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A winning start for Wembley

WEMBLEY 1st XI started the new cricket season with a fine 79 runs victory over local rivals Sudbury Court on Sunday.

Batting first after losing the toss, Wembley were soon in trouble against Faron Defreitas (3-18) but a fine innings by David Walker (51), well supported by John Haskell (29 not out) and Virgil Bascombe (20 not out) enabled captain Malcolm Simons to declare at 155-6.

David Scott (3-11) soon had the Court reply in trouble with a fine display in his Wembley debut, and with David Walker (4-3) polishing off the tail, Sudbury were all out for 76.

● More cricket on page 95.

Question for the board

WEALDSTONE members meet at the Wealdstone Social Club tonight (Thursday) to hear from the board of directors the facts behind the club's relocation to Yeading next season.

Club trustee Les Hobbs, whose efforts to negotiate a £500,000 takeover of the club and then groundshare with Wembley were finally dashed two weeks ago, is firmly against the Yeading move. "The question I'd ask the board is how are they going to pay off the club's £2m of debts by going there," he said.

"If they can afford to turn down half a million pounds I'd like to know what better they have on offer."

Title tension at Sudbury

By Alan Bodenham

THE equation at the top of Division One of the Courage League is simple - if Wasps beat Bristol at Sudbury on Saturday and Bath fail to win against Saracens at Southgate, Wasps will be champions.

It is however, a very big if.

Although Bath have lost at Saracens in the League before, they very rarely make mistakes when the chips are down. Added to this is the fact that the already relegated Southgate club have nothing to play for but pride.

Wasps themselves do not have an easy task against Bristol. The west country outfit have proved awkward customers this season and their big line out players and speedy backs make them a very dangerous proposition.

"Nobody here really expects Bath to slip up, but we have to put ourselves in a position to win it," said acting captain Steve Bates.

The scrum half, who continues at skipper because of Dean Ryan's continuing knee injury, added "The players have put behind them the disappointment of the Harlequins Cup semi final defeat and are determined to finish what has been an excellent season on a high note."

Ryan's place in the second row for Saturday's match goes to ex-England under-21, six foot seven inch Steve Shortland. Matt Greenwood returns to the No 8 position. Elsewhere the pack is the same.

The evergreen Huw Davies comes in at full back for Alan Buzza and Bates is partnered at halfback by Rob Andrew.

There are two cases of champagne in the Sudbury cold store. If results go Wasps' way, one of them will be travelling at breakneck speed around the North Circular Road to slake the thirsts of the Saracens players.

● Laurence Dallaglio and Damian Hopley of Wasps both played big parts in England's success in the World Cup Sevens at Murrayfield on Sunday. Dallaglio scored a try in the 21-17 win over Australia in the final.

● Wasps under-21s won the National Floodlit Cup on Tuesday, defeating Birmingham 38-3 in the final.

Classy Gabby

● Gabby Fuchs.

GABBY Fuchs, a senior squad member of Harrow School of Gymnastics, outclassed the field at a National Development Squad Assessment held at Lilleshall.

As a result the 14 year old Regional Champion and Great Britain international has been shortlisted for the Junior European Gymnastics Championships to be held in Geneva next month.

Gaby, who attends Nower Hill High School, performed several new moves for the first time which raised her level of difficulty above the rest.

Her coach, Chris Evans, said: "She now has a punishing schedule of training and competitions before the final selection is made in early May. Gaby stands an excellent chance of selection for the final places."

For further information on Harrow School of Gymnastics, please phone 081-427-5611.

Borg's blasting does the trick

Hendon 1 Harrow Borough 2

A HALF time ear bashing from manager George Borg shook Borough into action at Hendon on Tuesday and inspired a second half fightback that got them back to winning ways, **writes John Comfort.**

After a poor first half performance Borough turned round a goal adrift. That came in the 17th minute when Bensted allowed a free kick from Keen to pass him, believing that Andy Pape would claim the ball. However, John Daly nipped in and fired past the helpless keeper to put Hendon in front.

The best of Borough's few first half efforts came from Micky Engwell whose delicately placed shot for the far corner from a Pat Ryan free kick had Root scrambling to save.

Borough were a totally different side in the second half and it took just 10 minutes for them to draw level. An Engwell corner was cleared out to the right where Pat Jackman gained possession and from his cross Ryan ghosted in to glance home a fine header.

Only a double save from Pape prevented Xavier from regaining the lead for Hendon when he got clear, but Borough responded with an excellent header by David Gipp from an Andy Prutton cross that Root somehow kept out.

Bensted was just wide with a header from a Prutton free kick but the big defender was not to be denied and in the 72nd minute he got Borough's winner when he powerfully headed home from Ryan's pinpoint corner.

Harrow Borough: Pape, May, Engwell, Pye, Bensted, Shaw (Jackman), Prutton, Ryan, Gipp (Stewart), Conroy, Ridout.

