



● Hendon's Jenny Wilson (left) and Hampstead's Tracey Carr find the ball has a mind of its own in Sunday's derby.

Litaba's extra-time special

Hampstead Women 0,
Hendon Women 1 (aet)

A LAST-GASP goal by skipper Oyiela Litaba put Hendon through to the quarter-finals of the Middlesex Cup after a war of attrition at Paddington on Sunday.

The two teams drew 0-0 in the league earlier in the season and there was still nothing to separate the sides as 20 minutes of extra time drew to a close.

But with the prospect of penalty flicks looking increasingly likely, Hendon centre-half Judith McGinley was fouled on the right wing.

She quickly knocked the free hit into a gap and Litaba was in the right place to steer the ball home first time.

Hendon had taken the match by storm in the opening period and most of their 11 penalty corners came in the first half.

Hampstead gradually recovered their composure as the match went on however and created one or two excellent chances in the second half.

With just two matches left to play, Hampstead and Hendon continue to share the lead at the top of Division Two of the Middlesex League.

On Saturday Hampstead beat Lensbury while Hendon beat Hayes

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1-0 with a McGinley short corner.

Other Hendon results: 2nd lost 2-0 to Ealing, 2As lost 4-0 to Potters Bar, 4ths lost 6-0 to Winchmore Hill.

Beds Eagles 2, Hendon 0

HENDON showed a worrying lack of punch up front in this friendly at Wardown Park, Luton, on Saturday.

And skipper Ian Whittaker will be hoping his forward line is more incisive when Hendon return to action in the Perroni South League at Tilehurst tomorrow.

Hendon are currently 13th of 16 teams in the regional division and must pick up more points in the next few weeks to be sure of avoiding relegation.

Beds Eagles, who play at a similar level to Hendon in the East league, took the lead ten minutes into the second half direct from a short corner.

Rob Bush was close to scoring from a short corner for the second time in the match before a cross by Dave Kerr went agonisingly close to both Chris Sarfas and Steve Lewis in front of a virtually unguarded net.

But 15 minutes from the end Beds Eagles made sure with a second goal. Hendon were slow to close

down a player wide on the right and his cross was eventually picked up and converted at the far post.

Other results: 2nds beat Harpenden 2nds 6-2 (Ayliffe 3, Harris 2, Holton); 3rds lost 4-1 to Cheshunt II (Pike); 4ths lost 3-0 to Cheshunt 3rds; 4As lost 1-0 to Cheshunt 4ths; 5ths lost 8-0 to Beds Eagles 4ths.

Hampstead 6, Lensbury 0

HAMPSTEAD took their tally to 13 goals in three matches with this one-sided victory over Lensbury in a friendly at Paddington on Saturday.

Derek Stone gave Hampstead the lead when he knocked home a rebound from a short corner, then Jeff Gibson scored first time from a similar set-piece.

By half-time it was 3-0. Simon Blandford converting a penalty flick after Greg Carr had been body-checked in the area.

Hugh Evans, switched to centre-forward, scored the best goal of the game with a tremendous solo effort from near the half-way line.

Then Gibson repeated his first half strike and Carr got his name on the score sheet when following up yet another corner.

Hampstead face a stiffer task tomorrow when they take on Indian Gymkhana of the national league in a friendly at Feltham (5pm).