

Wroxham put six past poor United

RIDGEONS LEAGUE

Wroxham 6, Norwich Utd 1
WROXHAM produced their best form for several games, skating across a treacherous surface to thoroughly earn all three Premier Division points.

The Planters, who were lightweight up front, failed to master the conditions in a relentless downpour, even though they opened the scoring with an early goal from Dale Cooper.

Straight from the kick-off the Yachtsmen equalised through Gary McGee and in the 15th minute Justin Fox put his team in the lead thanks to a solo effort.

On the half-hour Shaun Howes delivered a banana free-kick for number three and in the 73rd minute Craig Lawrence turned the ball into his own net to put the result beyond doubt.

Russell Stock and Gavin Lemmon completed the Yachtsmen's scoreline in the closing minutes.

Yarmouth 0, Leiston 2
LEISTON avenged an early-season defeat with a comfortable win at Wellesley Road.

The first-half remained goal-less but it didn't take long for Leiston to score in the second half when a fine ball from Ratcliffe released Taylor and he raced through to net.

Twenty minutes later, great persistence from Whatling allowed Saker an easy tap-in. In the closing stages careless defending almost gifted Yarmouth a consolation, but Tierney hit a post.

Fakenham 4, Ely 2
THE Ghosts extended their unbeaten run in all competitions to seven, but saw a 2-0 lead slip to 2-2 by half-time of this Division One match. Fakenham should have had more than two goals in the second half, from Wayne Coe on the hour and Pask in the 78th minute.

Ely had Mark Atkins sent off 10 minutes from time for dissent to the referee.

Whitton 2, Kirkley 1
KIRKLEY lost by the odd goal of three after falling behind to two killer goals by journeyman Glen Driver in the first 17 minutes.

This was after Kirkley had lost influential defender Zak Colman in the eight minute.

'Emlyn's enthusiasm was unbelievable'

NORWICH CITY assistant manager Doug Livermore has paid tribute to his former Liverpool team-mate Emlyn Hughes.

Hughes, who skippered the great Liverpool side of the 1970s and was famed for his charisma and outgoing personality, died of a brain tumour yesterday at the age of 57.

During his time at Anfield, Hughes made 665 appearances, won two European Cups, two UEFA Cups, four league titles and one FA Cup.

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"I was young lad Liverpool when Bi Shankly signed Emlyn for Blackpool. I was with him for three seasons so," said



Livermore. "He was a fantastic professional, his or the game was and he's ended Liverpool legend. I remember he's and the trophies on speak for the man if.

big thing about was he was a footballer - he lay left-back or

ERPOOL GEND: Emlyn Hughes.

central defence - and when he came in to Liverpool he went straight into the first team and you had to be a special player to do that.

"I was fortunate enough to play in the team with him on several occasions and he was a fantastic player."

Livermore added: "He was always very, very lively whatever he was trying to do and it didn't surprise me when he went into the media.

"He was always great fun on Question of Sport - he was always a lot of fun whatever he was doing."

Saints' boss hopes Beattie can be his saviour

Wigley prayer call

JAMES BEATTIE could be rushed back into Premiership action as Steve Wigley fights for his job as Southampton boss in the local derby against Portsmouth on Saturday after a crushing and humiliating 5-2 Carling Cup defeat by Watford.

Star striker Beattie, still warmly tipped to join Aston Villa in January despite Saints' illegal approach charge against them, has missed six games with a double fracture of a toe but returned to training this week - and desperate times call for desperate measures.

That is just what Saints and Wigley are in. Goalkeeper Antti Niemi's likely three-weeks absence following a knee operation only makes matters worse.

"It is a big blow because Antti is probably our best player but James could be available. We will have to wait and see," said a depressed Wigley after his side were hit for five by ninth-in-the-Championship Watford last night.

"We could be at our most healthy for a long time," added the St Mary's head coach who



is still looking for his first Premiership win at the 11th attempt and could bring French winger Fabrice Fernandes and beanpole striker Peter Crouch also back in contention.

"The players shouldn't need picking up," he insists. "It is Portsmouth at home on Saturday and I'm confident there will be a positive reaction to that if they are the group of people I think they are."

