

SPORT Borough look to end jinx

Trophy clash chance to halt K's hoodoo

HARROW Borough visit Kingstonian in the third qualifying round of the FA Trophy on Saturday, knowing they have to overcome a hoodoo if they are to progress further in the competition.

Kingmeadow is no happy hunting ground for the Earlsmead outfit. Borough have yet to win at the Surrey club's new ground and last season positively leaked goals there in two matches against their rivals, losing 7-0 in the League and 6-1 in the League Cup.

Their recent FA Cup triumph over Brighton will put Kingstonian in confident mood, but, fresh from their fine draw at top of the table Slough, Harry Manoe's side are equally buoyant, and will be anxious to turn the tide of results between the two clubs.

Good news for manager Manoe is that, assuming no injuries were sustained in last night's Carlsberg Cup clash at Chesham, he will almost certainly have a full squad to select from.

Darren Seabrook has completed a three match ban imposed by the FA as his penalty for playing while under suspension in the previous round at Racing Club Warwick, and Graham Pearce's six match ban is over, so both are available to play.

On the injury front, Andy Frutton is expected to have recovered from a leg injury and Terry Beaming has had the stitches removed from a head wound and should be okay.

Even substitute keeper Nick Bettacini is back. He returns to the bench after missing two games following a wisdom tooth operation.

Borough will be running a coach to the game which leaves Earlsmead at 12.45pm. If a replay is required it will take place at Earlsmead on Wednesday, kick off 7.30pm.

Defender Ben Marshall has been released by Borough to enable him to get regular first team football. He has joined neighbours Ruislip Manor.

Paul Ripley, who recently had a high scoring spell on

loan to Hillingdon Borough, has also been released, and has joined Hitchin Town.

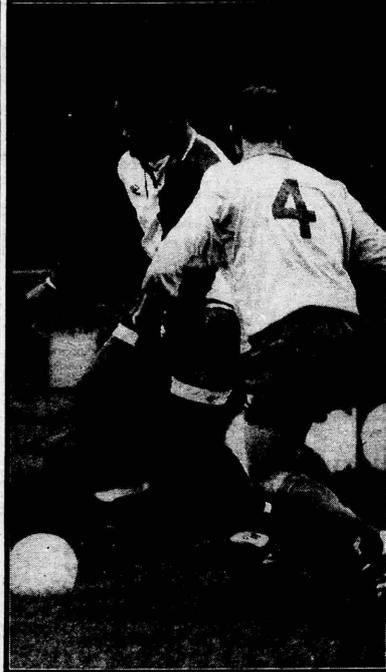
After suffering drubbings against Staines and Maidenhead, Wembley visit struggling Dorking on Saturday, looking to hand out some of what they have recently received.

A damaged ankle keeps Andy O'Brien out, while Youssouf Sakharoui is also sidelined with a shoulder injury. Ashley Cumberbatch is available after suspension and Giuliano Grazioli, who missed Tuesday's game because of a virus, should also be fit.

Wendstone will be without both Tommy Mason and Gerry Solomon for the visit of Erith and Belvedere on Saturday. Both are suspended.

Gerry Elward came through Tuesday's match at Waltham Abbey well after five weeks out with a foot injury and is a certain starter.

Stones have released goalkeeper Barry Gartell, who is awaiting a cartilage operation, and striker Steve Mattis:



Wembley's Steve Lawrence goes past Staines defender Lucas in Saturday's clash at Vale Farm.

Lions' leaky defence concedes five more

Wembley 0 Maidenhead Utd 5

THE woe continued for Wembley when they had five goals hammered past them by Maidenhead on Tuesday to suffer their heaviest league defeat at Vale Farm since August 1988, writes Richard Markiewicz.

Admittedly the Lions had six regulars missing for various reasons, but there should be no excuses for the lame and abject performance produced by those players who were selected and they were duly punished.

In a disastrous defensive display, Wembley were blitzed by four first half goals.

United went in front after eight minutes when the unmarked James Pritchard drilled home a loose ball from the edge of the penalty area following a corner, and Pritchard scored again six minutes later, set up by Alec Norman, who capitalised on an error by Liam Doyle.

Ten minutes later it was 3-0. Jeff Fanner, at full stretch, superbly pushed clear Tim Cook's ferocious long range drive but his colleagues were too busy standing in admiration to prevent Norman firing in the rebound.

United continued to dominate. Micky Creighton stuck a post after the Lions lost possession for the umpteenth time and Norman was foiled from following up by Fanner's brave save.

However, five minutes before the break the fragile home rear-guard was pierced again and Pritchard's long range strike made it 4-0.

Wembley's misery was completed three minutes into the second half when Pritchard popped up unnoticed at the far post to score his fourth goal. The shell-shocked Lions still had time to redress matters, but the last rites had already been read.

Wembley: Fanner, Doyle, Clark, Shearer, Ciffin, Daly, Dhallis, Lawrence, Smith, McGinley. Page. Subs: Walters, Headford.

Weekend of top rugby action at Sudbury

SOME good rugby entertainment is on offer at Repton Avenue this weekend, writes Alan Bodenham.

On Saturday a London Division side, with a host of Wasps players, takes on the North and on Sunday Wasps face London Irish in what is always a competitive local derby.

