SPORT

Triple anniversary celebration at Pinner

PINNER and Grammarians RFC will be celebrating three significant anniversaries for the club with a special match on Sunday.

1994 is the 60th anniversary of the formation of Pinner Rugby Club and the 25th anniversary of the amalgamation of Pinner Rugby Club and the old Pinner Grammar School team to form Pinner and Grammarians RFC.

And it is also the 40th anniversary of the official opening of the clubhouse at Shaftesbury Playing Fields, Hatch End, which has provided the club with a home base.

The triple anniversary celebration match, which kicks off at Shaftesbury Playing Fields at 2pm, will be between a team of ex-staff and students of the school and sixth form college and a Club Chairman's Select XV.

Woeful Wembley crash out to ten man Uxbridge

● Wembley scorer Andy Smith.

Wembley 1 Uxbridge 2

WEMBLEY have never ever got beyond the first hurdle in the Isthmian League's Full Members Cup, now known as the Carlsberg Cup, and they maintained that poor record on Tuesday night when they slumped out of the competition after extra time to 10-man Uxbridge, writes John Comfort.

The visitors had their number reduced midway through the second half when defender Steve Toms took pugilistic exception to a clattering tackle by Ian Bates and was sent off.

Wembley were a goal up at the time, scored three minutes after the break when Andy Smith buried a left wing cross from Lee Endersby, but they failed miserably to take advantage of Toms' dismissal and in fact only two minutes afterwards managed to squander the lead.

Poor defending allowed Crawford to put Birch away on the left and his pinpoint cross was headed home by the unmarked Steve Hale.

It was a goal the visitors deserved for they had been in total control in the first half and only inadequate finishing had prevented them from building a commanding lead.

With persistent rain turning the already boggy pitch into a quagmire, the remainder of the second half was a dour end to end battle with neither side able to break the deadlock.

However, nine minutes into the first period of extra time Uxbridge scored what proved to be their winner when Crawford's excellent cross was headed home by Nicky Ryder.

In the second period Paul Shields was denied an equaliser by the flying Dawson and the keeper also saved the big defender's header from the resultant corner. But an equaliser failed to materialise and Uxbridge comfortably held firm to end Wembley's six match winning run and also gain swift revenge for Saturday's league defeat.

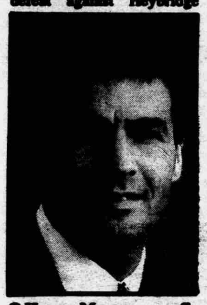
Wembley: Farmer, Flaherty (Grazioli), Clark, Doyle, Shields, Daly (Powell), Sutcliffe, Lawrence, Smith, Bates, Endersby.

Boro out to extend City's Trophy jinx

By John Comfort

HARROW Borough will be heartened by the news of the jinx that hangs over Worcester City as they take on the Beazer Homes League Premier Division club in the first round of the FA Trophy on Saturday.

For in each of the last four seasons, Worcester have gone out of the competition to Dagenham League clubs - a shock defeat against Heybridge Swifts last season and before that they lost to Bromley, Bognor and Aylesbury.



● Harry Manoe - confident for big game.

"That's interesting to hear," said Borough boss Harry Manoe. "I hope we can keep that run going for them."

Manoe has had the lowdown on Worcester from his assistant Dave Kennedy and coach Cliff Rapley who watched them in their recent game at Dorchester.

"They play a basic 4-4-2, they work hard and are a very busy side, very similar to VS Rugby," said Manoe. "Gary Smith is strong up front and Steve Rutter gets plenty of goals, but they are not a particularly big side and we hope to exploit them in the air."

Manoe is confident, but not over confident of success after disappointing draws with both Basingstoke and Hayes. "We need to up our work rate," he said. "In both games we got in good positions but then switched off."

Good news for Borough is that new signing Bob Booker, the former Brentford and Sheffield United central defender, is eligible to play and if last night's County Cup tie with Hendon went ahead, Andy Pratton will have served his two match suspension and will also available. But both Tony Knight and Terry Benning are out with calf injuries and Eamon O'Connor is struggling with an ankle injury.

If a replay is required it will take place at Worcester on Monday night and Borough's league game at Bromley on Tuesday will be postponed.

Wembley, who are without a game on Saturday as scheduled opponents Billericay are involved in the FA Trophy, are expecting to sign their former striker Kenny Page from Hitchin this week.

On Tuesday Wembley play their Middlesex Senior Cup tie at Edgware. If it is drawn then the replay will be staged at Vale Farm next Thursday.

Wealdstone will be without Richard Mellor, who is away on holiday, for this Saturday's home match with Sudbury and Floyd Dennis is doubtful with a hamstring injury. Eugene Saunders is back in training after injury and could be available but Paul Holohan continues to be sidelined with a groin strain.

