for team, P, W, D, L, F, A, PTS.

GREENE KING SPARTAN LEAGUE Premier Division table with columns for team, P, W, D, L, F, A, PTS.

Squash ticket winners FAIZAL Jivraj of Raglan Court, Wembley, is the winner of our recent Hi-Tech British Open Squash tournament competition. He receives two tickets to the tournament finals.

Runner up Pravin Lzakhani of Palace Court, Kenton, receives two tickets to the semi-finals and tickets to the quarter finals were won by Brian Broad of St Edmunds Drive, Stanmore.

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