London Division had a good 23-18 victory in the opening match of the CIS Divisional Championship against the South West at Bristol last weekend with Wasps players dominating the scoring. Steve Bates, London's skipper, got a try in the first half, but Lawrence Dallaglio was the match winner. Just after the break he intercepted a pass and sprinted 40 yards for a fine try. Guy Gregory weighed in

with three penalties and two conversions. Despite the miserable conditions London played some enterprising rugby, very much in the new Wasps style, and the same can be expected against the North.

Wasps players also made good contributions in the CIS County Championship with the pick of the bunch being Chris Braithwaite. The fly half's last minute penalty gave Middlesex a 17-16 victory over Cornwall at Redruth.

Wasps have yet to name their team for Sunday but they will again be severely weakened by representative calls.

For the divisional match on Saturday extra parking provided at Sudbury Junior School in Watford Road.

Strugglers offer hope for Towers

COACH Kevin Cadle will be looking to get his London Towers team back to winning form at Wembley tonight (Thursday) when they take on Leicestershire in the Budweiser League, tip off 8pm.

Towers ended a five match winless run when they beat Worthing in the 7 Up Trophy 12 days ago, but they quickly slipped back into their losing ways with a League defeat against Leopards.

Now the struggling Riders give the Towers have an ideal opportunity to return to winning ways and get their title hopes back on course. Towers are in action again on Saturday when they visit third in the table Manchester Giants.

Ray in action
NEW Queens Park Rangers boss Ray Wilkins played in his club's 2-0 Football Combination win over Millwall at Earlsmead on Tuesday.

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Slough T.	10	8	5	1	26	12	29
Borough	17	7	3	21	23	28	23
St Albans City	17	7	3	21	23	28	23
Constitution	18	7	3	21	23	28	23
Admiralty	17	7	3	21	23	28	23
Geoff Hill	15	9	4	22	24	24	31
Harrow Town	15	9	4	22	24	24	31
Yeading	14	8	4	22	25	22	31
Chesham Utd	14	8	4	22	25	22	31
Purley	15	8	4	22	25	22	31
Barnet	15	8	4	22	25	22	31
Dulwich Hamlet	14	5	4	25	38	19	25
Mottery	15	4	6	22	28	18	22
Bishops Cleeve	14	4	6	22	28	18	22
Waltham & H.	12	5	4	25	22	14	25
Hillingdon	14	2	6	22	28	12	22
Waltham T.	11	1	11	22	38	4	11
Barnham Wood	15	12	1	27	15	27	39
Altrincham	14	9	3	22	17	21	30
Altrincham	16	9	3	22	17	21	30
Barnham Wood	15	8	4	27	28	28	30
Tring & Millis	16	8	4	27	28	28	30
Middlehead	16	8	4	27	28	28	30
Waltham T.	17	8	2	24	38	25	30
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Chertsey	14	6	4	28	19	22	28
Worthing	16	6	3	22	28	21	28
Barnet	16	6	3	22	28	21	28
Uxbridge	16	5	5	18	19	20	20
Waltham T.	18	4	9	29	29	29	29
Redhill	15	4	8	17	17	17	17
Barnham Wood	17	4	8	19	30	16	16
Hillingdon	16	4	2	22	30	14	14
Leyton	16	2	1	22	30	14	14
Waltham T.	15	2	1	15	16	4	4

Shanahan comes to Stones rescue again

Waltham Abbey 0 Wendstone 2

JOHN Shanahan repeated his extra time goalscoring exploits to help save Stones from embarrassment against struggling Spartan League outfit Waltham Abbey in the Middlesex Charity Cup on Tuesday, writes Graham Smith.

A scrappy match had ended in deadlock with Wendstone struggling against a side that are bottom of their league with only one win this season.

Their best scoring effort had come in the 61st minute when Shanahan's pass found Simon Quail who volleyed against a post, and earlier a Tyrone Kent header was cleared on the line by Waite, but the home side were not

without their chances and shocked Stones when Reynolds headed against the bar.

The deadlock was finally broken on the stroke of half time in extra time. An Andrew Jukes cross was half cleared to Shanahan 20 yards out and he volleyed past Craig.

Five minutes into the second half of extra time Rod Bradwaite was replaced by Richard Buzaglio who made an immediate impact. He went clear and was brought down by Franklin and Quail scored from the resulting spot kick to complete an unconvincing win for Stones who meet North Greenford in the next round.

Wendstone: D. Hill, Jones, Birch, M. Hill, Page, Mason, Kent (Franklin), Quail, Ewart.

Town so punchless

Kingsbury Town 0 Uxbridge 2

PUNCHLESS Kingsbury never looked like upsetting trophy holders Uxbridge on Tuesday night when their rivals began their defence of the London Challenge Cup, writes John Comfort.

Town failed to get a shot on goal in the first half and after the break were little better.

Kingsbury's main preoccupation was defending and in the first half it required a goal-line clearance from Steve Evans to keep out a header from Steve Kohne.

Uxbridge opened the scoring just 50 seconds into the second half when Paul McCluskey's mishit shot found Raoul Sam who blasted a great shot into the top right

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