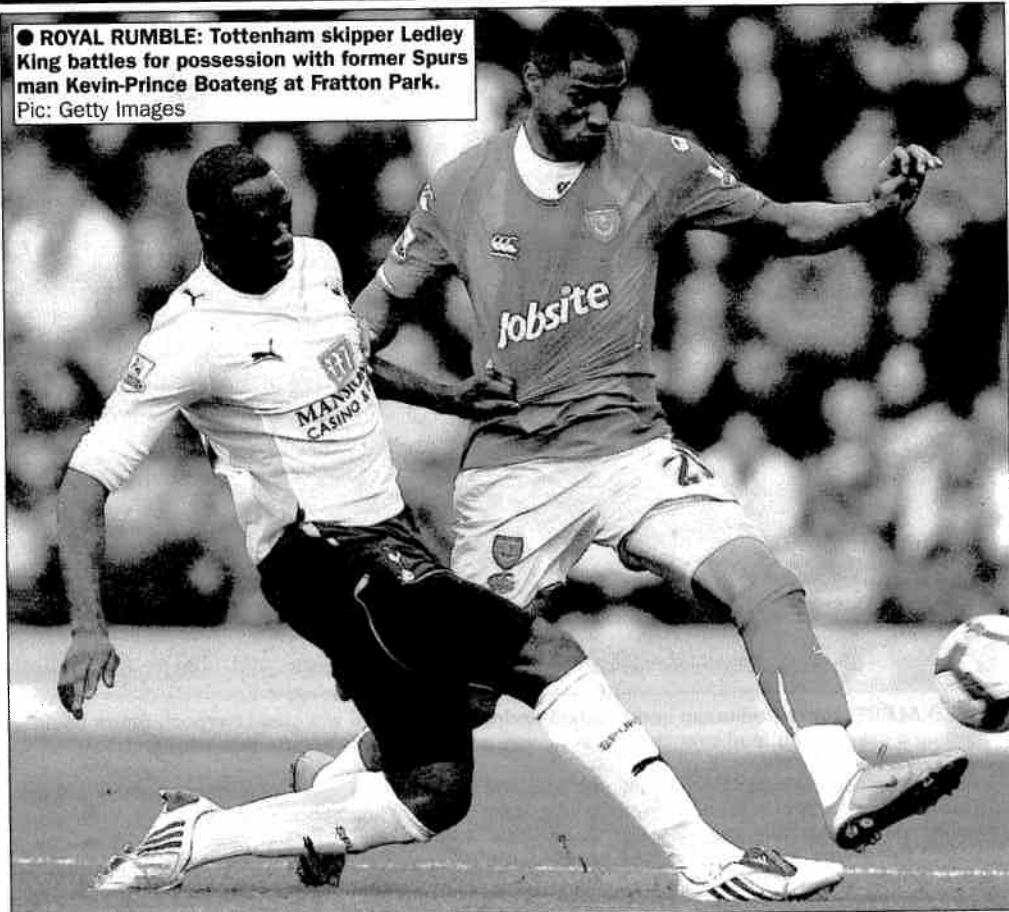


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● ROYAL RUMBLE: Tottenham skipper Ledley King battles for possession with former Spurs man Kevin-Prince Boateng at Fratton Park.
Pic: Getty Images



Hampstead girls set for Tottenham test

HAMPSTEAD Women have landed a dream tie against Tottenham after defeating Haringey Borough in the London Senior Cup.

John Baker's side knocked out Haringey - who play four

divisions above them - with a 2-1 win in extra time, earning them the right to host Spurs at the Heath Extension in January.

The winners of that tie will then take on Arsenal and Baker said: "This is exactly why they

say the cup brings such romance. It's a chance for the little team to prove themselves on the big stage."

Char Blackmore opened the scoring on Sunday, but Haringey equalised and it needed an extra-time winner from Val Toro to take Hampstead into the next round.

Redknapp to make Spurs his last stop

Ben Pearce

FOOTBALL

HARRY Redknapp has announced that he intends to finish his managerial career at Tottenham, 26 years after he took charge of his first club.

The Spurs boss took the reins at Bournemouth on October 19 1983. And, while he has no plans to manage another team after Spurs, he dreams of returning to Dean Court in some capacity.

"Will Tottenham be my last club? I've said it before haven't I, I don't know, I hope so," said the 62-year-old. "I hope Daniel [Levy] keeps me here for a few years and I hope I keep doing a good job. I'd like it to be.

"But I loved it at West Ham. That, for me, was a great club, I loved it there. And I loved Portsmouth, I did genuinely. I really couldn't have been happier.

"I'd like to finish here but who knows, I may go back to Bournemouth one day, when Eddie [Howe]'s moved on and become a Premier League man-

ager. I'd like to get involved and help them in some form in the future, that's what I'd like to do."

Redknapp may have reiterated that his future lies at White Hart Lane, but he admits that Jamie O'Hara may not return to N17 this season.

