

SPORT

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BOWLS

Gala at Herga

HERGA held their Grand Christmas Gala on Saturday, with the prizes going to the following skippers:

1st prize J Cooke; 2nd A Lowe; 3rd J Webb; 4th N Pountney; 5th T Balaam; 6th J Ejean.

On Sunday, Herga faced Watford and District and lost on only one rink as they romped to a 70 shot victory.

Scores, Herga first: J Enicott 18, J Coombes 15; F Barrett 19, M Barty 21; D Poffley 39, M Tubbes 10; D McAlpine 28, B Hart 8; D Lavender 28, H Vardy 13; W Sullivan 27, R Atkins 20.

DARTS

BRENT DARTS LEAGUE

Premier Division		P	W	F	A	Pts
Algerians	10	9	1	87	43	
Willesden Gas A	9	7	2	74	43	
Greyhound A	9	7	2	69	48	
Willesden WMC	9	6	3	65	52	
Spotted Dog	9	4	5	65	52	
Gwalia A	9	4	5	61	57	
Harrow Tavern	9	5	4	59	58	
Abbey CC	10	3	7	56	74	
BRSA A	9	9	0	51	66	
Shrine	10	3	7	47	83	
Fishermans Arms	9	2	7	45	72	
BRSA B	10	2	8	37	64	

Division 1		P	W	F	A	Pts
Willesden Gas B	10	8	2	80	50	
Regulars	11	6	5	75	68	
Hartleden WMC	10	7	3	74	56	
Chequers	10	8	2	70	60	
Greyhound B	11	8	3	70	68	
Heather Park	10	5	5	67	63	
Alpine Horn	10	6	4	66	64	
McVitie	10	2	8	60	64	
Brent Social	10	2	8	61	69	
Flames	10	4	6	58	72	
Hartleden Lab	10	4	6	58	72	
Carmel Rovers	10	4	6	56	74	
Crownhill	10	2	8	51	79	

Division 2		P	W	F	A	Pts
Willesden Pro B	10	9	1	92	38	
Brondesbury A	11	8	3	82	61	
Rising Sun	10	8	2	80	50	
Willesden Boro	10	7	3	78	52	
Fusilers	10	6	4	78	52	
Services Ram	10	5	5	67	63	
Willesden Pro A	10	6	4	66	64	
Gwalia B	10	4	6	62	69	
Dalmatians	10	3	7	58	72	
Oaks	10	3	7	58	72	
C Midx Hosp	8	4	4	45	59	
Mitre	9	0	9	31	86	
Abbots	10	0	10	28	102	

GOLF

Easy for Neale

COMPETING in division one of the December medal fixture at Northwood Golf Club, C J Neale (handicap eight) won by the margin of four strokes with a score of 66 net.

He was followed by a five-way tie on 70 by G T Bryan (11), J C Haynes (7), Les McGlasson (11), P Fitton (10) and J F Chapman (9).



GOAL: Sylvester Williams fires Wembley ahead in their Middlesex Senior Cup tie with Finchley.

Final bid for glory

BOTH Wealdstone and Harrow Borough will be pursuing their last chance of cup success in the FA Trophy on Saturday.

Wealdstone face high flying Maidstone United at Lower Mead, while Boro travel to rejuvenated GM Vauxhall Conference side Dagenham.

The Daggers, managed by former Enfield stalwart Tony Jennings, have hit a rich vein of form in recent weeks after struggling for most of the season. On Saturday, they pulled off a shock 2-0 win at FA Cup giant-killers Telford, who were previously unbeaten at home in the league.

Former West Ham striker Bill Lansdowne and ex-Earlsmead favourite David Pearce will lead the Dagenham attack.

But the Essex side have shown they can also score goals from midfield, through Paul Goyette, Paul Taylor and Lee Holmes, who joined them from Wealdstone earlier this season.

Holmes made his Dagenham debut in the FA Cup against 'Stones, when his new team were beaten 3-0 by his old club.

Boro boss Keith Chamberlin has been in touch with his opposite number at Lower Mead, Brian Hall, for a full briefing on Dagenham.

"Brian and I have had a long talk

about them and he was very helpful," said Chamberlin. "They are in the middle of a good run at the moment. Hopefully we can end that."

"There is nothing to choose between us and it will be down to who does it on the day."