"It is a massive game and if we can win that this defeat at Watford won't exactly be forgotten - there's no chance of that with me because the performance is a reflection on my ability - but it would certainly fade in the memory a bit."

But it is clear that the beleaguered Wigley could certainly do with picking up.

He admits: "If I'm honest, I've found out a few things about some of my players. There was just not enough aggression out there against Watford. Full stop."

He said: "I've not walked away from things in the past and I'm going to get the team ready for Saturday."



ANXIOUS: Southampton manager Steve Wigley is fighting for his survival losing 5-2 to Watford in the Carling Cup.

Benitez to get tough with under-performing Kewell

LIVERPOOL manager Rafael Benitez has told Harry Kewell he needs to work on his fitness.

The former Leeds midfielder has come under fire for his display in the defeat by Birmingham at Anfield last Saturday.

Kewell was forced into a striking role from midfield in the absence of injured duo Djibril Cisse and Milan Baros.

The Australian international faded after a bright start, and his career at Liverpool has

not yet taken off following his move from Leeds in the summer of 2003.

Benitez said: "We know he can play better because he is a good player. He is one of the best in England."

"He needs to improve his physical condition. After that, things might be different."

"Harry needs to regain confidence and to improve his physical level. Once he does that he will be okay."

"The problem is when you play one month with muscle problems and then go with the national team and lose 10 days you have problems when you come back."

Benitez will give a run-out to a number of fringe players for the Carling Cup tie against holders Middlesbrough at Anfield tonight.

Neil Mellor and Florent Sinama-Pongolle are expected to be paired up front, with Baros still troubled by a hamstring injury.

RESULTS AND TABLES

SOCCER

Coca Cola Cup, fourth round

Arsenal	3	Everton	1
Owusu-Abeyie 25	Graveson 8		
Lupoli 52, 81	Att. 27,791		
Burnley	0	Tottenham	3
Att. 10,639	Keane 31, 52	Defoe 58	
Cardiff	0	Portsmouth	2
Att. 13,555	Yakubu 47, pen 55		
Watford	5	Southampton	2
Dyer 39	Blackstock 84		
Chambers 52, 62	Ormerod 88		
Helguson 66	Att. 13,008		
Bouazza 84			

Coca Cola League One

Blackpool	2	Wrexham	1
Clarke 46	Holt 23		
Taylor pen 66	Att. 5,054		
Bristol City	4	Tranmere	0
Brooker 19, 57	Att. 11,098		
Wilks 41, pen 90			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Luton	17	12	2	3	34	18	38
Tranmere	16	9	5	3	26	20	32
Hull	17	10	2	5	28	22	32
Bournemouth	17	9	3	5	31	21	30
Bradford	17	9	2	6	28	25	29
Brentford	17	8	4	5	21	22	28
Bristol City	17	7	6	4	34	23	27
Chesterfield	17	7	5	5	23	17	26
Hartlepool	17	8	2	7	26	28	26
Huddersfield	17	7	4	6	28	23	25
Swindon	17	7	4	6	28	25	25
Sheff Wed	17	6	6	5	25	23	24
Port Vale	17	7	2	8	20	24	23
Doncaster	17	6	5	6	21	26	23
Colchester	17	6	4	7	26	22	22
Wrexham	16	5	6	5	18	23	21
Barnsley	17	4	6	7	21	23	18
Blackpool	17	4	6	7	21	25	18
Walsall	17	4	6	7	24	30	18
Peterborough	17	4	5	8	19	19	17
Oldham	17	4	4	9	21	27	16

Torquay	16	3	6	7	20	27	15
MK Dons	17	3	5	9	20	31	14
Stockport	17	2	4	11	16	35	10

CIS Insurance Cup, quarter-finals

Dundee Utd	2	Hibernian	1
McIntyre 87, 107	Riordan 31		
After extra time	Att. 4,865		
Livingston	0	Motherwell	5
Att. 2,866	Dorado og 3		
	Foran 38, pen 60		
	O'Donnell 57		
	Wright 90		

FA Trophy 1st rd replay: Southport 2, Gateshead 1 (winners away to King's Lynn on November 27).

