

# SPORT

## Wasps ladies help England to title

# On top of the world

FIVE members of the successful Wasps Ladies Rugby Club team helped England to victory in the Women's World Cup in Edinburgh on Sunday.

England took the trophy with a 39-23 win in the final against the American Eagles, a result which avenged their defeat by the same opponents in the 1991 Final.

Wasps Ladies in the England line up were Giselle Pragnell, Sandra Ewing, Heather Strup and Genevieve Shore, who all started, and Paula George, who came on as a replacement late in the game.

England won with tries from Jacqui Edwards of Black-

beath, Gill Burns c' Waterloo and Jayne Mitchell of Saracens, while captain Karen Almond of Saracens landed two penalty tries, three conversions and a penalty.

The Wasps men play their final game of the season on Saturday when they travel north to meet Orrell in Division One of the Courage League.

Wasps will be without their quartet of England players for the South African tour, Rob Andrew, captain Dean Ryan, Damian Hopley and Steve Bates, who are all rested.

Fran Clough will be up against his former club in his last game for Wasps while

scrum half Chris Wright will also be facing his former colleagues. Chris Braithwaite remains the fly half berth.

Wasps' former England prop, Jeff Probyn, has had a change of heart and will not be going to Bedford next season as was announced a few weeks ago.

Clutching the sponsor's Man of the Match award after Saturday's win over Northampton, he declared: "I'm staying."

It is obvious that even though Probyn has lost his England place, he is a high class player and not yet ready to drop two divisions.

## Merison set to leave Northwood

FORMER Harrow Borough player and reserve team boss, Alan Merison, is to quit as manager of Northwood FC because of increased work commitments.

49 year old Merison has been in

charge at Chestnut Avenue for six years, leading the Woods to two Spartan League Cup triumphs, the Spartan League Championship, and last season, in their first season in the Advertiser League, to triumph in the As-

sets Members Cup.

Although relinquishing the manager's job, he is hoping to stay at Northwood in some capacity.

His sons Daniel and Adam both play for the club's youth teams.

## Maralyn is new County Champ



Maralyn Henderson with her County Championship trophy.

STANMORE Golf Club's Maralyn Henderson is the new Middlesex Golf Champion.

In the final of the Middlesex Championship at Muswell Hill she beat Pinner Hill's Powati Ramchand on the 18th hole to secure the title.

Maralyn, a Stanmore member since 1992, is married to a member of the armed forces and finds herself posted to different parts of the country every three years.

She started her golfing career at the age of 11 in Northern Ireland. She was sponsored by the Golf Foundation and went on to represent Ulster before she was married. On her return to competitive golf she represented Cambridgeshire, Hampshire and Wiltshire before moving to Bushey Heath and joining Stanmore.

Maralyn follows an illustrious line of Middlesex Champions who were also members of Stanmore, starting with Jacqueline Gordon, who won it five times, and Pat Moore, who won in 1963.

She will be leading the Middlesex team when they play in the County Match Week at Crews Hill starting on May 9.

## 'I take blame' says Charles

WEMBLEY 1 Boreham Wood 2

WEMBLEY boss Glen Charles held his hands up for being responsible for this poor display of a performance by his side on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

His juggling acts with his squad in recent weeks have generally reaped reward, but he fell flat on his face with selections for this notoriously ill tempered fixture from which the Lions never even remotely threatened to take anything.

"That was down to me," admitted Charles afterwards. "I've got away with the changes before, but not tonight."

One on target shot in the entire match - and that came from the penalty spot - accurately reflected how badly Wembley performed. Boreham

Wood weren't a lot better and it all added up to floodlight robbery for the paying customers.

In a lifeless first half the visitors took the lead after 31 minutes when Barnett headed through for Liburd to shoot past Jeff Fanner.

11 minutes after the break Boreham Wood scored again. Scott's free kick beat the home side's offside trap and Fox burst clear to beat the hapless Fanner.

Wembley were handed a lifeline when Scott handled a Fishery cross in the 83rd minute and Fishery netted from the spot, but in the closing minutes the home side never looked likely to salvage a point - and frankly, didn't deserve to.

