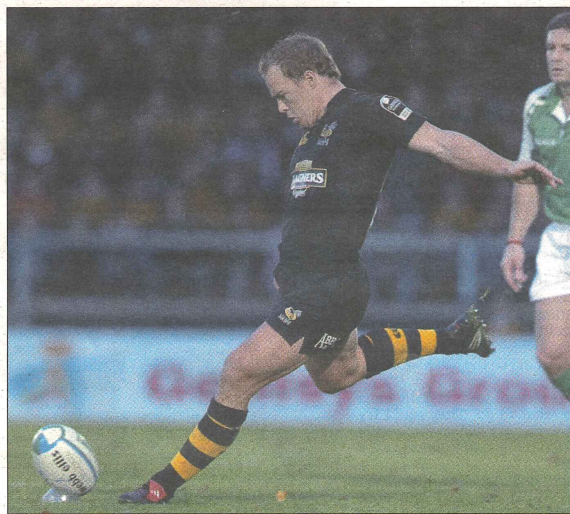


HOUDINI ACTS

Wanderers and Wasps stage dramatic late rescues



Back from the dead ONE: Wanderers mob Clint Easton after his late equaliser



Back from the dead TWO: Mark van Gisbergen's injury-time leveller snatches a draw

WYCOMBE Wanderers and Wasps both produced dramatic Houdini acts in a thrilling weekend of sporting action at Adams Park.

Wanderers came back from 2-0 down against Peterborough United to extend their unbeaten run to 16 matches in League

Two with a 2-2 draw, while Wasps kept their European Cup hopes alive with a last-gasp equalising kick against champions Toulouse.

Full back Mark Van Gisbergen held his nerve in front of a 10,000 sell-out crowd to convert the penalty in the eighth minute of

injury time to earn Wasps a 15-15 draw.

He remained ice-cool to land the penalty which keeps Wasps alive in the competition after last week's shock defeat against Edinburgh left their hopes hanging by a thread.

Van Gisbergen said: "It was

one of those you should kick so I was happy to see it go over.

"We've made it difficult for ourselves but we enjoy a challenge and we're still in with a shout."

And Wanderers left it almost as late.

They saved themselves with

two goals in the last 16 minutes to rescue their unbeaten record.

Skipper and scorer Roger Johnson said: "It just shows what this team is about. We've got great character and refused to be beaten."

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