Chamberlin believes the return of Lansdowne to Victoria Road is one of the main reasons behind their revival.

"Since they signed him they have become a better side," he said. "Obviously David Pearce will be wanting to do well against his old club and he will take a bit of watching. Paul Goyette is a decent player too and we'll have to look after him."

Keeper Kenny Lavender and winger Matt Luddy have both been recalled from loan at Chesham and will be on stand-by for Saturday.

Luddy is likely to be substitute, along with 18-year-old Phil Dicker. "Phil is going to be a good player," enthused Chamberlin. "He is still young and learning but he doesn't mind a tackle."

Chamberlin is likely to be in touch with Brian Hall again after Wealdstone take on Maidstone in the Trophy on Saturday.

For Boro have been drawn at home to the title chasing Kent side in the second round of the GMAC Cup.

Lions line up dream clash with 'Stones

Wembley 2, Finchley 0
GOALS from Sylvester Williams and Lance Cadogan saw Wembley comfortably through to the second round of the Middlesex Senior Cup on Tuesday.

And their reward for beating a lacklustre Finchley side is another home tie, this time against neighbours Wealdstone, write Simon O'Neill.

Lions were never seriously tested by their struggling opponents. In fact the only threat they ever posed was to life and limb, with a series of lunging tackles which left Tony Simpson and Lance Cadogan in particular counting their bruises.

In a match that rarely came to life, it was Wembley who created what few openings there were, with keeper Jeff Fanner a virtual spectator at the other end.

The first half was so quiet that most of the sparse crowd were already contemplating their interval cuppa when Sylvester Williams put Lions ahead in the 43rd minute.

Paul Bhatia's determination created the opening, as he skipped past two challenges before sending Williams away to beat his marker and shoot low past Paul Thorn.

Simpson, Williams and Cadogan all had chances to stretch the lead after the break. But Lions had to wait until the 88th minute to confirm their superiority.

Finchley were still re-organising after Dave Busby had been carried off when Adrian Smith crossed from the right and Cadogan rose unmasked to head home at the far post.

Wembley: Fanner, Feherty, S Lucas, Murphy, Janaway, Smith, Williams, Cadogan, Green (sub D Lucas 80). Other sub: Kearns (last used).

Janaway's late strike stings Bees

Basidon 3, Wembley 4
WEMBLEY snatched a last-second winner in a seven-goal thriller at Basidon on Saturday.

The home side twice battled back to equalise but were finally floored when Paul Janaway rose to head home with the last action of the game.

The Lions set off playing some scintillating football and raced into an early two-goal lead.

In the 12th minute full back Charlie Flaherty sent a long header into the path of Don Lucas and he carried the ball down the wing before sending over a perfect cross for Peter Shodeinde to slide home past keeper Graham Main.

Five minutes later an identical move led to Wembley's second goal.

Don Lucas again crossed to Shodeinde but the striker was brought down yards from goal by Steve Wiseman, when set to score, and the resulting penalty was blasted home by Paul Bhatia.

The last 20 minutes of the first half were dominated by the buzzing Basidon 'Bees' and they gained their reward with four minutes of the half left when Mark Simpson struck from a half-cleared free kick.

Basidon started the second half in the same fashion and it took them only five minutes to pull back Wembley's lead.

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the edge of the penalty area and Steve Hibbert sent the dead ball kick low past Jeff Fanner to equalise.

Stunned, but not dead, the Lions rallied and went ahead again in the 59th minute, Adrian Smith creating the opening for Don Lucas to score with a fierce drive.

Play was now zipping from end to end, with each side looking capable of scoring on each attack.

Smith and Tony Simpson were battling for control in midfield, but it was Basidon who scored what seemed to be the vital goal.

They won yet another free kick on the edge of the area and Simpson deceived Fanner with a shot that crept in under the crossbar in the 65th minute.

Wembley, having twice been in front, were in no mood to lose out to third-placed Basidon and, inspired by skipper Spud Murphy, piled forward in search of the winner.

Lance Cadogan, replacing Eamon O'Connor, almost inspired the goal for Don Lucas with his first touch, but it was left to big centre back Janaway to wrap up the points in the 90th minute.

Dangerman Shodeinde won a free kick on the edge of the area and Steve Lucas floated the kick in for Janaway to head the spectacular last-second winner.