Wembley: Fanner, Fishery, Ahmed, Doyle, Hinchey, Sakhrani, Lawrence, Smith, De Bruin (Guzman), Thomson (Bates).

## Play-off finals at Wembley

THE London Towers may have been knocked off the Budweiser League Championship trail following their defeat by Guildford Kings in the first round of the play-offs, but there will still be plenty of top class basketball action this weekend when the finals are staged at Wembley Arena.

The semi-final line up on Saturday sees Derby Bucks play Worthing Bears at 7.15pm followed by Guildford Kings against Manchester Giants at 9.15pm.

The winners then meet in the Championship Final on Sunday, the 6th.

Before the main final will be the Men's National League Division Two Final between Guildford Storm and Swindon Sonics at 11am and the Women's National League Division One Final between Sheffield Hatters and Thames Valley at 1pm. Following the big match will be the Men's National League Division One Final between Coventry Crusaders and Cardiff Heat, which tips off at 6pm.

Tickets for both championship days are available at the Wembley box office on 949-1234.

## Stones lose Elward after protest to FA

WEALDSTONE have been instructed by the Football Association that they cannot play recent signing Gerry Elward again this season.

The instruction follows a complaint from his former club, Diadora League Basingstoke Town, that they did not receive a seven day approach from the Stones prior to his

signing for the Beazer outfit. The FA have upheld their complaint and ordered the midfielder's registration to be cancelled by Wealdstone.

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## Injury blow for Player of Year



GRAEME West, the Britannic Assurance/Observer Player of the Year in 1993, is likely to miss the opening of the 1994 cricket campaign because of a soccer injury.

The Beesborough CC batsman suffered a knee injury on Saturday playing for Southall in their Diadora League Division Three match against Tring Town.

It could keep him out of action for the next two weeks.

## Wembley bid for Charity Cup Final spot

A PLACE in the final of the Middlesex Charity Cup is at stake tonight (Thursday) when Wembley visit Northwood.

After Tuesday's diabolical performance against Boreham Wood, a much changed Wembley line-up can be expected to take the field with Henry Clark, Steve Daly, Kenny

Page and Giuliano Grazioli all likely to return to the starting line up.

With games against the top two clubs coming up, Harrow Borough will have a say in the destination of the Diadora Premier Division title.

On Saturday they visit Marlow and should have Graham

Westley back after injury. Jason Court is still suffering with a back injury which will require an operation in the close season, and is a doubtful starter.

Wealdstone expect to have striker Roddy Braithwaite back after injury for their final home league game of the season on Saturday when they take on Burnham.

Edgware look to complete a league double in their home game with Saffron Walden on Saturday.

Scott McGleish, who has an achilles tendon problem, and Paul McIntosh, who has a hamstring injury, are both struggling

for fitness, while Paul Ferry's groin problem is likely to sideline him for the remainder of the season.

Kingsbury should have a clean bill of health for their visit to Epsom.

Rayners Lane have two tough away fixtures over the

Bank Holiday, against Tuffrey Rovers on Saturday and at Cinderford on Monday.

Ashley Cumberbatch should be available after missing the game with Abingdon due to work commitments, but skipper Gerry Hynes is not likely to be fit.

Beazer Home League Southern Div: Wealdstone v Burnham (The Werne, Spk)

Harlow League: Tuffrey Rovers v Rayners Lane

Wesley May 2

Diadora League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Marlow (Edgware, Spk)

Harlow League: Chertsey Town v Rayners Lane (Spk)

Tuesday May 3

Diadora League Div One: Wembley v Hayfield (Stalls, Vale Farm, 7.30pm)

