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SPORT

FOOTBALL

Ojumu gets fantastic four

Saffron Rangers 5
Cambourne Rovers 1

Leke Ojumu helped himself to four goals in a comfortable win for Rangers in NMC 2A on Saturday at Cambourne Rovers. The win was set up by a superb all-round team display. He opened the scoring from the penalty spot on 15 minutes with the only goal of the first half. But he hit a second half treble, with King adding the other, before Cambourne grabbed a late consolation. Rangers face rivals Steeple Bumpstead away on Saturday, 2pm kick off.

Saffron Rangers 2
Saffron Dynamos 2

Saffron Dynamos rescued a point on Saturday with an injury-time penalty against rivals Rangers. Rangers took a two-goal lead into half time but a revitalised Dynamos were more determined after the break. Daniel Clarke smashed home in a crowded goal-mouth to pull one back on 82 minutes, and Daniel Rouse notched the equaliser from the spot after Jon Walker was hacked down in the box. Dynamos host Sawston Rovers Res at Carver Barracks on Saturday, 2pm kick off.

Abacus 3
White Roding 2

Abacus extended their unbeaten run to six and cemented their place at the top of the Terry Reed North West Essex, Division 1 table. Steve Ley opened the scoring with a controlled volley and Peter Flack headed home the second. Anderson calmly lofted the ball over the keeper for the third. Roding scored twice but it was not enough as Abacus took the points.

Hadham Villa 1
Saffron Hawks 2

Saffron Hawks men put in a good performance to beat Hadham in a top-of-the-table clash. A bullet header from skipper Adam Murphy put them ahead but Villa levelled in late on. Jamie Hensen rounded the keeper and slotted home to win the game in the dying minutes.

Walden Ladies 0 Chelmsford City Ladies 1

A spirited performance wasn't enough to see Walden past a determined Chelmsford side in the second round of the county trophy. Walden keeper Krissie Glover was in scintillating form, pulling off a string of outstanding saves to keep the scores level, and Karli Millard and Zoe Wilson defended solidly. Kayleigh Nolan was a constant menace up front. Chelmsford's winner came in the second half.

Mayle delivers three to keep team on top



LADIES HOCKEY

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Saffron Walden 4
Wisbech Town 2
NE14 East Women's League,
Div 1

Stef Mayle hit a hat-trick as Walden maintained their place as joint league leaders with victory over promotion rivals Wisbech, on Saturday.

The hosts dominated the first half, using short passing and working in pairs to manoeuvre the ball from defence to attack.

This tactic paid dividends when Walden won a short corner that Mayle converted. Scorer then turned provider as Mayle expertly kept

possession in midfield, played an accurate straight pass to Katherine Langridge who fed Kate Robinson in space on the right. Robinson's pace took her past the sole defender, rounded the Wisbech keeper and using reverse stick passed the ball into an unguarded goal.

Wisbech had their chances and were dangerous on the break. Some timely interceptions from Suzanne Holmes and two vital saves from Olivia Doust kept Walden in front, and shortly before the break the hosts had a further reprieve when Wisbech missed a penalty stroke.

Mayle slotted in from close range to extend Walden's lead before Wisbech snatched a goal back, giving them confidence to press higher up the pitch.

This pressure made it difficult for Walden to re-create the fluency of the first half and the game got scrappy.



■ Ben Stapleton scored one of Walden's two tries. Picture: JAMIE PLUCK

Walden thumped in cup clash

Old Priorians 50 Saffron Walden 15
Intermediate Cup, second round

Saffron Walden came down to earth with a bump as they crashed out of the Intermediate Cup in west London.

With several players unavailable and with Old Priorians unbeaten in London NW2, it was always going to be tough ask for those that endured the journey to Ealing.

Walden started slowly and gave away two tries in the first six minutes. Things were looking ominous when the hosts added another three points.

Full-back Tom Price kicked the second of two penalties to narrow the gap to 15-3 but the remainder of the half belonged to the home side as they



■ Main, Walden defend a short corner in Saturday's match.
■ Inset, Stef Mayle hit a hat-trick in Walden's win over Wisbech.
Pictures: JAMIE PLUCK

Yet Walden were able to re-establish their three-goal lead, Mayle capping a fine performance with a deflection from a Tash Cox cross, before Wisbech scored again late on.

IN BRIEF

Regional success for Newport boys

HOCKEY: Newport Free Grammar School's U16 boys have qualified for the regional indoor hockey finals after winning the Cambridgeshire heats.

They won 2-0 against The Perse thanks to goals from George Pitfield and Spencer Hill. Pitfield was again on the scoresheet against Peterborough-based Thomas Deacon, with further goals added by Alex Beer and Hill. The regionals will be in Bedford on December 8 with the top two teams going on to the national finals.

In the girls' competition, Newport beat The Perse 4-1 with goals from Victoria Hill (2), Millie Bushnell and Kate Robinson. They won the second game against Kimbolton with Bushnell and Robinson scoring. The regionals are on November 30 at the University of Essex.

Buchallet first home for TRI in Grafham comp

DUATHLON: Two members of Walden TRI took part in the Nice Tri sprint duathlon, held at Grafham Water.

The race consisted of a 5km run, 20km bike, and another 3km run and was a GB qualifier for the European Sprint Distance Duathlon Championships, to be held in Horst, Holland, next April. Michael Buchallet was the first home for Walden TRI, finishing 41st overall in a time of 1hr 3mins 22secs. He was closely followed by Pete Thompson, who finished in 1hr 5mins 13secs, winning his age group overall with a 2.30-minute lead over second place.

Both qualified for their respective age groups.

Young referees enjoy evening with Friend

FOOTBALL: Members of Plantation Youth attended an evening with Premier League referee Kevin Friend, organised jointly by Cams FA and Cambridgeshire Referees Association.

Daniel Weeks, Jordan Hampton, Joshua Broughall and Freddie Found have recently qualified as referees under the 'Partner Club' system granted to Plantation, and are officiating games within Cams FA area to gain experience.