Wembley: Fanner, Feherty, S Lucas, Murphy, Janaway, Smith, Simpson, Shodeinde, D Lucas, O'Connor (Cadogan, 80).

Charitable 'Wares

Edgware 3, Finchley 2
CHARITY almost began at home as Edgware allowed Vauxhall-Opel first division Finchley to erode their three goal first half lead on Wednesday last week.

'Wares, however, held out for a deserved Middlesex Charity Cup victory and now face an away tie at Uxbridge in the quarter finals.

Charalambous converted a Murphy cross via a Finchley defender to put the home side ahead after 20 minutes.

And 'Wares superiority was underlined when Hills

set Ron tully up to score from 25 yards soon after.

Tully then set up the goal of the game, outpacing the Finchley back four and crossing for the incoming Murphy to fire home.

But despite continuing to dominate in the second half, 'Wares let their visitors back into the match.

First they conceded a disputed penalty when Ede handled in the box and ten minutes from the end sloppy tackles from Ede and Finnelly let Finchley in again.

Edgware: Whelan, Smith, Finnelly, Mangon, Ede, Dorris, Dourlambous, Walsh, Tully, Hills, Murphy. Sub: Cole, Miles.

Lane on the wane

Pennhill 3, Rayners Lane 0
RAYNERS LANE produced another disappointing performance on Saturday as they lost for the second week running, this time going down to a poor Pennhill side.

With Tiggy Robson still out with chest infection and Phil Lynn missing after being injured in training, 17-year-old Danny Mills made his first-team debut, partnering Paul Abell in the centre of defence.

And with Rolan Mat-

thews returning after suspension, Lane were looking to beat a side lower than them in the table.

But on the day Lane got exactly what they deserved, with hardly a direct shot on goal in the game.

"We were terrible," said Lane boss Don Durkin. "We played as individuals and not as a team. I felt sorry for the youngster Mills, coming into a side that played so badly."

Abell, Whelan, Mangon, Collins, Mills, Barton, Finnelly, Matthews.

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'Stones shot down by Harrier aces

Kidderminster Harriers 5 Wealdstone 2

WEALDSTONE felt the full force of Kidderminster's hungry attack on Saturday when losing 5-2 — a defeat which keeps them rooted in the bottom three, writes Dave Free.

The game started brightly for the visitors and early pressure was rewarded when Paul Miller ran into the penalty area and almost reached the byline, before slotting home from an acute angle past 'keeper Jones.

Kidderminster, with many enforced changes through injury and poor form, took time to settle.

But after 30 minutes they quickly turned a one goal deficit into a one goal lead, courtesy of a double strike by Paul Davies, whose current list of admirers include Tottenham, Blackburn and Wolves.

First he was alert to lob keeper Bob Iles after Stones failed to clear. Then within moments Byatt and Iles got in a tangle and Davies nipped in to finish clinically.

Doug McClure was booked for a trip during the first half and Wealdstone were left wondering why they failed to capitalise on their early domination.

Almost straight from the restart, Kidderminster took the game by the scruff of the neck and Casey increased their lead, outpacing Bowgett down the right before slotting past Iles.

Wealdstone were then reduced to ten men when Bowgett's unhappy afternoon ended with him being dismissed for an off the ball incident.

As is often the case, the ten men raised their game and managed to pull a goal back when Mark Graves nipped in to score after a dramatic mix up in the Kidderminster defence.

Looking for the equaliser, Stones threw caution to the wind and they repeatedly found themselves back peddling when Kidderminster counter attacked.

The fourth Kidderminster goal was, to say the least, rather fortunate.

A fiercely hit clearance from the Wealdstone penalty area rebounded off another player straight into the six yard box and fell at the feet of Kim Casey, who tapped home.

If Casey's second was lucky, his third can only be described as brilliant.

From the half way line he outpaced the now beleaguered Stones' defence and, on reaching the edge of the area, slotted home with superb accuracy.

Wealdstone's misery was completed when nearly all of the bottom placed Conference teams picked up points.

Wales: Iles, Taylor, McCall, Byatt, Bowgett, Graves, Greenaway, Wallace, Miller, Doyle (Cordick), Donnellan. Other sub: Yeago (not used).

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