

## ALL THE LATEST FOOTBALL NEWS

## Dons' wait goes on

HENDON under-21s' Middlesex County League Senior Open Cup tie at Broadfields was called off again – four months after the game's original date.

The fixture, originally scheduled for November 26 2009, was called off on Friday afternoon after heavy rain the previous night.

The game has now been rescheduled yet again, with the two sides set to clash on April 10, almost seven months after Hendon defeated London United Football Academy in round two.

■ Hendon under-16s came up

with one of their best performances of the entire season to defeat Manor Youth in the Harrow Youth Football League on Sunday morning.

Zola Msimanga and Junior Abass scored in the first half for the Dons, although they were fortunate to lead 2-1 at the break after Manor missed a penalty just before half-time.

Manor did equalise in the second half, with just nine minutes remaining, but Hendon responded well and Abass won it with a late 25-yard shot to give Hendon a terrific win from an end to end contest.

## Super Mario comes to the rescue

## KODAK 4 COPLAND 4

MARIO Grant's late brace rescued a point for Copland after they squandered a two-goal lead to come within a whisker of defeat against Kodak.

Copland were the better side for most of the contest, and their dominance paid off in the opening stages with two quickfire early goals.

Bertram Williams was brought down 10 yards outside the penalty area, and Anton Anderson stepped up to send the ball over the wall and past the sprawling Kodak keeper via the aid of a deflection.

Things got even better for the visitors when Darren Turner picked the ball up just inside his own half and turned the right-back inside out, before cutting into the area and chipping the goalkeeper brilliantly.

Copland could not have wished for a better start, but they were pegged back out of the blue as Kodak rallied before half-time.

A well-worked headed goal reduced the deficit to 2-1 and, before Copland could recover, Chris Lockwood was penalised for a push in the box and Kodak dragged themselves level from the penalty spot.

The second half began with the game in the balance, and Williams might have put Copland back in front with a drive which flew just wide.

But two goals in quick succession looked to wrench the points from Copland's grasp, as they conceded a third on the counter-attack, and a fourth shortly afterwards.

Grant was brought on as Copland searched for a way back into the match, and after Anderson rattled a free kick over the

bar, Copland's mounting pressure paid dividends when Williams played in Grant, who stroked the ball across the keeper to make it 4-3.

Incredibly, it was 4-4 moments later. The excellent Williams was involved again, breaking out of defence and playing a perfect pass down the right wing for Grant, who slotted home the equaliser to seal a deserved point for his side.

## In-form Kilburn are peaking at the right time

## PENN &amp; TYLERS GREEN 2 SOUTH KILBURN 3

SOUTH Kilburn completed a welcome trio of away wins with a narrow 3-2 victory at Penn & Tylers Green on Saturday.

After a sorry run of just four points from six games in the Hellenic League Division One East, Kilburn finally returned to form last week with a 4-3 win at Newbury.

That was followed in midweek by a 2-0 triumph at play-off hopefuls Milton United, where Damien Berdier and Jake Manners got the goals.

On Saturday, they pulled off another impressive result, as two goals from Jerome Scarlett and a Scott Nemes header led them to the three points.

With Kilburn just outside the play-offs in sixth, they now face a tough Easter weekend against two of the sides above them.

Fourth-placed Holyport United visit Vale Farm on Saturday, before Wokingham & Embrook, currently second, make the trip to north London on Easter Monday.

## Groundhoppers returns to Brent

THE next match in the Middlesex League's 'groundhoppers' series will take place this month at LPOSSA FC.

The game will take place on Saturday April 17 at the LPR club, 136 Greenford Road, Harrow, Middlesex, HA1 3QL.

Admission is free, and match programmes will be on sale for £2. Email [bill.gibbons@sky.com](mailto:bill.gibbons@sky.com) to confirm interest.

## Broadway are cup kings!

## BROADWAY CELTIC 1 FULWELL CITY 1 BROADWAY WON 5-3 ON PENS

GARY White and Ray Fitzpatrick were the penalty shoot-out heroes as Broadway Celtic came through a nailbiting 120 minutes to lift the Middlesex County Cup on Sunday.

In a tense clash which was in the balance for virtually the whole afternoon at Northwood FC's ground, Broadway had to come from behind to keep their hopes alive with a late

equaliser, and they scored all five of their spot-kicks to spark a night of wild celebrations.

Broadway started the brighter, but it was goalkeeper White who produced the first outstanding save on 35 minutes when he got down well to tip a 20-yard drive around the post.

They had another let off just before half-time when a Fulwell shot was headed against the crossbar, but Celtic asserted themselves in the second half as the match became a tight cat and mouse contest of few chances.

Broadway feared the worst when Paul Kelly had a goal disallowed for offside on 70 minutes, and nine minutes later disaster struck, as Fulwell grabbed the opening goal at the far post.

