

SPORT

Twickenham here we come!



WASPS' cup hero, Rob Andrew.

Super Wasps tame the Tigers to book Pilkington Cup Final date with Bath

WASPS are through to the final of the Pilkington Cup. Their reward for a truly heroic performance against Leicester on Saturday which saw them win 25-22 is a Twickenham showdown with trophy holders Bath on May 6.

It will be Wasps' third appearance in the final - and remarkably the third time against Bath. Having lost successive finals to the west countrymen in 1986 and 1987, the Sudbury outfit will be hoping that it will be third time lucky.

Although the win over Leicester was a magnificent team effort, fly-half Rob Andrew was the clear star of the show for Wasps. His match haul of 20 points included three perfectly executed drop goals, a touchline conversion and three penalty goals, the last of which, late in the game, proved to be the decisive score.

Wasps lost at Leicester in the league a month but learned a lesson from that experience and did their homework well.

The victory completed a superb eight

Easy points as Town make short work of strugglers

Lewes 0 Kingsbury Town 3
KINGSBURY picked up three easy points on Tuesday night when they disposed of struggling Lewes.

They were always in command but only had a single goal to show for it in the first half, Nelson Kumah converting a penalty in the 18th minute after

Mark Abrey had intercepted a back pass and been brought down in the Lewes area.

Town had a scare just before the break when Lewes hit the post but they quickly shrugged that off in the second half and made it 2-0 in the 60th minute with a superbly worked goal. John Kenny's cross

was headed on by Abrey and Mark Ivers chipped the keeper to score.

The scoring was completed five minutes from time when Robert Spelman's cross was headed home by John Kenny.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Moore (Nelson), Spelman, Elliott, Gower, N. O'Rourke, Abrey, Kumah, Ivers, Kenny, Alday. Other subs: Kingshoft.

Towers finish third

LONDON Towers have finished a disappointing third in the Budweiser Basketball League.

They were in with a chance of the title as the regular season went into its last week of matches, but an 89-82 defeat at the hands of the Birmingham Bullets on Wednesday finally killed off their hopes.

With Thames Valley beating leaders Sheffield Sharks 84-78 on the same night, it meant that even if the results went their way at the weekend, they could only finish level on points with their two rivals, but would lose out having come off second best in their head to head clashes with both clubs.

In the event Towers won 84-77 in their final game at Leopards, while the Sharks defeated Doncaster 81-70 to take the crown with Tigers beating Derby 111-86 to take the runners up spot.

Towers will now contest the best of three match play-offs where their opponents will again be London rivals, the Leopards. The first game is away on Sunday, tip off 5pm. The second leg is at Wembley on Wednesday, tip off 8pm.

Towers gained a psychological advantage for the play-offs with Sunday's win over the Leopards. They led from start to finish despite Leopards' England international guard Karl Brown nailing seven three-pointers in a game haul of 36.

19 of those points came as the Leopards staged a late fightback from being 20 points down to just 66-74 adrift with three minutes to play. But Joel Moore (19) immediately hit a three pointer to put Towers lead back in double figures and they resumed control. Danny Lewis top scored with 20 points.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE

Final table

Club	P	W	L	Pts
Sheffield	29	7	28	244
Manchester	28	9	34	275
London T.	28	9	32	282
Doncaster	26	10	30	281
Woking	26	10	32	308
Birmingham	23	13	31	290
Leopards	23	11	31	290
Worcester	20	16	28	250
Hemel	20	9	27	231
Leicester	20	8	28	271
Chesham	20	8	30	246
Sunderland	20	4	32	280

Lions looking for Charity Cup glory

WEMBLEY look for a place in the final of the Middlesex Charity Cup tonight (Thursday) when they take on Southall at Vale Farm.

Defender Matt Catlin is fit again and is added to the Wembley squad for a competition that provides Glen Charles' side with their last hope of honours this season.

Harrow Borough expect to be at full strength for their visit to Chesham which will provide a stiff test for the Earlsmead outfit as their rivals desperately need points to stave off the threat of relegation.

Wealdstone have sacked both Gerry Elward and Darrell Page after they failed to turn up for last week's Middlesex Charity Cup game at Wembley.

Stones visit Erith on Saturday without Jon Franklin and John Shanahan who are both still suspended, but Gerry Solomon is likely to return after injury.