Edgware were hoping to give striker Hamid Harrak a run out in the midweek cup game against Rainham. If he came through okay he is likely to be included in the squad for Saturday's visit to Witham. Scott McGhinis, who was unavailable for the Rainham game, will return.

Kingsbury Town look to play their first game for a month on Saturday and they will be at full strength for their match with Southall.

Rayners Lane have an important game against highly placed Shortwood United on Saturday. With their injury problems clearing up, Lane's main problem will be their lack of match practice as their last three games have been postponed.

Skipper Gerry Hynes, who has been out for 11 games with a virus infection, came through a reserve team game without ill effect and is in line to return.

● Harrow Borough's Jason Shaw slides in to tackle Chris Walton of Hayes in Saturday's derby game at Earlsmead. Match report and more pictures - page 95. *Picture by Sophie Powell.*

Smith's vision for the future

WASPS' challenge for Courage League honours may have ended with Saturday's defeat at Harlequins, but there is still much to be done at Sudbury if Rob Smith's vision is to come to fruition writes Alan Bedenham.

The Wasps coach sees the way ahead for rugby at Wasps as a game full of variation, innovation, speed and attack.

In the match against the touring side Auckland before Christmas this was amply demonstrated. Then Smith saw prop forwards as comfortable with the ball as centres, wingers and backs capable of staying on their feet and holding the ball in the loose, and high levels of skills and support play all round. For good measure everyone tackled like steamrollers.

This is the way Wasps should be going and is the only way if they are to end Bath's domination of domestic club rugby, so expect experimentation for the rest of the League season.

Wasps will definitely retain their place in the First Division and can steal a march on all their opposition if they can work on these things. Smith will also have the chance to blood some of Wasps' emerging players at League level when there will be little pressure on them to gain results. Sudbury could well be an exciting place to be.

This Saturday Wasps are at home to Nottingham in a club fixture, kick off 3pm.

Drop outs could save Stones

THE likelyhood of relegation for Wealdstone from the Beazer Homes Southern Division seems to have disappeared.

Dunstable have already indicated that they are to pull out and join the United Counties League and now Canterbury City have apparently indicated that they too will quit and return to the Kent League.

There is also doubt that Newport IOW will continue and a question mark hangs over Poole Town, who are to lose their ground at the end of this season.

Those departures will almost certainly mean that there will be no relegation from the Southern Division.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday January 22

FA Trophy 1st round: Harrow Borough v Worcester City (Earlsmead, 3pm).

Dludens League Div Two: Witham v Edgware Town.

Dludens League Div Three: Southall v Kingsbury Town (at Hanwell Utd FC).

Beazer Homes League Southern Div: Wealdstone v Sudbury Town (The Warren, 3pm).

Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Shortwood Utd (Lucas Ave, 2.30pm).

Tuesday January 25

Middx Senior Cup: Edgware Town v Wembley (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

Dludens League Premier Div: Bromley v Harrow Borough.

Football Combination: QPR Res v Tottenham (Earlsmead, 7pm).

PRATTS MOTOR INSURANCE

Established 60 Years

ASK US TO QUOTE OUR LOWEST RATE FOR YOUR CAR

OPEN EVENINGS AND SATURDAY

Open: 9.00am-9.00pm Monday-Friday
9.00am-5.00pm Saturday

IMMEDIATE COVER FROM OUR OFFICE AT

40 LONG LANE HILLINGDON

TEL: UXBRIDGE (0895) 232212

XUHE

Where the locals stand in the latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marlow	29	17	1	5	57	42	52
Carshalton	24	16	3	5	58	23	51
Stevenage Boro	23	16	2	5	51	29	50
Chesham Utd	25	13	7	5	49	32	46
St Albans City	23	13	6	4	44	23	45
Enfield	23	14	3	6	40	18	45
Hitchin	22	14	3	5	43	25	45
Sutton Utd	23	11	7	5	40	17	40
Kingstonian	23	10	5	8	35	28	35
Aylesbury Utd	23	10	4	9	40	33	34
Wealdstone	21	9	4	8	30	32	31
Dulwich Hamlet	25	9	4	12	34	42	31
Hayes	25	8	5	12	31	40	29
Harrow Boro	20	8	5	8	27	31	29
Staines	23	7	3	13	33	44	24
Yeading	19	6	4	9	27	31	22
Dorking	23	6	3	14	37	50	21
Grays Ath	23	6	2	15	25	45	20
Molesey	19	3	5	11	19	30	17
Farnborough T	21	4	5	12	19	38	17
Basingstoke T	23	3	6	14	20	48	15
Wembley T	24	3	0	21	25	80	9

