

# SPORT

## Lane put out Uxbridge in cup shock

Uxbridge 0  
Rayners Lane 1  
LANE pulled off a big FA Cup upset when they knocked out Diadora League Division One rivals Ux-

bridge in Tuesday's first qualifying round replay. The deciding goal came midway through the first half when a cross was headed down by Matthews for

Bicknell to steer the ball past Uxbridge keeper Sean Dawson. Lane should have scored earlier when Mills flicked the ball through for Mat-

thews to run clear but with only Dawson to beat he shot over the bar. Lane's goal stemmed a furious reply by Uxbridge. Two good chances were put wide and Lanes were forced into a goal save at the foot of a post.

In a nail biting second half Uxbridge were in command, but Lane's defence held firm.

Lanes made two good saves before Lane relieved the pressure when a move between Clements, Wilksden and Bicknell put Matthews free but his hurried shot went straight at Dawson.

Lane continued to stand firm as the minutes ticked away and although the referee added 10 minutes on for injuries, the visitors survived to the final whistle and now go forward to meet St Albans away in the next round.

Rayners Lane: Telford, Clements, Hynes, Ablett, Cumberland, Wilksden, Meany, Bicknell, Maime, Bennett, Mills, Matthews. Other sub: McKay.

## Skipper fills problem spot in Wasps' opener

WASPS skipper Dean Ryan moves into the second row for Saturday's opening Courage League clash of the season with newly promoted West Hartlepool, writes Alan Bodenham.

Although Ryan is no stranger to playing lock, he has made his name as a flanker in the England squad to play Canada at Wembley on October 17.

"The club have a well publicised problem in the lineout," he said "and given our strength in depth in the back row it seemed the best thing to do, we will see how it goes before deciding whether it is anything other than a stop

gap." It is a brave move by Ryan who has a tough task as skipper this season. With four clubs to be relegated every point is precious and as Ryan said "Our opening programme will be no picnic."

After Hartlepool, Wasps take on Harlequins at the Stoop and then entertain Leicester at Sudbury on October 3.

Saturday's match also sees Wasps League debuts for summer recruits Kevin Dunn at hooker and Matt Greenwood at No 8. The former England B man, who joined from Nottingham, is now happily recovered from knee trou-

ble and will be a formidable presence in Wasps back row.

Joining Dunn in the front row is Jeff Probyn, making his seasonal debut, and Gary Holmes. In the back division Huw Davies returns at fly half to team up with Steve Bates. Damian Hopley and Chris Oti will take the wing berths.

This season Wasps are not being mentioned among the front runners for the title and speaking after Tuesday's training session, veteran Huw Davies admitted that a club going through a transitional period like Wasps are going to find it hard going. "There are

certain teams against whom we must get a result," said Davies. "At this stage there is no reason to believe that we cannot do that."

Saturday's opponents have a big pack and are renowned for their uncompromising rugby. Two seasons ago Wasps met them in the early stages of the Pilkington Cup and came away with a narrow victory.

Wasps new clubcall line will be giving live updates from West Hartlepool on Saturday. The number is 0898-12-11-35.

Alan Buzzza scored with a penalty in Wasps 3-3 draw at Newcastle.

## Borough players on trial after cup disaster

# Borg's axe hovers

"YOU'RE all on trial now." That was the blunt message from Harrow Borough boss Georg Borg to his players after Saturday's nightmare FA Cup performance which saw them crash out to Diadora Second Division side Berkhamstead Town.

Said an angry Borg: "I want it to be known that I won't accept such heedless and gutless performances. As far as I'm concerned every one of them is now on trial, and I'll just replace them one by one if need be."

Borg has already released Peter Taylor-Byrne and Neil Fraser and immediately after Saturday's game his axe was rumoured to be hovering over a number of others in the squad, with a bevy of changes expected for Tuesday

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night's league game at Hayes. He had talks with several players over the weekend but was generally unsuccessful in his quest for new signings, although he did secure former Enfield striker Lincoln Manderson, who played in last week's friendly against Barnet.

However, despite an improved performance which saw them draw 2-2 at Hayes, the Borough players will not be able to rest easy for Borg is almost certain to add new faces to the Earlsmead squad over the next few weeks.

One change Borg has made is to make Dave Anderson, who recently returned to the club as a coach, his assistant manager.

