

# SPORT

## Claire helps County to gold

PARKSIDE Ladies AC had four representatives in the Southern Inter-Counties Championships at Leighton Buzzard, with Claire Forbes finishing an excellent 15th to help Middlesex to

the gold medals in the senior race. Katherine Duley was the fourth Middlesex scorer in the under-20 team, finishing 44th, while Becky Nicholls was also fourth home for the

under-13s, coming 51st. Claire Thomas came 21st in the under-15 race and helped her county, Hertfordshire, to the gold medals in that age group.

### Progress out on top

WITH near rivals Brent Juniors dropping a point in the chase for the title, Progress WES Table Tennis Club consolidated their position at the top of the Friendly Hotels British League with a 7-1 defeat of Bying Hall.

Man of the match Errol Skett defeated Bying's number one and two players in straight sets and took the top player award.

### Double cup exit

RAYNERS Lane suffered their second cup defeat in successive matches on Saturday when they lost 2-1 to Ardley in the quarter finals of the Hellenic League Cup, their goal being scored by Metcalf.

Last Tuesday Lane went down 3-2 to Southall at Tring in the Middlesex Charity Cup, Vernal and Bird setting.

### Payne is in charge

FORMER Harrow Borough defender Colin Payne has taken over as caretaker player-manager of Rushley Manor FC following the sacking on Thursday of ex-Wembley player Mick Schoon, who had been Manor's boss for the past eight years.

### Borough to travel

IN the draw for the third round of the Diadora League's Carlsberg Cup, Harrow Borough are away to Hitchin Town.

# Wasps go north in the cup

By Alan Bodenham

THE draw for the fifth round of the Pilkington Cup provided Wasps with another long trip north to face Second Division club Waterloo in Liverpool on January 28.

Coach Rob Smith would have preferred a home tie but was reasonably happy with the prospect. Smith was relieved to have avoided great rivals Bath and Leicester who face difficult away ties at Orell and Bristol respectively. Wasps have met Waterloo in the Cup twice before. In 1978 they sneaked in by a single point, 10-9 at Sudbury, but in 1985 at Blundell-sands, Waterloo won 21-13.

The Merseysiders however do have a cup reputation. They brought about one of the biggest upsets of all time two years ago when they dumped Bath out of the competition.

This result above all will convince Wasps that the match against a side who lay in second place in the Second Division will be a tricky hurdle and one not to be taken lightly.

The growing gulf between the First and Second Division was illustrated perfectly at Newcastle on Saturday as Wasps swept into the

fifth round with a crushing 58-12 victory.

Rob Andrew followed up his near perfect display at Twickenham with another scintillating performance. The fly half darted through the home defence for a try inside a minute and went on to complete a hat-trick. Playing with the wind in the first half Wasps had the game sewn up by the break building up a 41-5 lead.

They scored nine tries in all. Skipper Dean Ryan, who was outstanding in the back row, got on the scoresheet as did Phil Hopley, Graham Childs, Nick Greenstock, Simon Hunter and Chris Wilkins. Andrew landed four conversions and a penalty and Huw Davies also kicked a conversion.

The next game for the Sudbury men is an attractive club fixture against Saracens at Southgate on January 2. The Courage League campaign resumes for Wasps on January 7 with a visit to Gloucester.



Wembley's Steve Daly heads for goal in Saturday's 3-1 win over Newbury. Report inside.

### Kenton reunion

WHILE some of the active racing members of Kenton Road Club went out on their Sunday pre-Christmas mince pie clubrun to Rickmansworth and Amersham, the veterans assembled at Sandridge, near St Albans.

A traditional reunion since 1960 for the Sunday before Christmas, the 'Old Joe's Run' started as a clubrun from Kenton for senior members. Now many have 'emigrated' from Harrow, this is often the only yearly meeting.

18 attended the reunion, including Kenton RC founders, Tom Rooney from Blackpool, Arthur Wood from Beaconsfield and Terry Cronin from Watford. Also there were Pete Morgan from Newbury, Dennis O'Connell and his wife from Diss, Norfolk, Spud Murphy from High Wycombe and John Cargill from Alton, Hants.

Members from the Harrow area who attended included Norman Saxby, Gino Goddard and Alec Tidmarsh.