Egbe saves Lions with last gasp equaliser

Wembley 1 Barking 1

WEMBLEY'S almost forgotten striker, Uche Egbe, celebrated his return to the first team by earning his side a point with a dramatic 89th minute equaliser against relegation threatened Barking on Tuesday, **writes Richard Markiewicz.**

Egbe, plagued by injury since joining from Hendon in October, appeared as a 53rd minute substitute and notched his fourth goal of the season when he shrugged off a defender to slip the ball past Barking keeper Steve Wallduck, after Henry Clark had flicked on Paul Shirt's massive throw into the goal area. However, it was a point Wembley scarcely deserved as they never looked like scoring during another laborious performance.

Barking were desperately seeking a victory in their bid for survival and took the lead three minutes into the second half, Craig Coney rifling home a low drive through a crowded goalmouth after the Wembley defence had managed to block two other scoring attempts.

The preceding 45 minutes were instantly forgettable as an unco-ordinated home side, unable to string more than two passes together, rarely looked dangerous.

Conceding a goal stirred the Lions into action, particularly after the introduction of Egbe and Ray Bennett. But despite pressing forward they only tested Wallduck on one occasion with an awkward dipping strike from Lee Endersby which the keeper did well to palm over the bar.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, O'Brien, Shields, Shirt, Andy Smith, Witter (Bennett), Page (Egbe), Hutchinson, Endersby.

Charity clash at Borough

WATFORD manager Steve Perryman and Queens Park Rangers boss Gerry Francis will be in opposition at Harrow Borough FC's Earlsmead ground on Sunday in a charity match between QPR Staff and Watford Staff

Club chairman Roger Thompson will also be in the QPR side which is being refereed by QPR captain Alan McDonald.

Kick off is at 11am, and admission is £2, children free. Proceeds will go to the Princess Royal Trust for Carers, which is the Mayor of Harrow's chosen charity this year.

Overseas trip for Stones

WEALDSTONE journey overseas for a league match for the first time when they take the Isle of Wight ferry across the Solent for their clash with Newport on Saturday.

Rob Tenkorang, who has a knee injury, is doubtful for the match and Paul Wilkerson is standing by to replace him.

Martin St Hilaire's leg injury is likely to sideline him for the rest of the season and he will be missing when Harrow Borough take on relegation threatened Wivenhoe.

Charlie Flaherty (knee) and Tony Headlam (ankle) are still injury doubts for Wembley who face Purfleet at home.

The Lions will be without Kenny Page who starts a three match suspension.

Mark Dyson is Edgware's only injury doubt for their away match at Banstead Athletic.

The unavailable Ray Mangan missed Kingsbury's win over Horsham but will be back to boost the Town defence for their away match against league champions Aldershot.

Kingsbury have twice lost narrowly to the Shots this season but on Saturday they will be looking to make it third time lucky and cause a shock by ending the Hampshire club's unbeaten home league record.

Rayners Lane play their last home Hellenic League fixture against mid-table Bicester Town.

Lane, who hope to consolidate their 7th in the table placing, have further injury problems and will probably be without Tony Verni and Mark Hedge.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday April 24

Diadora League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Wivenhoe (Earlsmead, 3pm).

Diadora League Division One: Wembley v Purfleet (Vale Farm, 3pm).

Diadora League Division Two: Banstead Ath v Edgware Town.

Diadora League Division Three: Aldershot v Kingsbury Town.

Beazer Homes League Southern Division: Newport IOW v Wealdstone.

Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Bicester Town (Lucas Ave, 3pm).

Tuesday April 27

Diadora League Division One: Wembley v Dorking (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).

Diadora League Division Three: Kingsbury Town v Feltham & Hounslow (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

County programme award chance for clubs

LOCAL soccer clubs are being invited to take part in the Middlesex Soccer Programme of the Year award for which the winning club receives a solid oak and silver shield, donated by astrologer Russell Grant.

Wealdstone won the inaugural award. Northwood are the current holders.

Clubs wishing to enter should send any four programmes to competition organiser Mr F. J. Taylor, 155 Syon Lane, Osterley, Middx TW7 5PZ by May 1.

Borough date with Chelsea

HARROW Borough will play Chelsea in the semi finals of the Middlesex Charity Cup after the Premier League club's 2-0 win at Yeading on Tuesday.

The game will take place at Earlsmead on Monday May 3 - the original date of the final. The final has been rearranged for Wednesday May 5 at Uxbridge FC.

