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Jones picks up his third title

Wasps want enquiry over called off cup tie

RELATIONS between Wasps and Harlequins are decidedly strained following the controversial cancellation of Saturday's Fourth Round Pilkington Cup clash between the two London giants.

Alan Bodenham
Wasps skipper Mark Rigby certainly did not want to play but took the view that if Harlequins captain Peter Winterbottom thought the pitch too dangerous, he would not force the issue and put the referee under pressure.

Brian Moore has gone on record in a national newspaper denying allegations that he and other players from Harlequins did not want to

Match official Mr Matthews did say later that he would have called the game off anyway, but as Rigby said it would be a brave man to go

against the likes of Winterbottom, England captain Will Carling and England coach Dick Best.
By kick off time conditions had eased considerably at Sudbury, making nonsense of the 12.15pm decision to call off the match.
This point was emphasised further when coach Rob Smith took the Wasps players through a full contact training session on the pitch watched by bemused spectators who could not understand why they were not watching a game of rugby.
A few hundreds yards from the

main pitch on the park adjoining the Wasps ground, two games of local soccer were taking place and at nearby Vale Farm, Wembley Reserves were also in action.
The new date for the Cup tie is Saturday February 8 and Saturday's events ensure the game will now have an extra edge. And one plus for Wasps is that injured players such as Dean Ryan and Damian Hopley could now well come into the reckoning for selection.
Match tickets for Saturday will be valid for the new date. Those

with tickets unable to attend should return them to the club for a refund as soon as possible so the tickets can be sold on.
February 8 was originally a Courage League day and London rivals Saracens were due to visit Sudbury. Possible future dates for this fixture could be February 22 (if Wasps get knocked out of the cup by Harlequins) or March 21.
The Sudbury club have already had to rearrange one fixture this season when the league match against Gloucester was cancelled before

Christmas so fixtures secretary Don Wills will be praying no more competitive matches are lost to the weather. Chances could well ensue if a backlog of games grows any bigger and could well result in league matches being played midweek.
Wasps' losses because of the Cup tie cancellation could run into thousands of pounds according to club officials. A marquee had been erected and lots of extra catering supplies ordered. All these have to be paid for - all in all a painful afternoon for Wasps.

Borough boss gives his verdict on big Trophy clash:

'Don't be surprised if we win'

HFS Loans League Premier Division leaders Stalybridge Celtic provide a tough test for Harrow Borough on Saturday as they bid for a place in the third round of the FA Trophy.
With Borough now in the bottom three in the Diadora League's Premier Division and the threat of relegation hovering over them, the odds seem heavily stacked against the Earlsmead club making any further progress in the competition.
But confident Borough boss George Borg feels his side can spring a surprise against the team which themselves caused a shock in the last round by beating highly placed GM Vauxhall Conference club Altrincham on their

By John Comfort
own ground.
'It will be a very hard game, but I think we'll put on a show,' he said. 'Anything can happen in cup football so don't be surprised if we win.
'I took a mediocre Chelmsford side to Kettering in the FA Cup and we beat them so I'm not going to let this one bother me.
He added: 'We are getting a lot more organised now. If we can perform on the day we'll do alright.'
Borg was hoping to cast an eye over his rivals at the weekend but was foiled by the cancellation of their league game at Whitley Bay.
However, new signing from Chesham Peter Byrne, who was

formerly with Altrincham and Barnet, has seen Stalybridge perform recently and has given his manager the low down on their rivals.
In particular he will have told him about the pacey front line which is led by Chris Camden who has scored a remarkable 35 goals in 37 games for a Stalybridge side that has only lost three times all season, once in the league and twice in cup competition.
Their last defeat was back in early December when they lost to Gainsborough but they have won their last nine games and are currently seven points clear of Buxton at the top of the HFS Loans League table.
Borg has bolstered the Borough squad with several new signings, with other ex-Chesham men Micky Engwell and Pat Ryan joining Byrne at Earlsmead. But of the trio, only Engwell is eligible

for the Trophy clash.
With Warren May and David Gipp also ineligible, it has given Borg a selection headache, but he has taken both Hakan Hayrettin and Jonathan Hunt on loan from Barnet and both will face Stalybridge.
On the injury front, Borg is hoping that both Steve Fraser and Keith Cooper will be fit. Fraser has a thigh muscle injury and Cooper has a pulled hamstring.
Definitely out though is Colin Payne. A return of his abdominal problem is likely to keep him sidelined for the rest of the season.
Kick off for the big match is 3pm at Earlsmead and with Stalybridge bringing down 300 supporters, a big crowd is expected. If a replay is necessary it will take place at Stalybridge on Tuesday and Borough's Lottice Cup match at Dorking the following night will be postponed.