Kingsbury Town have a busy round of three home matches in six days. They face Flackwell Heath tonight (Thursday), Harefield on Saturday and Camberley on Tuesday.

Rayners Lane visit second in the table Lambourn in a crucial game which fourth placed Lane need to win to keep their slender hopes of honours alive. Tom Metcalfe and Mark Hedge are both available after suspension but Roland Mathews is doubtful with a groin injury.

Lane signed former player John Wood from Ruislip Manor just before the transfer deadline and he could have his first full game since returning.

Latest tables

MIDDLESEX LEAGUE

Club	P	W	D	L	Pts
Erith	33	20	8	5	78
Hemel	32	17	9	6	69
Slough	31	18	10	5	80
Kingsbury	30	15	11	5	58
St Albans	29	15	11	3	54
Woking	28	15	11	2	51
Wotton	27	14	11	2	49
Windsor	26	14	11	1	48
Weymouth	25	13	11	1	47
Widley	24	13	11	0	46
Waltham	23	12	11	0	45
Widley	22	11	11	0	44
Widley	21	10	11	0	43
Widley	20	9	11	0	42
Widley	19	8	11	0	41
Widley	18	7	11	0	40
Widley	17	6	11	0	39
Widley	16	5	11	0	38
Widley	15	4	11	0	37
Widley	14	3	11	0	36
Widley	13	2	11	0	35
Widley	12	1	11	0	34
Widley	11	0	11	0	33
Widley	10	0	11	0	32
Widley	9	0	11	0	31
Widley	8	0	11	0	30
Widley	7	0	11	0	29
Widley	6	0	11	0	28
Widley	5	0	11	0	27
Widley	4	0	11	0	26
Widley	3	0	11	0	25
Widley	2	0	11	0	24
Widley	1	0	11	0	23
Widley	0	0	11	0	22

This is how it's done, Vinnie



NEW Wealdstone signing, 33 year old Val Shearer, gives former Stones favourite, Vinnie Jones, a few tips on how to play the game when they meet at the Warren on Friday.

The Wimbledon and Wales star came along to give Val some encouragement after hearing of his signing.

"I remember him shouting at me from behind the goal when I was here," said Vinnie.

Stones named Val as a substitute for their match against Poole Town on Saturday and planned to give him a run out for a minute or two at the end of the game. But his resurrected career had to be put on hold after the Beazer Homes League declined to accept his registration until they had held a management committee meeting "to discuss the merits of the signing."

The merits are quite clear. Playing in the Beazer Homes League is proving too costly and Stones have signed Val to highlight the calibre of players they are likely to be restricted to if they are forced to remain there.

Soccer fixtures

Day	Time	Home	Away
Thursday April 6	7.30pm	Middx Charity Cup semi-final: Kingsbury Town v Flackwell Heath (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.45pm).	
Friday April 7	7.30pm	Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Flackwell Heath (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.45pm).	
Saturday April 8	12.30pm	Diadora League Premier Div: Chesham Utd v Harrow Borough.	
1.30pm	Diadora League Div One: Wembley v Dorking (Vale Farm, 3pm).		
2.30pm	Diadora League Div Two: Malden Vale v Edgware Town.		
3.30pm	Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Harefield Utd (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).		
4.30pm	Beazer Homes League South: Erith & Bel v Wealdstone.		
5.30pm	Hellenic League: Lambourn Sports v Rayners Lane.		
Tuesday April 11	7.30pm	Diadora League Premier Div: Hitchin Town v Harrow Borough.	
8.00pm	Diadora League Div One: Abingdon Town v Wembley.		
8.30pm	Diadora League Div Two: Edgware Town v Windsor (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).		
9.00pm	Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Camberley (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.45pm).		
9.30pm	Beazer Homes League South: Erith & Bel v Wealdstone.		
10.00pm	Football Combination: OPR v Portsmouth (Earlsmead, 7pm).		

Borough quiz night

HARROW Borough will be staging a quiz night in aid of their new stand fund on Friday April 7, starting at 7.45pm.

Entrance fee is £10 per team of five who can enter on the night. Register before 7.30pm please.

Duo play for Charlton

HARROW Borough duo Lee Enderby and Christian Metcalfe both played for Charlton Reserves on Monday night in their 2-1 defeat against Ipswich Town in the Football Combination.

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