Southern League, Premier Division: Hednesford 1 Bath 1.

Ridgions League, Premier Division: Clacton 0 Newmarket 1 (64), Histon Res v Bury postponed, Mildenhall 3 Cambridge

City Res 2 (139)	Soham v King's Lynn
Res post, Wisbech v Dereham post,	
Woodbridge 2 Harwich 5 (102), Wroxham	
6 Norwich Utd 1 (98), Yarmouth 0 Leiston	
2 (85).	

Division One: Fakenham 4 Ely 2 (59),

Felixstowe 4 Tiptree 1 (78), Godmanchester 1 March 2 (79), Hadleigh 0 Ipswich Wanderers 3 (92), Long Melford v Haverhill post, Swaffham 2 Downham 1 (80), Whitton 2 Kirkley 1 (38).

Youth Plate, preliminary round: Dereham 3 Fakenham 8.

Lovewell Blake Anglian Combination, Premier Division: Lowestoft Res 3 Gorleston Res 1.

Division Three: Norwich Utd Res 2 South Walsham 0.

TONIGHT'S SOCCER

(kick-off 7.45pm unless stated)
Carling Cup, fourth round: Liverpool v

Middlesbrough (8), Manchester Utd v
Crystal Palace (8), Newcastle v Chelsea,
Notm Forest v Fulham.

CIS Insurance Cup, fourth round:

Dunfermline v Hearts, Rangers v Celtic.
Barclays Premiership Reserve League: Norwich Res v Southampton Res (7.30), Watford Res v Tottenham Res (7).

Ridgions League, Premier Division: Gorleston v Lowestoft, Histon Res v Bury, Stowmarket v AFC Sudbury.

Division One: Saffron Walden v Cornard, Stanway v Needham Market.

Ridgions Youth Plate, preliminary round: Downham v Ely, Yarmouth v Norwich Utd.

Arthur Brown Memorial Shield, final: St Andrews v Aylsham Wanderers (Holt Sports Centre, 7.30).

Rumble from the jungle is all good

► From back page. pay per view," said Hunt, ensuring that he is well aware of Norwich's plight. Well, almost.

"I knew Norwich were having a hard time, but didn't know they hadn't won a game," said Hunt, forced into early retirement after contracting post-viral fatigue syndrome in the autumn of 2000.

He is still, however, steeped in the Charlton-way - all of which makes for encouraging reading.

"It is tough to survive in the Premier League and it took Charlton two attempts to finally grab a firm footing and stay there," said Hunt.

"But Norwich seem to have a good approach to their success and I believe have even based some of it on Charlton's philosophy.

"The only way to survive is to build steadily and that is what Norwich seem to be doing."

As for Hunt himself, from a distance he looks to have done completely the right thing after an attempted comeback via Charlton Reserves in October, 2003, ended in disappointment.

"I wasn't really that close to making a comeback," admitted Hunt. "I was still unable to get my fitness levels high enough to sustain training and playing at the professional level."

"But I'm very glad I tried and Charlton were kind enough to allow me the opportunity to try," said Hunt, revealing that old habits die hard - he's still playing the game that he's long loved deep in the jungles of Central America.

"I was training and playing in Belize on muddy cow fields and rock hard pitches, but it was all a bit too easy. I was playing with local teams and scoring so many goals, but the physical side is beyond me."

As for how he ended up in Belize, that's all down to the power of the internet and the desire for a little adventure.

"Simone and myself both wanted to leave England and go on a bit of an adventure and we actually found Belize through searching through the internet."

"We had a completely open mind about where we would move to and as I had just retired from football it felt like a good time to do it."

"So we made a set of requirements which included warm weather, good value for money so we could get some land and a nice house and close to the United States. So Belize came up, we researched it more and it seemed like the perfect place for us," said Hunt, clearly in love with his new home.

"It's such a unique place. It's surrounded by coconut trees, banana trees and papayas. And we live next to the biggest equestrian center in the country, have animals everywhere and a beautiful resort which we have almost finished renovating."

■ For further information on Andy Hunt's new life running the Belize Jungle Dome tap into the website at www.greendragonbelize.com