### The latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE Premier Division		Division Two		Division Three	
P	W	D	L	P	W
Staveley Boro	29	7	84	39	91
Harlow	24	9	84	77	
Chesham Utd	23	7	87	41	76
Erith	23	6	87	25	75
St Albans City	21	9	77	48	72
Sutton Utd	20	8	89	30	70
Carshalton	17	5	111	73	68
Hatfield	10	20	71	82	67
Harrow Boro	11	11	82	82	
Kingsbury	10	14	84	61	59
Harlow	9	19	81	48	59
Wyke Utd	10	16	71	62	65
Hayes	11	14	81	72	59
Dulwich Hamlet	13	8	81	61	47
Bromley	12	7	79	49	61
Yeading	10	12	77	60	42
Malden	9	11	76	42	51
Grays Utd	10	10	82	48	58
Wokingham T	10	8	84	38	51
Dorling	9	4	87	37	51
Berkhamstead T	10	12	73	30	47
Wareham T	10	5	233	146	17
Division One		Division Two		Division Three	
Bishops Cleeve	24	4	81	28	63
Purfleet	22	10	88	42	76
Watton & Ham	21	9	75	51	73
Toting & Mitch	19	12	37	67	58
Hydeley St	19	11	89	41	68
Billyfold	19	11	85	46	68
Leighton	19	11	81	61	68
Wokingham	18	11	74	42	65
Boreham Wood	17	13	88	46	64
Abingdon Town	16	10	82	48	64
Staines	17	7	85	54	58
Wembley	16	8	86	47	67
Bognor Regis	15	12	85	44	57
Uxbridge	14	9	17	50	53
Beding	13	11	59	58	53
Wyke Utd	14	6	20	69	48
Maldenhead	11	13	18	49	46
Berkhamstead	11	9	18	62	67
Rushly Men	10	8	24	38	32
Windsor & E	10	8	27	44	29
Chesham Sp	10	10	24	35	23
Croydon	10	3	34	35	183
Enfield Town	22	7	2	28	30
Chertsey Town	20	2	6	108	44
Alidhurst Utd	20	8	4	71	23
Beacons Rovers	20	2	9	64	37
Weymouth Utd	20	9	11	65	59
Met Police	19	9	12	70	46
Danvers Hill	19	7	12	53	47
Thames Utd	18	12	11	50	64
Malvern Vale	18	9	12	60	43
Avonley	17	5	17	57	56
Beacons Rovers	17	11	18	48	57
Hemel Hemp	16	10	15	48	52
Edgware Town	16	14	18	17	32
Wokingham	16	12	11	42	74
Hampden	16	12	4	41	67
Thames Valley	16	12	11	48	57
Hungerford	16	7	22	48	37
Leatherhead	16	8	24	42	34
Thames Valley	16	10	11	35	34
Collier Row	17	7	22	34	29
Rainham Town	16	4	233	103	14
Division Two		Division Three		Division Four	
Chesham	22	12	5	61	34
Bradford Town	22	7	6	28	29
Abingdon	21	10	7	52	63
Outd C	21	10	7	52	63
Southall	21	15	10	47	48
Camden T	21	17	6	14	54
Harlow Town	15	17	6	15	48
Bury Town	11	5	33	38	117
Harlow Town	17	6	15	61	63
Northwood	15	10	13	77	55
Epsom & Ewell	17	14	8	60	59
Watford Utd	17	12	14	61	58
Leigham	17	11	16	51	47
Kingsbury T	18	13	14	62	66
Cow	17	5	19	52	71
Fulham & Hounslow	16	12	7	59	58
East Thurrock	16	9	15	52	42
Hornchurch	16	11	8	38	51
Plaxford Hill	16	9	11	42	75
Tring Town	17	9	11	43	58
Hornchurch	17	8	8	42	78
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE		Southern Division		Northern Division	
Sudbury Town	27	7	6	25	42
Grayswood	24	11	3	28	23
Salisbury	24	8	8	34	37
Weymouth	24	8	8	31	33
Ashford Town	22	13	5	43	79
Batford	24	7	7	39	79
Harlow	24	4	8	42	58
Hempstead	23	11	8	47	65
Wokingham	23	10	8	47	62
Totteridge	23	10	8	47	62
Weymouth	23	10	8	47	62
Buckingham	23	10	8	47	62
Harlow	23	10	8	47	62
Pease Town	23	10	8	47	62
Foreham T	23	10	8	47	62
Burnham	23	10	8	47	62
Erith & Dal	23	10	8	47	62
Chertsey	23	10	8	47	62
Wendham	23	10	8	47	62
Bury Town	23	10	8	47	62

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