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bishops Stort	20	15	2	3	49	18	47
Walton & Hersh	21	12	5	4	38	25	41
Tooting & Mitch	21	11	6	4	38	19	39
Billericay	22	11	6	5	40	29	39
Leyton	24	12	3	9	45	32	39
Abingdon Town	22	11	6	5	28	25	39
Boreham Wood	24	9	10	5	39	31	37
Uxbridge	20	11	0	9	39	34	33
Purfleet	22	10	0	12	32	27	30
Worthing	22	9	0	13	40	24	30
Hayling Utd	20	9	0	11	40	25	30
Wembley	21	10	3	8	28	27	30
Bognor Regis	20	7	0	13	22	22	29
Dorking	22	7	7	8	34	30	28
Wingate	21	8	1	11	40	31	28
Maidenhead	24	6	10	8	28	28	28
Slough	19	6	4	9	28	28	22
Berkhamsted	20	5	6	9	28	34	21
Chalfont Sp P	22	5	5	12	28	52	20
Windsor & E	22	5	3	14	28	50	18
Ruislip Manor	20	2	3	15	13	47	9
Croydon	23	2	3	18	16	71	9

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chertsey Town	20	17	0	3	67	25	51
Aldershot Town	20	14	5	1	37	14	47
Newbury Town	18	13	2	3	45	14	41
Met Police	19	11	5	3	37	16	38
Sutton Walton	18	10	4	5	37	27	34
Thame Utd	20	9	5	6	42	26	32
Baden Powell	19	9	4	6	32	26	31
Molden Vale	21	9	4	8	38	38	31
Witham	20	9	3	8	34	34	30
Hampton	22	9	3	10	27	29	30
Anerley	20	8	5	7	32	34	29
Ware	23	8	3	12	38	47	27
Hemel Hemp	20	7	5	8	27	22	26
Tilbury	19	8	1	10	29	33	25
Hungerford	21	6	5	10	27	32	23
Egham Town	22	7	2	13	28	44	23
Edgware Town	20	5	6	9	41	40	21
Banstead Ath	21	5	5	11	22	37	20
Banstead Ath	18	5	4	7	15	23	19
Collier Row	18	5	4	9	21	37	19
Lewes	22	4	4	14	20	46	16
Rainham Town	18	0	1	17	6	59	1

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chertsey	18	11	6	1	32	16	39
Banstead Town	18	11	4	3	34	12	37
Harlow	18	10	6	3	34	16	36
Oxford C	20	10	5	5	44	31	35
Royston Town	20	9	7	4	34	14	34
Feltham & Hanwo	21	10	4	7	34	27	34
Hadleigh	22	9	4	9	45	45	31
Hertford Town	21	9	4	8	37	40	31
Southall	19	8	6	5	25	19	30
Harefield Utd	20	8	6	5	29	23	27
Flackwell Hth	21	8	6	6	24	29	27
Leighton	22	8	6	8	29	31	26
Kingsbury T	19	8	5	6	23	21	26
Camberley T	21	7	3	11	25	32	24
Epsom & Ewell	18	6	2	10	31	30	20
Hornchurch	19	5	5	9	29	31	20
Hanwell	20	5	5	10	30	44	20
East Thurrock	17	4	7	6	31	29	19
Tilbg Town	22	4	7	11	25	39	19
Clapton	19	5	3	11	23	34	18
Cove	17	4	3	10	19	35	15

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

Southern Division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sudbury Town	22	15	3	4	52	28	50
Salisbury	22	15	3	5	40	24	48
Witney T	22	13	5	4	35	21	44
Sidlesham	18	13	2	3	49	19	41
Chesham	18	12	5	1	39	9	41
Ashford Town	19	11	5	3	40	24	38
Bognor	23	11	5	7	34	30	38
Andover	21	10	3	8	41	35	33
Tonbridge	19	10	1	7	32	27	31
Hazel	18	9	3	6	35	19	30
Buckingham	19	8	4	7	25	23	28
Weymouth	18	8	3	7	35	31	27
Fareham T	20	8	7	7	30	28	25
Newport IOW	15	8	5	4	28	19	23
Fisher SL	21	6	3	12	32	40	21
Poole Town	19	6	1	12	31	43	19
Canterbury	20	5	4	11	21	39	19
Basham	22	5	3	14	29	57	18
Erith & Bxl	19	3	4	12	17	31	13
Wealdstone	19	2	4	13	23	47	10
Bury Town	21	2	3	16	24	62	9
Dunstable	19	2	2	15	24	48	8

TeleConnection

Can you afford to miss important messages while you are away from the office or home? Stay in touch at all times with a BT pager. We can offer up to 30% discount on pagers for a limited period. Call TeleConnection now on:

071-957 7777

Offer ends 31st March 1994

Paging distributor authorised by BT

H

Typesetting & Origination: Inside Print & Design Limited, 257 Uxbridge Road, Mill End, Rickmansworth. Tel: 0923 772276. Printed by Essex Chronicle. Published by Middlesex County Press Ltd. Registered at the Post Office as a newspaper.

Image © Reach PLC. Image created courtesy of THE BRITISH LIBRARY BOARD.