## Ryan goes missing

MYSTERY surrounds the non appearance of Harrow Borough midfielder Pat Ryan for Tuesday's league game at Hayes.

The midfielder was in the side for the match but failed to show, forcing Borough into a hasty reshuffle of their ranks

just minutes before the kick off. Said Borough director Peter Rogers: "It's all a bit of a mystery. He just didn't show up, so we'll have to find out what happened to him."

Borough are away to Wivenhoe on Saturday and have Colin Payne sidelined with a hand injury.

Wembley have no game on Saturday, which gives keeper Jeff Fanner time to have treatment for a back injury. Eugene Flynn's groin injury is not responding to treatment

and he is again likely to be missing when Edgware visit Hemel Hempstead. Seamus Finnerty is struggling with a similar injury but is expected to play. Kingsbury should have Paul Bhatia back for Saturday's home game with Tring, but Ray Mangan is out injured.

Rayners Lane will be missing both Neil Owen and Ian Woodward, who are away on holiday, for Saturday's Middlesex Senior Cup tie against Hampton. Mark Harewood is an injury doubt.

### Soccer fixtures

Saturday September 19  
Diadora League Premier Division: Wivenhoe v Harrow Borough.  
Diadora League Division Two: Hemel Hempstead v Edgware Town.  
Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Tring (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).  
Boscon Home League Southern Div-  
ision: Waddesdon v Canterbury City (Vicage Road, 3pm).  
Middlesex Senior Cup: Rayners Lane v Hampton (Lucas Ave, 5pm).  
Tuesday September 22  
Diadora League Cup: Harrow Borough v Bromley (Earlsmead, 7.30pm); Kingsbury Town v Aldershot/Leatherhead (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm); Thame Utd v Wembley.

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## Borough battle back but let their victory chance slip away

Hayes 2 Harrow Borough 2  
BOROUGH shrugged off Saturday's Cup disaster by taking a point from their League game on Tuesday but it could so easily have been three, writes John Comfort.

For the first 45 minutes however the spectre of the Berkhamstead debacle was still very much evident as they struggled to make any impression and it was no great surprise when Hayes went in front in the 40th minute. Lawford misused his effort from Pedlar's cross but he did enough to wrong foot the Borough defence and the ball ran loose for Tony Kelly to fire into an unguarded net.

It was a different story after the break as Borough suddenly came to life. In the opening minutes Mark Pye put David Gipp through only for Chatfield to turn away his shot, but on 55 minutes the visitors did equalise. A superb ball from John Ridout found Martin St Hilaire racing in behind the defence and he beat Chatfield with a low, angled drive.

Three minutes later Borough were in front. Craig Johnstone's free kick was shot to Mickey Engwell 25 yards out and he created a superb shot into the roof of the net.

Borough were now firmly in command, but slack defence allowed Hayes to equalise in the 70th minute. Marshall wriggled his way through on the left and his low cross was allowed to reach Walton at the far post who bundled the ball home. Harrow Borough: Groomston, Johnson, Engwell, May, Shea, Ridout, Pye, Gipp (Ripley), Conroy, Manderson, St Hilaire.

## Wembley away point hat-trick

Toothing 1 Wembley 1  
WEMBLEY picked up another point on their travels, Tuesday's result at Toothing being their third successive away draw so far this season, writes Richard Marklewicz.

The Lions began promisingly enough and took the lead in the 12th minute. Toothing keeper McCann completely missed the flight of Charlie Flaherty's free kick which fell to Kenyan Page who laid the ball across the unguarded goal for Bobby Hutchinson to tap home.

The visitors fell away after that and lost their advantage when they conceded an equally soft goal in the 36th minute. Unmarked David Taylor sidestepped Noel Frankum's corner past Fred Smart to level the scores. Smart, in goal for the injured Jeff Fanner,

was almost beaten again four minutes later when a tremendous strike from John Collins thudded against the crossbar.

However, the veteran custodian managed to show off his prowess with a couple of excellent saves at the beginning of the second half to keep the Lions in the game. A flying leap denied Taylor from scoring again with a firm header, and a cat-like dive halted John Myatt's well struck low drive.

Wembley regained control following the introduction of substitutes Frank Omere and Mark Witter but were unable to penetrate and had to make do with a point.

Wembley: Smart, Flaherty, Clark, O'Brien, Shields, Charles, Adrian Smith, Bates (Witter), Page, Andy Smith (Omere), Hutchinson.

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