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Latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE

Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Chesham Utd	38	26	7	5	86	32	91
St Albans City	38	26	6	6	87	47	85
Enfield	38	23	9	6	82	47	78
Carshalton Ath	40	21	9	10	82	54	72
Sutton Utd	38	17	11	8	63	46	62
Grays Ath	38	17	10	12	57	50	61
Hayes	38	16	12	11	63	58	60
Stevenage Boro	40	17	7	16	68	68	58
Aylesbury Utd	38	16	4	17	67	71	52
Harrow Boro	39	14	13	12	64	67	55
Basingstoke T	38	12	16	11	46	43	52
Hitchin	38	14	10	14	60	49	52
Dulwich Hamlet	38	12	13	14	50	58	49
Kingstonian	40	13	10	17	54	63	49
Merthyr	41	12	10	19	69	69	46
Wokingham T	38	11	10	17	55	74	43
Bromley	40	11	10	17	47	68	43
Yeading	40	10	11	19	59	65	41
Staines T	40	10	11	19	55	74	41
Wealdstone T	40	12	5	23	45	75	41
Windsor & E	39	7	6	26	37	85	27
Bognor Regis	39	4	5	27	39	101	20

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Hitchin	38	23	7	8	84	38	76
Molesey	38	21	8	5	70	34	71
Dorking	38	21	8	7	67	38	71
Burnham Ramblers	38	19	9	10	62	39	66
Purfleet	37	17	6	14	68	38	60
Tooting & Mitch	38	16	12	11	62	45	60
Wembley	38	15	9	14	65	54	60
Abingdon Town	35	14	12	9	55	43	54
Boreham Wood	38	12	14	12	44	40	50
Welling & Hanwh	38	13	12	14	58	54	51
Wembley	35	12	13	11	49	39	49
Leyton	37	11	13	13	50	51	46
Uxbridge	38	11	12	15	49	57	45
Maidenhead	38	10	16	12	45	50	44
Hoddesdon Town	37	11	8	18	45	60	41
Croydon	38	11	8	19	53	76	41
Whyteleafe	36	10	9	17	57	67	39
Chalfont St P	38	7	17	14	48	66	38
Lewes	37	8	9	19	33	70	36
Barking	38	9	8	21	41	79	35
Aveley	37	7	6	24	41	85	27

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Worthing	38	26	6	6	98	46	84
Ruislip Manor	40	24	11	5	76	33	83
Berkhamsted	40	22	8	10	73	54	74
Hemel Hemp	40	20	12	8	80	51	72
Met Police	39	21	5	13	81	49	68
Chertsey Town	40	20	8	14	80	55	68
Sutton Sheldon	40	17	10	13	62	47	61
Malden Vale	39	17	9	13	67	52	60
Hampton	40	16	11	13	58	55	59
Newbury Town	41	14	17	10	52	49	59
Edgware Town	40	16	10	14	62	73	58
Egham Town	39	15	9	15	58	67	54
Leatherhead	40	14	11	15	64	57	53
Banstead Ath	38	12	12	14	56	43	48
Tilbury	39	12	8	19	53	63	44
Ware	40	10	11	19	51	72	41
Hungerford	39	11	8	20	35	69	41
Witham	39	8	15	16	47	61	39
Barton Rovers	38	9	11	18	34	59	38
Harefield Utd	40	10	7	23	37	66	37
Feltham Town	40	8	10	22	53	78	34
Southall	39	5	7	27	37	102	22

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Aldershot Town	38	26	8	2	83	34	86
Thame Utd	35	20	10	5	77	32	70
Collier Row	35	20	10	5	69	38	70
Leighton Town	38	19	10	7	68	44	67
Cove	38	20	8	9	65	39	67
Northwood	38	17	11	8	74	47	62
East Thurrock	37	17	7	13	67	65	58
Royston Town	38	15	8	15	57	42	53
Kingsbury T	38	14	8	16	49	61	50
Flackwell Heath	37	15	6	16	61	73	51
Hertford Town	37	13	10	14	66	66	49
Tring Town	38	12	10	14	59	63	46
Hornchurch	37	11	12	14	53	62	45
Hanwell	37	12	7	18	62	67	43
Epsom & Ewell	38	9	11	18	48	62	38
Cockfosters T	37	8	7	22	37	71	31
Stotfold Town	38	6	12	20	47	81	30
Petersfield Utd	37	5	12	20	36	81	30
Clapton	35	7	7	21	38	69	27
Feltham & Hnsl	35	5	4	26	42	106	19

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

Southern Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Sittingbourne	40	25	11	4	95	40	86
Salisbury	38	24	6	8	78	47	78
Gravesend	40	24	3	13	89	59	75
Witney	37	22	8	7	70	34	74
Sudbury Town	40	19	11	10	66	50	68
Havant	38	21	5	12	72	50	68
Ashford Town	38	18	8	13	64	63	62
Erith & Bel	38	19	5	14	69	65	62
Baldock	38	18	6	15	68	61	60
Margate	40	18	6	16	62	56	60
Buckingham	39	16	10	13	61	65	58
Maidstone	40	17	6	17	69	66	57
Bideford	40	14	9	17	59	62	53
Poole Town	40	15	7	18	60	60	52
Burnham	40	14	8	18	52	74	50
Fareham T	40	13	8	19	66	63	47
Canterbury	38	12	8	18	50	70	44
Newport IOW	38	9	14	15	40	51	41
Fisher Ath	38	8	8	22	35	66	32
Andover	40	7	6	25	39	91	28
Dunstable	40	7	5	28	42	99	26
Bury Town	39	6	5	28	38	111	23

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