A goal down, Celtic needed something special, and they only had to wait 30 seconds for it to arrive. From the restart, Fitzpatrick crossed and Paul Kelly rose to bullet a header from the edge of the box into the top corner.

Into extra-time, it was Broadway who pressed for the crucial second goal. With the clock ticking down, Fitzpatrick set up Ryan Fortune with a glorious chance, but he scuffed the shot wastefully wide.

The final whistle only heightened the tension, and with Broadway dispatching their first four kicks the pressure was on Fulwell's fourth penalty taker.

But White flung himself to keep the effort out, setting the stage for Fitzpatrick to step up and slot home the decisive kick, and win the trophy for Broadway Celtic.



Kelly's Heroes: Paul Kelly (right) celebrates his equaliser for Broadway Celtic against Fulwell City, while assistant manager Dave Brennan revels in the trophy win with a new addition to the family. Pics: Andrew Aleksiejczuk

**Broadway Celtic:** White, Ovidu, D Gordon, Gilbride, Free, M Kelly, O'Leary, Carroll, Moriarty, Butler, P Kelly.



## Jevan's strike ends Sharks' season on a high

## QUEENS PARK SHARKS 3 BELSIZE PARK 2

JEVAN Nugent was the last-gasp hero for the Sharks as they fought out an epic final match of the season.

Nugent capped a great comeback with the winning goal just before the full-time whistle, after the Sharks had looked like ending their campaign on a sour note.

Queens Park came into the match desperate to finish on a winning note after an indifferent season, but they made a dreadful start when Sharks old boy Brett English gifted his old side the opening goal after only three minutes.

But English and his new side quickly rallied, and they first equalised and then took the lead before the interval as the Sharks lost their early momentum.

Both teams were determined not to lose in the second half, with a hotly-contested midfield battle taking over and chances at a minimum. Louis Flynn came into his own with some excellent defending to deny Belsize any space in the middle of the park.

But Belsize looked the likelier side to score

and extend their lead, with only some resolute Queens Park defending keeping them at bay.

The hard work paid off, as Alexi Stevens scored a sensational equaliser for the Sharks with just 10 minutes left, embarking on a mazy run and beating four players before slotting home to bring the sides level.

A point apiece seemed the likely, and fair, result. But the excellent Flynn then released Nugent through on goal, and he finished brilliantly to give his side the lead.

The Sharks saw out a frantic final few minutes, and dug in to ensure a winning end to the campaign.

## Wembley youngsters rack up the goals

AFC WEMBLEY enjoyed an unbeaten weekend, with wins for the under-nines, under-10s, under-11s and under-15s.

Amari Ofusu-Newman grabbed a brace of goals in the under-nines' 3-1 win at LNER in Division Two. Keano Mason was also on target.

The under-10Cs were in action in Division Six, and emerged from an entertaining clash with a 4-2 victory at Hayes Gate.

The under-11s were also among the goals, hammering opponents Actual

Soccer 6-3 in Division One.

Sellasia Beckford scored Wembley under-13s' goal in a 1-1 draw with Mill Hill in the Premier Division.

But Wembley's biggest win of the weekend came for the under-15s in their home clash with Pinnacle. Toju Raine was on target with a brace of goals, while Craig Manderson and Romario Neat were also on target in thoroughly one-sided encounter.

There were no games for the under-10Bs, under-10Cs and under-14s.

## Wreckers survive scare to march 12 points clear

## GIBBONS WRECKERS 3 PINNER 2

GIBBONS Wreckers surged 12 points clear at the top of the Harrow Youth League Division Two – but they had to survive a second-half onslaught to do so.

The Wreckers were awarded an early penalty when Shakyale Melford cut across the chasing defender and was brought down, and the striker dusted himself down to fire the penalty into the top left-hand corner.

Excellent wing play from Dami Oguntade soon brought the second goal, his delivery setting up an easy chance which Liam Evans converted with ease.

With Pinner firmly on the defensive, Oguntade then picked the ball up and ran half the length of the pitch before pulling it back across goal, where Kane Clifford was on hand to smash home goal number three.

The second half should have proved a formality for the Wreckers, but the contest was thrown wide open again when the Wreckers keeper was caught off his line by a speculative lob, which sailed into the net.

And it was soon 3-2: a Pinner striker hitting the crossbar and the rebound tapped home by his strike partner.

The game became an end to end contest but, despite a number of late Pinner corners, the Wreckers held on to take the points.

**Gibbons Wreckers:** Conceicao, Tomlin, Cummins, Murphy, Moncherie, Oguntade, Clifford, Corcoran, Melford, Evans, Reid.

■ RAYMOND Corcoran scored both the Wreckers' goals in a 2-2 draw with Watling Club on Sunday, while the under-nines won their season finale on Saturday, thanks to Sameer Moosa's goal against Greenford Celtic.