

Wasps tame Scottish Champions

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Edgware are through to last 16 in Vase

Edgware face Vase holders

EDGWARE gained scant reward for reaching the last 16 of the FA Vase when the 5th round draw on Monday cruelly gave them an away match with holders Gaisley.

Kingsbury pull off cup shock

Chertsey Town 1 Kingsbury Town 3 KINGSBURY pulled off their best victory for several seasons on Tuesday night with a fine performance that put promotion chasing Chertsey out of the Locrite Trophy.

Purfleet put the brake on Edgware

Purfleet 2 Edgware Town 0 EDGWARE tasted defeat for the first time in 22 games on Tuesday when they lost at Purfleet in the Locrite Trophy.

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'We won't go down' says new Borough boss



Borough chairman Martin Murphy welcomes George Borg to Earlsmead.

GEORGE Borg has no doubt about it - Harrow Borough will retain their place in the Premier Division of the Dadora League.

The new Borough boss is a veteran of previous rescue jobs at Barking, Chelmsford and Chesham, and will be expected to achieve similar results at the ailing Earlsmead club.

But is it a lost cause? "Not at all," he said. "We won't go down. "But we need two or three players and it's going to take a bit of time to turn it round. It's not going to happen overnight."

Despite Saturday's 2-1 home defeat by Wokingham, Borg believes Borough are already heading in the right direction.

"I was very encouraged by their performance," he said. "We gave away a couple of sloppy goals but showed a lot of character, kept our heads and were unlucky not to get a point."

New signings from Chesham, defender Warren May and striker David Gipp, both made their debuts against Wokingham.

Others can soon be expected to follow them to Earlsmead. Borg gets down to the arduous task of turning Borough into a winning outfit and away from the threat of Division One soccer.

Confidence high for big cup clash

Same again Wasps!

THERE is great optimism at Sudbury that Wasps are more than capable of repeating their November League victory over Harlequins when the London giants clash again in the Pilkington Cup's match of the round at Repton Avenue on Saturday.

By Alan Bodenham

Huw Davies looks likely to return at fly half for Wasps after a successful outing in Scotland last weekend.

Wasps need no motivation to go out and beat their great rivals. Said coach Rob Smith: "There is no doubt that our players will be well pumped up when they step on the field on Saturday. But the same could be said for Harlequins also."

A cat and mouse game is going on over team selection with neither side anxious to give anything away. The Wasps lineup was not being finalised until after their final training session last night (Thursday). Likewise, Harlequins' coaching supremo Dick Best, who masterminded England's victory over Scotland at Murrayfield on Saturday, is leaving his selection until late.

The man Wasps' supporters fear most in the Harlequins side is Simon Halliday. Playing on the wing for England on Saturday, many nominated him the man of the match and he had a great part in both tries, especially in the second half where his great run set up Morris.

Smith added that as well as this steely determination, he also required concentration and discipline from his players and the game might well turn on soft penalties or silly mistakes.

England prop Jeff Probyn returned unscathed from Murrayfield and looks a certainty to line up in the Wasps front row. But whether he will face Brian Moore and Jason Leonard as well as Harlequins' other four England players, or for that matter Neil Edwards who represented Scotland on Saturday, remains to be seen.

Wasps have yet to beat Harlequins in the Cup. In their previous encounters they lost 19-10 in the 3rd round in 1981/82 and in the 1987/88 semi-final they lost 20-16. All the seats for the big match have been sold but there are still some ground tickets available which will go on sale at the gate at 12 noon. Kick off is at 2.30pm and even if you have a ticket you are advised to arrive early.

Lions on course for County Cup double

Hendon 0 Wembley 2 WEMBLEY'S topsy turvy form of late took an upward again on Monday night when they deservedly defeated Hendon in the Middlesex Senior Cup, writes John Comfort.

edge of the area. Wembley began the second half on top and Brading seemed to walk back over his line after collecting a Charlie Flaherty free kick - but no goal was given.

However, the Lions eventually doubled their lead in the 62nd minute. Henry Clark's corner was pushed onto a post a Brading and Andy O'Brien was on hand to head home the rebound.

It took them a place in the semi-finals of the competition where they meet Northwood away and as they are still in the County Charity Cup, it keeps them on course for a repeat of the County Cup 'double' they achieved back in 1987.

Hendon enjoyed the better of the game after that but rarely looked like cracking a sound Wembley defence. Their best effort came from Tate but Jeff Fanner flew across goal to turn his goalbound shot over the bar.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, O'Brien, Shields, Graham, Adrian Smith, Headlam, Page, Lawrence, Walters. Subs: O'Connell, Shoelands, Bhatta, Martin.

After an evenly contested first half, Wembley led by a 10th minute goal scored in their first attack of the game. Steve Lawrence made it when he flicked the ball through to put Kenny Page clear and the striker craded a great drive on the run past keeper Brading from the

No move for Stones ace

TRANSER listed Wealdstone midfielder Steve Browne is still with the club. Although there have been several enquiries about him, no firm approaches have yet been made.

League match at Whitley Bay. Bobby Hutchinson, who has a collarbone injury, and Charlie Turlinch, with a thigh strain, are still on the injured list and are doubtful for Wembley's visit to Heybridge Swifts on Saturday.

This Saturday Stones visit Atherstone with Jimmy Quinn doubtful with a twisted knee.

Colin Chance missed Edgware Town's Locrite Trophy defeat at Purfleet with a sinus infection but boss Brian Rider hopes he will be fit for Saturday's league match at Tring.

The Barclays Cup third round second leg match at Cambridge has been brought forward to Tuesday to avoid clashing with the televised Liverpool v Arsenal game.

Rayners Lane face Didcot with Gerry Hynes doubtful with a groin injury but Darrell Clements should be available after a bout of flu.

Harrow Borough have no league game on Saturday but they have fixed up a friendly away to neighbours Ruislip Manor on Monday to give them a warm up match for their FA Trophy clash with Sudbury Celtic.

Manager Don Durkin has signed Roger Carpenter from Northwood and also Joe Pascoe has returned to the club after playing Capital League football for Wycombe and Slough as well as having a loan spell at Harrow Borough.

Soccer fixtures

Basar Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone. Dadora League Division One: Heybridge Swifts v Wembley. Dadora League Division Three: Tring Town v Edgware Town. Harlequin League: Rayners Lane v Didcot Town (Lucas Ave, 2.30pm). Friendly: Ruislip Manor v Harrow Borough. Tuesday January 28. Mildred Charity Cup: Chertsey Town v Wokingham. Barclays Cup: Cambridge City v Wealdstone (7.45pm).

Latest league tables

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