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Ramps in 'abuse' row

HATCH End's Middlesex and England cricket star Mark Ramprakash was at the centre of a row over his conduct in Middlesex's match against Cambridge University at Fenner's on Monday.

Cambridge captain John Crawley has alleged that Ramprakash verbally abused the University's all-rounder Marcus

Wright on two occasions during the match. He said: "I have never seen anything like it on the cricket field before. There was no excuse for the language directed at Marcus."

Wright, an off spinner, dismissed Ramprakash in both innings and also shared a four partnership with Crawley that enabled Cambridge to secure a draw.

Crawley said that he intends to consult senior officials at the University before writing to the Middlesex chairman to complain about Ramprakash's behaviour.

Umpires Bob White and Paul Adams are also expected to include the incident in their report and that could be bad news for Ramprakash's hopes of regaining his place in England team after a disappointing winter.



Wembley skipper Paul Shields receives his runners-up trophy from Middlesex County FA president Tudor Cornwall after the match.

Day of reckoning for Wealdstone

SATURDAY is the day of reckoning for Wealdstone in their battle for Beazer Homes League Premier Division survival.

They face already relegated Graysand at Vicarage Road knowing that only a victory will maintain their slender chance of avoiding the drop.

Monday's disastrous defeat at Fisher, who are also certain to go down, has left Stones with one foot in the Southern Division.

A clutch of clubs are now vying to avoid the other two relegation spots and Stones are right there amongst them, with the decided disadvantage of having played more games than their struggling rivals.

Now even winning their final two games - the other is at home to Dorchester next Thursday - might not be enough. They will be left to sweat and pray that the other strugglers drop points, and lots of them.

A point against Bognor on Saturday will secure Harrow Borough's Diadora League Premier Division status for another year. They will be boosted by the return of Micky Engwell after a three match ban.

Wembley will be looking to ease the disappointment of losing the Middlesex Senior Cup Final by denying Boreham Wood the points they need for promotion.

Controversy as Stones suffer

Fisher Ath 1 Wealdstone 0 WEALDSTONE suffered a severe setback in their bid to preserve their Premier Division status when they went down to already relegated Fisher on Monday, writes Steve Marshall.

Controversy will reign for a while over referee Mitchell's decision to disallow Neil Cordice's headed goal on 53 minutes when he outjumped the keeper to Tiv Lowe's corner. Fisher were lining up for the kick off when they realized Mr Mitchell had awarded them a free kick for a 'foul' on the keeper.

Stones had fallen behind on 13 minutes when Moussaddik brilliantly tipped Wilson's point blank effort onto the bar but Ronnie Victor was on hand to stab home the rebound.

It was a poor first half with few chances. Fisher's Wilson should have scored when he ran clear but lost control.

Wealdstone looked the more positive from the restart and should have levelled on 56 minutes when Blackler left Lowe's cross for Wilson but the striker blazed high and wide.

With Wealdstone pushing up for the equaliser Fisher had chances to score on the break but despite Wilson's pace were incapable of capitalising on a couple of good opportunities. Wilson shot into the side netting and Moussaddik denied Mann when clear.

Tiv Lowe was dragged down when clear by McLaren for which he received only a yellow card, a Tate header flew just over and then a Blackler shot was screwed wide after he intercepted Victor's back pass.

Wealdstone's frustrations were obvious at the finish and Moussaddik was sent off after the final whistle for abusing the officials. It was simply one of those days.

Wealdstone: Moussaddik, Tapley (Watson), Hedge, Walford (Appley), Corlett, Lowe, Donnellan, Blackler Tate, Wilson, Goyette, Drummy.

Dozen up for Town against strugglers

Kingsbury Town 4 Eastbourne Utd 0 KINGSBURY made it 12 goals in two games against bottom of the table Eastbourne with the four they notched on Tuesday night, writes John Cornfoot.

They were all scored in the first half with the opener coming in the 8th minute when Vic Hardwicke's free kick was headed across goal by Neil O'Rourke for Mark Ivers to volley home.

Chris Simpson made it 2-0 after 27 minutes when he raced through onto another Hardwicke free kick to crash the ball past keeper Peebles and the same player also notched Kingsbury's third 10 minutes later, making Peebles pay dearly for dropping a Diadora Passion cross.

Ricky Ghandali blasted Kingsbury into a four goal lead in the 41st minute from an Ivers cross and although the scoreline was a little flattering, Town's impressive finishing suggested another half.

However, in the second half the goals dried up. Ivers got a good chance wide from a Simpson cross in the opening minutes and later Steve Swridge was just clear by Pashia but had his shot blocked by the keeper.

Kingsbury: Gover, Pashia, Simpson, Cook, Coleman, K. Williams, Swridge, Clark, Heritage, N. O'Rourke, Ivers, Grandall, Oates sub: D. O'Rourke.

Sponsors stick with Wasps

INTERNATIONAL property advisers, Debenham, Tewson and Chinnocks, are to continue their sponsorship of Wasps RFC for the 1992/93 season. It will be the fourth successive season that they have been the club's main sponsors.

Wasps have also announced three other major new sponsorship deals. Canterbury International, the New Zealand sports leisure group will supply playing kit and leisure wear to Wasps. The deal includes items such as suit carriers, grip bags and trackuits to the value of £25,000 over three years.

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Gatorade will supply energy replacement drinks to Wasps for the coming season.

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