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## Doubles holders battle through to the last eight

TITLE holders Dennis O'Sullivan and Simon Mitchell (Preston) have moved into the last eight of the Observer Pool League Doubles competition after holding off the challenge of top LNER players Steven and Alan Lennon.

The match proved to be a tense affair with neither pairing ready to take any chances.

Play in the opening stages was extremely negative and it was two re-racked frames and 45 minutes before a ball was potted.

However, the Lennons decided to step up the pace and a cool finish by Steve saw them take the vital first frame.

The pressure was now mounting for the defending champions and they looked to be in trouble in the second frame with Alan Lennon at the table in a strong position.

However, his attempted clearance attempt broke down with a poor positional shot on his last ball.

This was just what the champions had been hoping for and some sens-

ible tactical play saw them level at 1-1.

The third and final frame suddenly opened up after a slow start and this time it was O'Sullivan who moved in to finish only to see his attempt falter. The Lennons now looked to be in a very favourable position but Mitchell managed to produce a couple of vital pots and also landed a snooker to end his visit.

Steve Lennon played out of the snooker successfully only to foul the black ball with the tip of his cue. The

resulting two visits were enough to see O'Sullivan wrap up the match by 2 frames to 1.

Ex doubles champions Ben Gazeley and John Reynolds (Plough A) also claimed a place in the last eight with a 2-1 victory over Duncan Burke and Eugene Fawcett (LNER).

The finals night looks to be very competitive indeed with strong pairing Niall Docherty and Mick Kelias (LNER) winning through, as did three times runner up Brendan Raleigh, who was partnered by James

Carroll (Plough A).

Other finalists include Larry Kelly and Mark Burney (Heather), R. Taylor and M. Clarke (Belmont), and Mick Ferguson and Tony Maidment (Queen of Hearts).

One match is still to be played between top pairs Ray Mescal and Steve Daniels (Preston) and Ashley Robinson (Queen of Hearts) and Peter McManus (Preston).

The finals night is set to take place on January 10 at a venue to be arranged.

## Windless off as the Towers make it seven in row

LONDON Towers scored their seventh successive win since signing new American Tony Windless when they defeated Leicester City Riders 97-75 in the Budweiser Basketball League on Saturday in a game that Windless failed to finish.

He was disqualified in the final quarter, along with Leicester's Hilroy Thomas, for fighting.

Danny Lewis (24), Kenny Scott (21) and Joel Moore (21) led the scoring for the Towers.

Towers' reward for putting holders Rothering Bears out of the National Cup is an away game against old rivals Leopards in the quarter finals on Wednesday January 18.

Towers have already met Leopards three times this season.

They beat them and then lost to them in the 7 Up Trophy and suffered a defeat in the Budweiser League.

Coincidentally they are due to face the Leopards again in the League before the Cup clash, with a Wembley meet-

ing scheduled for January 5.

Towers will be looking to extend their winning run at Wembley tonight (Thursday) when they take on the Manchester Giants in the League, tip off 8pm.

They will be looking to complete a double having beaten the Giants away a month ago.

### BUDWEISER LEAGUE

Latest table	P	W	D	L	Pts	
Sheffield	16	15	1	1195	1024	30
Thames	17	13	4	1549	1399	28
Leopards	18	12	6	1622	1450	24
London T.	19	11	6	1386	1481	22
Hemel	20	11	6	1120	914	22
Doncaster	21	9	3	1014	820	18
Worthing	22	8	6	1262	1206	16
Birmingham	23	8	6	1120	1256	16
Harrow	24	8	4	1403	1711	6
Leicester	25	9	2	953	1011	6
Leeds	26	3	10	1079	1229	6
Sunderland	27	1	13	1472	1611	2
Chesham	28	1	13	1112	1268	2

## Soccer takes a short break

THERE is no soccer programme this Saturday, but most of the locals are in action on Boxing Day.

In the Diadora League Harrow Borough entertain Yeading, kick off 3pm, Wembley visit Rushley Manor, kick off 12.30pm, and Edgware receive Hemel, kick off 3pm.

Wealdstone, who have signed keeper Nick Bettacchini on loan from Harrow, play host to Burnham in a Beazer Homes League fixture at the Warren which kicks off at 11am. A Supporters Club coach will be running as usual for the game, leaving Harrow Civic Centre at 10am.

Edgware have signed striker Peter Petrou from Bishops Stortford.

