

SPORT

Cup Final date

WEMBLEY Ladies had the Cup glory on Sunday when they take on holders Millwall Lionesses in the final of the Middlesex Ladies Senior Cup at Wembley FC, Vale Farm, kick off 5pm.

Holder start away in Trophy

IN the first round of the Mayor of Harrow's Knockout Cricket Trophy, holders Harrow Borough begin their defence of the trophy away to Goodwill.

Merger agreed

FINNICK Victoria CC members have voted to join neighbouring Finner. They will help Finner out with players this season and there will be a full merger between the clubs next season.

Sakhraoui soaks Walton's hopes of promotion

Wembley 1 Waltham 1
YOUSSEF Sakhraoui put a dent in Walton's promotion hopes with a 70th minute goal that gave Wembley a point at rain lashed Vale Farm on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

It was the visitors who adapted far better to the atrocious conditions and when Gary Powell crashed for the much-lamented John Collins to head Walton into a 29th minute lead, it seemed to be the prelude to a comfortable win.

Walton should certainly have added to their advantage, their best chance of doing so coming 18 minutes into the second half when a Paul Shields back pass was held up in the mud and Justin Mitchell beat Jeff Farmer to the ball but then drove it against a post.

After a poor first half in which they rarely threatened, Wembley showed more urgency after the break and their determination was finally rewarded with the equaliser.

The hard working Andy Smith intercepted a poor pass by Crawford and concluded on a strong run to the Walton area where he fired low past keeper Phillips and Sakhraoui followed in to apply the finishing touch.

Wembley: Farmer, Fishery, Cook, C edgans (Bates), Shields, De Gooch, Lewiston, Smith, Heston, Doyle (Graham).

Walton: 66 (Graham), 67 (Graham), 68 (Graham), 69 (Graham), 70 (Graham), 71 (Graham), 72 (Graham), 73 (Graham), 74 (Graham), 75 (Graham), 76 (Graham), 77 (Graham), 78 (Graham), 79 (Graham), 80 (Graham), 81 (Graham), 82 (Graham), 83 (Graham), 84 (Graham), 85 (Graham), 86 (Graham), 87 (Graham), 88 (Graham), 89 (Graham), 90 (Graham).

Harrow ref in charge for Wembley final

Elleray gets FA Cup call

By John Comfort

HARROW'S David Elleray is to referee this season's FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium on May 14 between Chelsea and the winners of the Manchester United v Oldham semi-final replay.

"I'm delighted, but still stunned," he said. "My refereeing colleagues said they thought I would get it but I thought I would miss out because it was likely to be a north v south final and I expected them to go for someone somewhere in between."

David is no stranger to Wembley Stadium. He has officiated there on eight previous occasions, including three times last season for the FA Charity Shield match between Leeds and Liverpool, the Autoglass Trophy Final between Port Vale and Stockport and the First Division play-off match between Leicester and Swindon.

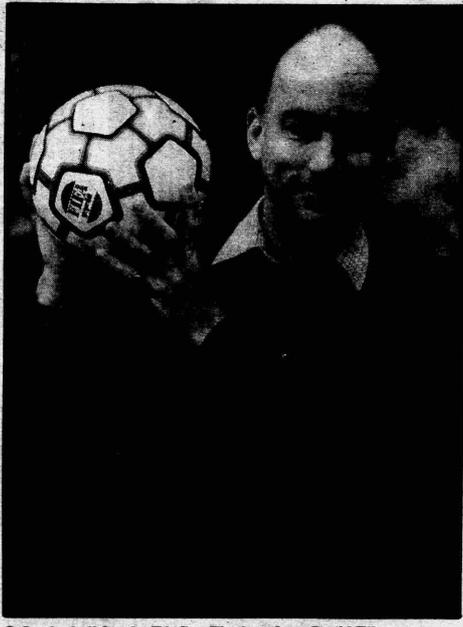
"I have always said that as I'm the referee who is nearest to Wembley, I ought to be the one to do all the games there," he joked.

39 year old David, who is the master of Drurice House at Harrow School, began refereeing in Kent in 1968 and progressed via local leagues to the Hellenic League, Isthmian League, and Football Conference to the Football League, beginning as a linesman in 1983 and then as a referee in 1986.

He was promoted to the FIFA referees list in 1991, and his most recent international appointment was the World Cup game between Malta and Portugal last year.

