

SPORT

Stones' challenge is not good enough

Tooting & M5 Woodstone 2
WREALDSTONE lost to a fast and fit Tooting side in the London Challenge Cup on Tuesday night, writes Graham Baker.

Tooting took the lead in the 2nd minute when Paul Holohan lost possession and let in Hope who shot past Andy Hopking.

A Jon Hall free kick went just over the bar soon after, but Tooting extended their lead in the 28th minute when Young hit a powerful shot that Hopking could only parry into the net by the near post.

Stones hit back seven minutes later

when Martin Keane's cross was smashed into the net by Chris Lawrence for his first goal for the club.

However, four minutes into the second half Hope headed Tooting's third goal from a Stephens corner and Stephens then made it 4-1 with a firm shot from outside the box.

After a goalmouth scramble, Mick Gerratt cleared Fowler's effort off the line before Jon Hall reduced the arrears for Stones with an excellent 20 yard shot.

The impressive Hope completed his last

trick in the 72nd minute when he beat Gerratt to the ball and headed past the hapless Hopking.

Later, Tooting's Routes let in Stones sub Richard Mellor but his good shot was blocked by keeper Orkney for a corner.

In the closing minutes Gerratt made his second goalkeeping clearance, this time from Hope's effort, to prevent a sixth Tooting goal.

Woodstone: Hopking, Peiffer, Keane, Davis, Gerratt, Hedge, Suckley, McGrath, Hall, Lawrence, Holohan (shooter). Other subs: Drumay.

Lions set for double date with neighbours

WEMBLEY are set to face near neighbours Uxbridge twice in the space of four days.

They clash in the league on Saturday at Honeycroft and on Tuesday the sides meet again in the Carlsberg Cup at Vale Farm.

Paul Shields and Henry Clark have overcome knocks and are fit to play and Ian Bates, who was also injured, should also be okay if selected. Also added to the squad is midfielder Tony Headlam who is available again after being unavailable for the past month.

Striker Graham Westley's Achilles tendon injury continues to cause concern and he is unlikely to return to the Harrow Borough side for the visit of neighbours Hayes to Earlsmead.

Dave Bensted made a brief

reappearance after injury as a substitute in last week's game at Basingstoke and came through without problem. He is likely to be in the starting line-up against Hayes.

Woodstone still have their injury problems. Eugene Saunders and Colin Robinson continue to be sidelined and miss Saturday's visit to fellow strugglers Erith.

Midfielder Liam Barham has left the club to join Hastings on a free transfer but Stones have signed Tony Franklin, a centre back who has had experience with both Exeter and Bristol City, and Tony Anglin from Burnham.

Edgware hope to return to action at home to Ware with manager Brian Rider having no current injury problems.

Striker Hamid Harrak is back in training after a lengthy spell out injured but he is un-

likely to be in consideration for a place in the side this week.

Kingsbury Town are at home to Harford and manager Peter Blain should have a full squad to select from.

Rayners Lane travel to Gloucester for the return game against Tuffley Rovers who they beat at home earlier in the season.

The last of Lane's injured players, skipper Gerry Hynes, Greg Rice and Paul Abel, are all expected to start training this week.

Hopefully in the next few weeks Lane manager Don Durkin will have a full squad to pick from for the first time since September.

Justin and partner are dethroned



© Justin Lanning.

AS was widely expected, Finer skater Justin Lanning and his partner Marika Humphreys lost their British Ice Dancing Championship crown at Sheffield on Sunday - the title holders being crowned by Jane Torvill and Christopher Dean in their much publicised return to amateur competition.

Lanning and Humphreys were a gallant second and were later named as Great Britain's first reserves to Torvill and Dean for the European Championships, the Olympics and the World Championships.

Stones agm date

THE annual general meeting of Woodstone FC and Weststone FC Ltd will take place in the Wanslet Suite at the Wanslet on Thursday January 27, starting at 7.30pm.

Cup game off

EDGWARE'S Middlesex Senior Cup with Wembley was called off last night (Wednesday) and has been rearranged for Tuesday January 25.

Buster is called up

Wasps flanker in England squad

THE inclusion of Wasps flanker Buster White in this week's England A squad has come as no surprise to the Sudbury faithful writes Alan Bodenham.

Speaking after last week's victory over Gloucester, skipper Dean Ryan echoed the thoughts of many when he said: "Buster was one of the unsung heroes of last season's good run and fully deserves a call up. Given the chance to step up to representative level, he is sure to prove himself."

It is an achievement in itself just getting a place in Wasps' back row with quality players such as Chris Wilkins and Lawrence Dallaglio also challenging him.

As well as White, his Wasps teammates Ryan, Damien Hopley, Kevin Dean and Matt Greenwood are also included in the 30-man England A squad which will play matches against Italy (Piacenza Feb 5), Ireland (Richmond Feb 18), France (Paris March 5) and South Africa (Leicester March 18).

