

# Parkside triumph again in National

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## French train at Borough

THE high regard held in soccer's higher echelons for Harrow Borough FC's Earlsmead ground was highlighted once again on Monday when the French national squad trained there prior to last night's match against England at Wembley.

The French, managed by Michel Platini, were at Earlsmead for over two hours under the watchful eye of a bevy of press and tv cameras and a large crowd of interested spectators.

Before leaving the ground the team cheerfully signed autographs for fans.

## Stones shoot down Shots

Aldershot 0 Wealdstone 2 TROUBLED club Aldershot were given a beating by Stones in the Capital League on Monday night, writes Graham Smith.

Stones opened the scoring after 20 minutes when Martin Blackler broke from midfield to find Dermot Drummy and then returning to take the return pass and slotted home from 12 yards.

Andy McShannon should have got a second but he shot weakly with only the keeper to beat.

Wealdstone extended their lead in the 64th minute when a fine move involving McShannon and Neil Cordice ended with Drummy scoring with a flying header from Steve Tapley's cross.

Jimmy Quinn came through 90 minutes well in his first match for Stones after a month out through injury.

Walsingham: Dornely, Watson, Tapley, Drummy (McGuire), Richards, Cordice, Pearson, Hopson (Barlett), Blackler, Oun, McShannon.

## International ticket winners

LUCKY winners of tickets to last night's England v France match in our recent competition were: Tony Crick, Station Road, Harrow; Kevin Wells, May Garden, Alperton; Layne Patterson, Harrington Close, Sudbury; Peter Taylor, Spencer Road, Wealdstone.

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# SPORT

## Gayts hold on to league title

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## Fond memories as Wasps return to League action

On Saturday Wasps entertain North London rivals Saracens in the Courage League Division One match held over from two weeks ago because of the cup tie with Harlequins, writes Alan Bodenham.

Wasps supporters will not have forgotten the day when Saracens last visited Sudbury for a league fixture. It was the last match of the 1989/90 season and a handsome victory for the home side coupled with the slip up

by Gloucester at Nottingham meant the trophy went to Repton Avenue.

A win for Wasps on Saturday is vital if they are to sustain a serious challenge for league honours this season but it is given a double edge because Wasps always like to see themselves as the top London club and have not lost to Saracens or any other London club in the league for two seasons.

A major boost for Wasps is that

two key players in their championship bid are ready to return to first team action.

Steve Pilgrim, whose goalkicking skills from long range and ability to score vital tries have been missing since he sustained a knee injury at Rosslyn Park early last month, declared himself 110 per cent after training on Tuesday and eager to boost his position as top scorer for Wasps this season by taking his tally

past the double century mark.

Also back in contention is England international Dean Ryan. The tough back row man has been out since November but came through well against Racing Club in Paris at the weekend. Ryan will be raring to go on Saturday because Saracens are his former club.

Wasps lost 28-6 to Racing Club in a match played in much better spirit than the international the previous

day. The French played an entertaining and open style of rugby which Wasps were unable to match.

On the commercial front, Saturday marks the start of a new association for Wasps.

Canterbury, who sponsor the New Zealand All Blacks kit, are supplying Wasps for the next three years in a sponsorship deal worth £25,000 to the club some refer to as 'the English All Blacks'.

# JOSEPH CRACKS BRITISH RECORD

OLD Gaytonians Athletic Club's international decathlete, Rafer Joseph, broke the British record for indoor heptathlon at the prestigious Siebenkampf international competition in Berlin.

Joseph, who finished 12th overall, set two new personal bests and equalled another on his way to the record score of 5417 points for the seven events - 27 more than the previous best set by Havering's Mark Bishop last year. For Joseph it represented a significant improvement on last year's performance in the same competition where he finished 23rd with less than 5000 points.

The 23 year old multi eventer was accompanied on the trip by Old Gayts team manager, Trevor Male, who said: "Early season results had suggested Rafer was in good shape and after his first event we knew the British record

was on. I think it is a tremendous performance to set a UK record and I am glad for Rafer because he has worked so hard recently."