Donnellan goal saves Stones

Wealdstone 1 Cambridge City 1
A SUPERBLY struck last minute goal from Leo Donnellan saved Stones from defeat in this Barclays Cup 3rd round first leg tie on Tuesday, writes John Comfort.
In a game rife with scoring chances, a low scoring draw hardly reflected play. But a combination of poor finishing and good goalkeeping prevented a goal bonanza.
For Stones, Russell Wilson was twice of target with close range headers in the first half and also fired at keeper Murphy when well placed.
At the other end Wayne Roach made great saves to deny Suddery and Tovey. Suddery later fluffed City's best chance when Jim Watson presented him with the ball and he rounded Roach but fired against an upright.
In the second half Wealdstone had the edge but scoring still remained a problem. Wilson broke free and beat

Murphy but his low shot went wide while Hedge also got free but the keeper smothered his effort.
Another good save from Roach kept out a fierce half volley from Shelford but ironically, having excelled throughout, it was the Stones keeper's blunder which enabled Cambridge to finally break the deadlock in the 84th minute. He failed to take Fincher's well struck shot cleanly and when the ball rebounded off his chest, Suddery followed up to lash it into the net.
All seemed lost for Stones but with a minute left they got a deserved equaliser when a telling break by Hedge was halted just outside the City area and Donnellan latched onto the loose ball and sent a great low drive from 25 yards into the corner of the net.
Wealdstone: Roach, Watson, Lowe, Blacklar, Hedge, Cordon, Pearson, Drummy, Wilson, Donnellan, Goyette (Hosson). Other sub: Tapley.

Wembley line up cup tilt at Bees

Cheshunt 0 Wembley 3
WEMBLEY can look forward to a quarter final tie with Brentford after comfortably disposing of Spartan League Cheshunt in the Middlesex Charity Cup on Tuesday, writes Richard Markiewicz.
Andy O'Brien scored Wembley's first goal, his third in successive games, with a glancing header from Henry Clark's inswinging free kick in the 19th minute.
Referee Lavelle-Maurice became the centre of attention when he sent off Cheshunt's Richard Davies for a second bookable offence in the 32nd minute and then three minutes later mysteriously awarded Wembley a pen-

alty, apparently for a push on Bobby Hutchinson, after Steve Graham had shot wide. Steve Lawrence converted the penalty to make it 2-0 - Wembley's first successful spot kick of the season.
Against ten men Wembley surprisingly decided to shut up shop in the second half and it was only after the introduction of substitutes Ray Bennett and Rodney Romain that they raised the tempo.
Romain bundled in Wembley's final goal three minutes from time after the Cheshunt defence had failed to clear a Clark corner.
Wembley: Fanner, Turchin, Clark, O'Brien (Romain), Graham (Bennett), Adnan Smith, Headam, Lawrence, B. Hutchinson, Wil-

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Stones at Borough
WEALDSTONE play a Capital League match against Cambridge United on the Earlsmead ground of rivals Harrow Borough on Wednesday.
Duo play for League
HARROW Borough skipper Mick O'Shea and the club's new signing Peter Byrne were both in the Diadora League representative side that lost 7-1 to an FA XI at Aylesbury.
Games hit by freeze
EDGWARE, Kingsbury Town and Wealdstone were all victims of the freeze on Saturday. Stones have rearranged their game at Atherstone for Wednesday March 4

Ban rules out Charlie
SUSPENSION rules defender Charlie Flaherty out of Wembley's game with League leaders Stevenage on Saturday.
But Kenny Page should be fit for selection after taking a knock in the win at Heybridge. Fit again Bobby Hutchinson scored three goals for the reserves on Saturday and is hoping for a recall.
Jimmy Quinn, who has a twisted knee, is Wealdstone's only injury doubt for their tie necessary with loyal Burton Albion.
A hamstring injury makes Eugene Flynn doubtful for Edgware Town's home match with Hertford but manager Brian Rider is hoping that Colin Chafford will have recovered from a sinus infection.
Laurence Murphy is on the mend after his knee operation. He plays in the reserves on Saturday.
Rayners Lane have an important game against second from bottom Moreton who have won three of their last five games. Lane badly need to put some daylight between them and their rivals. Wayne Coakley and Roland Matthews, who missed last week's win over Didcot, are both available for selection.