Coach Rob Smith has named an unchanged XV from last week when Wasps made the short trip to the Stoop on Saturday for the Courage League clash with their bitter rivals Harlequins.

The Sudbury men have come out on top in their last two League visits to Quins and it is vital that they continue the sequence if they are to maintain any semblance of a challenge for the Championship.

Wasps scored a narrow 18-15 victory over Harlequins earlier this season at Sudbury.



© Matt Greenwood in possession for Wasps against Gloucester. Report and more pictures - page 86.

Latest league tables and fixtures

DIADORA LEAGUE
Premier Division

Club	P	W	D	L	Pts
Cardiff	22	15	3	4	48
Swansea	22	15	2	5	47
Cardiff	21	15	1	5	46
St Albans City	22	13	3	6	43
Chesham	22	13	2	7	42
Wokingham	22	13	1	8	41
Reading	22	12	3	7	39
Wokingham	22	12	2	8	38
Reading	22	11	3	8	36
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Wokingham	22	4	2	16	16
Reading	22	3	3	16	15
Wokingham	22	3	2	17	14
Reading	22	2	3	17	13
Wokingham	22	2	2	18	12
Reading	22	1	3	18	11
Wokingham	22	1	2	19	10
Reading	22	0	3	19	9

Division One

Club	P	W	D	L	Pts
Reading	22	11	6	5	39
Wokingham	22	11	5	6	38
Reading	22	10	6	6	36
Wokingham	22	10	5	7	35
Reading	22	9	6	7	33
Wokingham	22	9	5	8	32
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Reading	22	4	6	12	18
Wokingham	22	4	5	13	17
Reading	22	3	6	13	15
Wokingham	22	3	5	14	14
Reading	22	2	6	14	12
Wokingham	22	2	5	15	11
Reading	22	1	6	15	9
Wokingham	22	1	5	16	8
Reading	22	0	6	16	6

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Where is the support?

Can somebody explain to me why Wasps, one of England's top and certainly London's leading rugby club, does not get more support?

The average gate at Sudbury must be less than 3000, yet Leicester average 12,000. I accept that Leicester's ground has a 15,000 capacity as opposed to Wasps 4500 but the quality of rugby here is as good, if not better. Wasps record over the last 5 years is excellent - every home game provides fast open rugby with top quality skills on display. There is always a warm welcome at the club and the cost

of entrance is low - £10 will get you a seat, a programme and a hot cuppa!

Together with friends, I travel in from Maidenhead and have reached the conclusion that most Wasps supporters travel from far and wide but not from Harrow and Brent. Ham't the fact that one of the country's top rugby clubs resides here got through to the locals?

Come on, get off your back-sides - Wasps deserve your support.

Jim Maraden
St Marks Road
Maidenhead

Dominique loses in British final

DOMINIQUE Lloyd-Walter from Cloisters Wood Club, Stanmore, reached the final of the British Open under-14 Junior Girls Squash Championships at the Lambs Club.

In a strong entry of players from Malaysia, Germany, USA, Spain, Belgium, and Egypt, she survived two match balls in the fifth against Yorkshire's Cheryl Beaumont and followed up with a fine semi-final win against Belgium No 1 Katline Catwells by 7/9, 9/4, 7/9, 9/0, 9/6.

Her luck ran out in the final, however, when she went down to the No 1 seed Vicky Lankaster from Suffolk by 10/8, 6/9, 6/9, 2/9 in the only all English Final of the Championships.



© Besten British Open finalists Dominique Lloyd-Walter (right) with title winner Vicky Lankaster.

Gunning for revenge

WEMBLEY Ladies face a tough test on Sunday when they take on the might of Arsenal for the second time this season - on this occasion in the Womens FA Cup, one of the three trophies held by the Gunners.

Wembley lost 5-0 to Arsenal at home in the National League earlier in the season and will be looking for a considerable improvement on that scoreline.

The match kicks off at 2pm at Vale Farm.

© Tony Headlam - back in the Wembley squad.

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Saturday January 15

Diadora League Prem Div: Harrow Borough v Hayes (Earlsmead, 3pm).

Diadora League Div One: Uxbridge v Wembley.

Diadora League Div Two: Edgware Town v Ware (White Lion ground, 3pm).

Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Hertford Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).

Besser Business League Southern Div: Erith & Bel v Woodstone.

Hellenic League: Tuffley Rovers v Rayners Lane (2.30pm).

Sunday January 16

Women's FA Cup: Wembley Ladies v Arsenal (Vale Farm, 2pm).

Tuesday January 18

Carlsberg Cup: Wembley v Uxbridge (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).

Football Combination: CPRF v Norwich City (Earlsmead, 7pm).

Wednesday January 19

Carlsberg Cup: Harrow Borough v Aylesbury Utd (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

Carlsberg Trophy: Edgware Town v Rainham (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

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