Joseph started strongly with a personal best 7.26 seconds for the 60m. A long jump leap of 6.68m, just short of his best, was followed by an excellent performance in the shot where his opening throw of 14.01m moved him into record breaking position. The first day closed with Joseph clearing 1.92m in the high jump.

On day two Joseph overcame a poor start to record a fast 8.51 seconds in the 60m hurdles, then in the pole vault equalled the Gayts indoor club record of 4.40m which he shares with Matthew Weaver.

Needing another personal best in the final event, the 1000m, to take the British record, he did it with a powerful surge on the final lap which saw him home in an excellent time of 2:43.33.

## Town are hit by five goal blast

Thame 5 Kingsbury Town 1 INJURY hit Kingsbury took a tumble at Thame on Tuesday.

A goal down after 7 minutes when Coleman's slip let in Rayson to score, they went further behind when Dark volleyed in a Windwood cross

and Lewis made it 3-0 from O'Hara's corner.

Slack marking allowed Rayson to score Thame's fourth and when Hayward ran through to make it 5-0 just before the break, Kingsbury were facing annihilation.

The second half got off to a poor start when Keith Williams conceded a penalty in the opening minutes, but fortunately for Kingsbury Rayson's spot kick hit a post and when

he touched the rebound, Town got a free kick.

Kingsbury then got their act together and had the better of the half, but they could only pull one goal back when the ball was played up to Gerry Mulhern beat two defenders and rifled in a fine left foot shot.

Kingsbury: Cheesewright, K. Williams, Simpson, Dale, Coleman (Pashley), Surridge (Donald), Donaghy, Hardwick, Mulhern, Ivers, Ghandhi.

## Borough killed off by blunders

Enfield 3 Harrow Borough 0

TWO startling defensive errors marred a largely encouraging Borough performance at Southbury Road on Tuesday night. Second placed Enfield were surprised to find themselves under intense pressure at times and only gained complete control in the latter stages, writes Tony Booth.

In the first minute Engwell's corner saw Mark Pye's effort deflected onto a post by a home defender, then the recalled Conroy's pass found Gipp who shot just wide.

At the other end, Steve Crompton parried Keen's shot and brilliantly saved from Turner but when he dropped Smart's 23rd minute corner, Turner shot Enfield in front.

Borough responded with Pat Ryan chipping onto the bar from Cooper's corner, then shot the rebound just over. The busy Ryan fired narrowly wide, then Pye put Gipp clear but his shot was off target. All in all, the hosts were fortunate to be ahead.

O'Shea's cross caused Phillips to frantically palm the ball over the bar from the restart but that was the nearest Borough came before Enfield doubled their lead in the 72nd minute. When May was fouled, referee Pearson allowed play to go on but Nugent's back pass was intercepted by Westley who netted at the second attempt after Crompton's fine initial save.

Still not out of it, Borough came close when Conroy's over-head kick was tipped away by Phillips but with seven minutes left the result was clinched by Enfield when Heald's cross was headed home by Turner.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, O'Shea, Engwell, May, Nugent, Byrne, Pye (Ripley), Ryan, Gipp, Conroy, Cooper. Other sub: Barnard.

## Conroy comes through after four month lay-off

STEVE Conroy, who has been out for nearly four months with a groin injury which required an operation, suffered no reaction in his return for Harrow Borough against Enfield on Tuesday and is likely to retain his place for Saturday's home game with Windsor.

Also back to face a Windsor side unbeaten in their last 10 away games is Steve Shea after completing his two match ban.

Jimmy Quinn has recovered from his knee injury while Paul Goyette has shrugged off the concussion sustained at Trowbridge and both are in contention for places in Wealdstone's side for the visit to bottom of the table Gravesend.

Wembley visit Tooting boosted by the return of both Adrian Smith and Tony Headlam after injury.

For their home game with Hornchurch, Edgeware Town will be without Steve Newing who is suspended for three games for being sent off at Guiseley. A knee injury also rules out Vince Deritis while Colin Chance, out injured for three weeks, is still unfit.

A three match suspension for accumulated bookings means Martin Latham will be missing from the Kingsbury Town lineup for their visit to Tring but a knee ligament injury would probably have prevented him playing anyway.