Soccer fixtures
Thursday January 30
Capital League: Crystal Palace v Wealdstone (Sutton Utd FC, 7.45pm)
Saturday February 1
FA Trophy 2nd round: Harrow Borough v Stalybridge Celtic (Earlsmead, 3pm)
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Burton Albion (Vicage Road, 3pm)
Wednesday League Division One: Wembley v Stevenage Borough (Vale Farm, 3pm)
Diadora League Division Three: Edgware Town v Hertford (White

Where the locals stand in latest league tables
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE Premier Division
Bathley... 24 16 4 4 45 21 52
VS Rugby... 24 16 4 3 35 34 34
Dover... 24 13 9 2 38 18 48
Cambridge City... 27 12 9 4 47 35 45
Trowbridge... 27 12 7 6 33 31 43
Dorchester... 25 11 6 4 41 32 39
Moortown... 25 10 7 4 40 31 37
Bromsgrove... 23 10 6 4 32 18 38
Dorchester... 23 10 6 4 31 32 39
Gloucester... 23 10 5 2 45 27 35
Aldershot... 22 9 7 5 35 34 34
Chesham... 22 9 6 4 37 31 43
Crawley... 22 9 4 4 40 37 31
Cotby... 22 9 4 4 44 54 31
Halesowen... 21 8 7 3 35 27 35
Poole... 24 7 10 2 25 42 28
Waterlooville... 25 7 5 1 32 26 28
Aldershot... 25 6 11 2 24 47 22
Worcester... 23 6 12 2 35 31 21
Burton... 23 6 14 2 47 42 21
Fisher... 23 6 14 3 33 23 23
Greaves... 23 5 6 14 27 19 19
DIADORA LEAGUE Premier Division
Woking... 24 19 4 1 62 11 61
Enfield... 23 14 6 3 31 22 48
Barton... 23 13 7 5 42 27 42
Carlisle... 24 12 6 2 47 45 44
Wokingham... 24 11 6 7 50 39 39
Bromley... 24 11 6 4 37 31 43
Chesham... 23 10 6 7 36 26 36
Kingstonian... 23 10 4 9 43 33 33
Aylesbury... 23 9 6 4 40 33 33
Dagenham... 23 8 6 3 33 33 33
Weymouth... 23 8 5 3 36 30 32
Grays... 23 8 4 11 38 41 31
Hayes... 23 7 8 2 29 29 29
Marlow... 23 7 2 12 29 35 29
Reading... 23 6 11 3 47 42 28
Hendon... 25 6 4 13 37 51 27
Bognor... 25 6 12 2 33 54 27
Wokingham... 24 5 11 3 33 33 33
Harrow B... 24 5 7 12 34 52 22
Wivenhoe... 24 5 6 17 29 61 21
Wokingham... 25 5 15 2 29 39 20
DIADORA LEAGUE Division Three
Edgware... 23 18 2 3 58 21 58
Tisbury... 23 15 6 2 53 23 51
Cove... 23 14 6 6 47 22 48
Reading... 24 14 6 5 55 37 47
Chesham... 23 13 9 4 58 24 42
Hampton... 23 13 6 4 48 24 42
Horsham... 20 12 8 4 43 28 40
Thame... 23 9 6 3 41 15 36
Collier T... 17 9 4 3 18 31 31
Bracknell... 24 9 11 3 41 31 31
Ryton... 23 9 6 3 36 30 30
Cambridge... 23 9 4 13 36 43 30
Peterfield... 25 8 11 2 36 30 30
Reading... 25 6 7 26 35 25
Hertford... 22 6 7 9 33 25 25
Tring... 22 7 2 13 24 49 23
Farnham... 25 6 11 3 53 22
Hornchurch... 24 5 18 2 51 18
Kingsbury... 22 3 7 12 18 36 18
Clapton... 22 3 7 12 28 35 18
Eastbourne... 23 2 2 19 22 75 8