### The latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE		Premier Division		Division Two			
P	Pts	P	Pts	P	Pts		
Yeading	10	12	6	1	134	142	
Bromley	20	10	7	3	207	37	
South	19	10	6	2	207	36	
St Albans City	18	9	5	4	203	40	32
Erith	18	7	4	4	124	31	
Canterbury	21	9	4	3	204	31	
Harrow	28	8	3	2	202	28	
Purfleet	18	8	4	2	208	28	
Yeading Utd	16	8	3	3	200	19	27
Beazer Homes	19	8	3	2	204	26	
Buckley	19	7	5	3	205	26	
Beazer Homes	20	6	8	2	208	24	
Hendon	20	6	8	2	208	24	
Medway	18	6	8	2	208	24	
Grays A	21	5	9	2	203	24	
Chesham Utd	19	5	6	3	204	22	
Barnet	19	5	6	3	204	21	
King's Lynn	17	4	7	2	207	18	
Wotton & A	16	3	8	2	201	15	
Hitchin	16	3	8	2	201	15	
Meriton	19	2	9	2	204	15	
Wokingham T	18	1	14	1	146	6	
Barnham Division Two	2	3	4	2	23	44	
Staines	20	10	6	4	45	28	36
Maidenhead	19	4	5	3	22	30	
Basingstoke	20	9	5	4	47	32	
Marlow T	18	4	6	3	20	28	
Silchester	18	7	2	4	20	28	
Totting & Mitch	18	7	2	4	20	28	
Newbury T	19	8	3	4	34	26	
Weymouth	17	8	3	4	34	26	
Windsor	17	8	3	4	34	26	
Cherbury T	17	8	3	4	34	26	
Horsing	17	7	3	4	34	26	
Abingdon Town	17	7	3	4	34	26	
Bognor Regis	18	6	3	4	34	26	
Barking	20	6	4	10	26	45	22
Uxbridge	20	5	5	9	22	34	21
Leigh	20	5	5	9	22	34	21
Leyton	20	5	5	9	22	34	21
Rushley Manor	19	4	6	9	20	37	18
Hayridge Sw	18	2	5	14	28	31	18
Wivenhoe	18	2	5	14	28	31	18
Colting	18	2	5	14	28	31	18
Thames Utd	21	9	5	9	29	42	24
Barnet Rovers	19	11	4	4	39	37	27
Watford	17	11	3	4	41	22	36
Cardiff	18	10	3	5	34	24	32
Oldford C	17	10	3	4	39	17	34
Sutton Works	17	6	4	11	30	32	24
Hampston	20	9	9	4	40	47	29
Midfield Ath	17	6	5	9	28	17	34
Warrs	19	6	5	9	28	17	34
Mill Police	19	6	5	9	28	17	34
Canvey	19	1	1	3	31	17	32
Bedford T	20	6	5	9	28	17	34
Edgware Town	20	7	8	2	27	38	26
Kingbury T	19	6	5	9	28	17	34
Hemel Hempstead	18	6	5	9	28	17	34
Chalfont St P	19	4	6	2	29	21	34
Tilbury	18	4	6	2	29	21	34
Barnet Hawks	18	4	6	2	29	21	34
Aveley	19	0	13	2	15	18	34
Hemel Hemp	18	5	9	1	28	17	34
Egham Town	17	3	11	2	32	12	34
Malden Utd	18	6	13	1	19	48	9
Northwood	18	12	5	1	34	18	41
Canvey	19	1	1	3	31	17	32
Bedford T	19	6	4	10	23	30	24
Canvey	19	6	4	10	23	30	24
Kingbury T	19	6	4	10	23	30	24
Hemel Hemp	19	6	4	10	23	30	24
Harrow	17	5	5	10	22	31	27
Collier R	12	2	2	25	9	26	34
Harrowford Town	15	7	5	3	30	18	26
Tring Town	15	6	5	7	27	33	23
Verulam	15	6	5	7	27	33	23
Clapton	15	6	5	7	27	33	23
Hornham	15	6	5	7	27	33	23
Harfield Utd	15	6	5	7	27	33	23
Essex & Ewell	15	6	5	7	27	33	23
Lighten	15	6	5	7	27	33	23
East Thurrock	15	6	5	7	27	33	23
Fulham & Hovans	15	6	5	7	27	33	23
Lewes	15	6	5	7	27	33	23
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