His appointment to the FA Cup Final is remarkably appropriate, for Harrow School is strongly linked with the origins of the famous competition.

The FA Cup was the brainchild of Charles Alcock, the first secretary of the Football Association, who was not only a pupil at Harrow School but was also in Drurice House. The competition itself was based on Harrow's successful inter-school knockout cup.



On the ball for the FA Cup Final - referee David Elleray.

Borough see off rain and rivals

Bromley 0 Harrow Borough 3
BOROUGH'S original visit to Bromley six months ago had to be abandoned due to torrential rain. It fell again on Tuesday night but Borough defied both the elements and their rivals for a win which took them to ninth place in the Division Premier Division table, writes Tony Booth.

John Hurlock's first minute drive that whistled just wide was a portent of things to come and later Westley had a header cleared off the line.

But the eager visitors weren't to be denied and when O'Connor's 34th minute free kick was headed out, Hurlock stunningly blasted a 30 yard shot back inside the near post to put Borough ahead.

Nine minutes later Bested's powerful header out of defence put Lee Enderby

New league date for washed out Wasps

WASPS' Courage League clash with Bristol, belatedly postponed because of a waterlogged pitch on Saturday, will now be played on Tuesday, kick off 7.30pm at the Memorial Ground.

Wasps have no game this Saturday as their scheduled match with Waterloo has been cancelled.

Preparations for the defence of the Middlesex Sevens final received a boost at the weekend as Wasps reached the final of the prestigious Malvern Sevens, going down 17-10 to Camb.

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Injuries give Harry a selection headache

HARROW Borough boss Harry Mance has a selection of injury problems to contend with as he sniffs over his likely team for tonight's (Thursday's) visit to title contenders Marlow.

Neil Fraser has a suspected

broken nose following a kick in the face against Bromley and Jason Court (back), Bob Booker (hamstring), Christian Metcalfe (high strain) and Darren Brown (hernia) are all struggling with injuries.

Mance will definitely be

without Andy Prutton who is still suspended.

By contrast, Wembley expect to have an injury free squad to select from for their visit to neighbours Ruslip Manor tonight (Thursday).

Barry Garlett, signed from Molesey will again deputise in goal for Andy Hopping for Wealdstone's home game

with bottom of the table Bury.

Stones have added defender Dale Williams, from United Counties League club Bugbrooke St Michael, to their squad. Jason Chewis is an injury doubt.

Edgware will be expecting a big crowd at the White Lion ground on Saturday when title chasing Aldershot and their

hoards of supporters, will be the visitors.

Edgware hope to have both Scott McGleish (achilles) and Eugene Flynn (knee) back after injuries.

Gerry Brennan completes his three match suspension this week and misses Kingsbury's away game at Royston. Otherwise, manager Peter Blain has a full squad to select from.

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MIDDLESEX LEAGUE	
Premier Division	
Club	P W D L F A
Barnet	27 11 4 12 38 32
Bromley	27 11 4 12 38 32
Chesham Utd	27 11 4 12 38 32
Edgware	27 11 4 12 38 32
Marlow	27 11 4 12 38 32
Waltham	27 11 4 12 38 32
Wembley	27 11 4 12 38 32

Division One	
Club	P W D L F A
Barnet	27 11 4 12 38 32
Bromley	27 11 4 12 38 32
Chesham Utd	27 11 4 12 38 32
Edgware	27 11 4 12 38 32
Marlow	27 11 4 12 38 32
Waltham	27 11 4 12 38 32
Wembley	27 11 4 12 38 32

Fixtures

Thursday April 14
Diadora League Premier
Dix: Marlow v Harrow Borough
Diadora League Div One
Ruslip Manor v Wembley

Saturday April 16
Diadora League Premier
Dix: Harrow Borough v Sutton Utd (Earlsmead, 3pm)
Diadora League Div One
Barnet v Wembley
Diadora League Div Two
Edgware Town v Aldershot (White Lion ground, 3pm)
Diadora League Div Three
Ruslip v Kingsbury Town
Diadora League Div One
Bezzar Home League
Barnet v Wembley

Tuesday April 19
Diadora League Premier
Dix: Gray's Ath v Harrow Borough
Diadora League Div One
Wembley v Barking (Vale Farm, 7.45pm)
Diadora League Div Two
Bezzar Home League
Barnet v Wembley