The 23-year-old England Under-21 international is currently on loan at Portsmouth, and was ineligible to face the Lilywhites when the north Londoners visited Fratton Park on Saturday.

Redknapp has revealed that he was loath to let the midfielder leave at the end of August, and he was initially intent on bringing him back to Spurs in January.

However, O'Hara has become a key player in Pompey's fight against relegation, and the Spurs boss admits that talks have begun over whether to extend the loan period until the end of the season.

"The option is both ways," Redknapp explained. "We've got to decide whether to let him go. If

Jamie wants to stay and they want to keep him, I'm only too pleased to help Portsmouth and let him stay. It wouldn't be a problem."

● SPURS defender Jonathan Woodgate played the full 90 minutes in a friendly against Dagenham and Redbridge at Spurs Lodge on Tuesday, as he continues to return from a long-term groin injury.

The centre-back joined Michael Dawson, Kyle Naughton and Alan Hutton in defence. Roman Pavlyuchenko netted twice and Dean Parrett grabbed the third goal in a 3-0 win.

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Gunners stay top despite late setback

ARSENE Wenger was left disappointed after Arsenal conceded an injury time equaliser as their seven game winning run ended in Alkmaar on Tuesday night, writes Jem Maidment.

Dutch champions AZ snatched a point when David Mendes da Silva volleyed home from close range after a long free-kick was headed down by substitute Graziano Pelle.

Arsenal, who had taken a 36th minute lead through skipper Cesc Fabregas, had been just seconds away from becoming only the second side in 35 European games to win in Alkmaar.

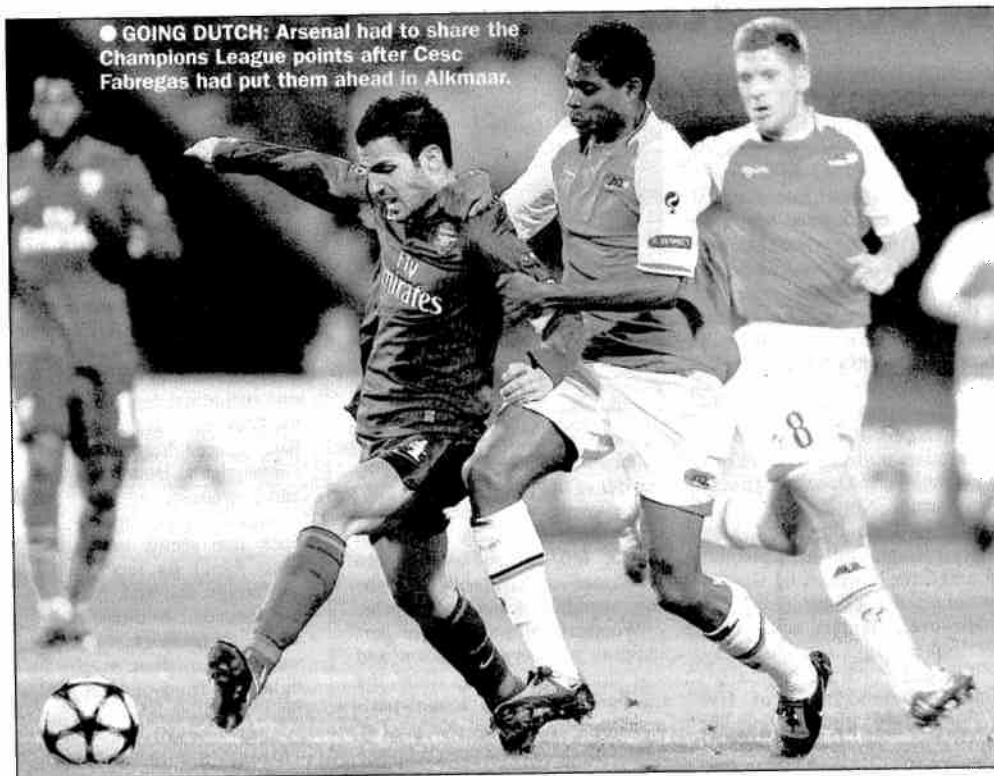
Wenger, who looked frustrated at the final whistle, said: "In the last five minutes of a Champions League match, anything can happen.

"They threw everything forward and felt they could only score on a set-piece, and that is what happened.

"It is frustrating because we looked closer to scoring a second than conceding, but credit to them, they did fight well and went until the last minute."

The Gunners remain top of Champions League Group H and will secure a place in the knockout stages next month if they beat AZ in the return at the Emirates.

"We are still in a strong position. We have three games left, two



● GOING DUTCH: Arsenal had to share the Champions League points after Cesc Fabregas had put them ahead in Alkmaar.

at home, and I believe to win one game will qualify us," said Wenger.

Defender Thomas Vermaelen added: "Last time they [AZ] played here they lost in the last

minute, now they get a point in the last minute.

"It feels a bit like a defeat, I think AZ were a little lucky."

AZ boss Ronald Koeman looked relieved at the end,

although his side remain winless after three games.

"We never lost the spirit," he said. "I am very happy about the result and the performance of the team."