Neil Hide is also out injured while Barry Coleman and Steve Surridge are also doubtful. Available after completing a suspension is striker Gerry Mulhern.

Rayners Lane are full of confidence after three wins and a draw from their last four games. For their visit to Swindon Athletic but Wayne Coakley is likely to be missing due to work commitments.

## Latest league tables

### BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

Premier Division	w	d	d	f	a	pts
Beeley	26	18	4	4	51	22
VS Rugby	27	17	5	4	28	25
Crane City	30	14	0	6	53	37
Dove	28	14	4	3	44	20
Trowbridge	30	13	7	10	56	36
Dartford	29	13	7	9	45	35
Bromsgrove	28	12	6	5	38	18
Chesterford	28	11	6	4	40	25
Moortown	28	10	9	4	42	39
Dorchester	28	11	6	4	44	39
Gloucester	30	11	6	3	48	39
Halesowen	28	10	7	4	37	37
Corby	28	10	4	11	47	55
Crawley	28	9	6	4	39	33
Wealdstone	29	8	5	13	43	32
Pool	27	8	11	2	28	32
Alverstoke	28	8	13	3	43	29
Waterlooville	27	7	6	14	23	38
Burton	29	8	15	3	33	49
Worcester	27	6	7	14	31	25
Fisher	29	4	6	17	35	68
Gravesend	27	5	4	18	24	68

### DIADORA LEAGUE

Division One	w	d	d	f	a	pts
Staveley	27	18	6	3	58	29
Yeading	27	15	8	4	58	23
Boreham W	28	14	7	7	48	32
Dulwich	28	13	7	8	46	35
Hitchin	27	12	9	6	41	30
Molesley	29	12	6	11	39	42
Abingdon	25	12	5	8	39	24
Tooting	25	11	8	9	38	24
Barking	26	7	12	3	41	40
Uxbridge	29	11	7	11	36	43
Wotton	28	9	10	7	47	37
Chalfont	28	10	6	10	46	36
Wembley	28	11	3	12	31	36
Dorking	26	9	11	4	45	33
Harlow	26	9	10	3	36	39
Harlow	26	8	11	2	29	32
Croydon	27	8	14	3	33	29
Basildon	26	7	12	4	41	29
Hayridge	26	6	7	13	17	38
Maldenhead	24	6	4	14	29	22
Avon	25	3	2	19	68	11

### Premier Division

w	d	d	f	a	pts	
Woking	27	20	3	2	67	14
Enfield	27	17	6	4	40	27
Sutton	28	14	8	6	66	34
Canterbury	28	16	6	6	48	31
Wokingham	28	14	7	7	59	41
Chesham	27	11	8	9	39	31
Kingsclere	28	11	6	11	33	38
Dagenham	27	11	7	4	46	38
Marlow	28	11	5	12	34	38
Abingdon	27	10	9	3	34	37
Aylesbury	26	10	7	4	43	37
Windsor	27	10	7	10	43	37
St Albans	26	11	7	14	41	37
Ginza	28	9	11	3	39	48
Hayes	28	10	10	3	37	41
Basingstoke	28	8	13	4	24	32
Hendon	28	8	10	6	37	32
Staines	30	8	7	15	31	31
Wivenhoe	29	8	17	3	38	28
Signor	30	6	12	2	44	24
Bishops C	28	6	16	2	34	22
Harrow B	27	5	6	14	34	22

### Division Three

w	d	d	f	a	pts	
Edgeware	23	19	2	4	66	28
Cove	23	17	6	6	57	29
Tisbury	26	7	10	3	31	34
Flackwell	28	16	6	6	63	38
Chertsey	24	16	3	5	71	29
Haywards	26	16	5	5	59	31
Horsham	24	15	5	4	58	31
Thame	24	12	4	8	43	24
Epson	24	9	6	9	32	34
Roydon	26	9	11	3	38	42
Brackley	27	9	12	4	41	34
Cambridge	26	9	14	4	42	32
Petersfield	29	8	14	2	49	31
Tring	26	7	14	2	36	28
Fetham	29	7	16	3	36	26
Hornchurch	27	6	17	2	26	52
Clapton	26	4	2	20	25	14
Eastbourne	27	2	2	23	20	6

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