

SPORT

Borough stave off Hitchin hat-trick

Hitchin Town 0
Harrow Borough showed improved form to earn a point at Top Field on Tuesday night, writes Tony Booth.

Keen to avoid a third defeat by the Herts side this season, manager Harry Manoe deployed Paul McKay as a sweeper and John Hurlock as a man marker.

Together with commendable effort from all their colleagues, they fully deserved the result they gained.

Both McKay and Hurlock made vital clearances near their own goal as the hosts threatened, whilst the nearest Borough goal to scoring in the first half was when Neil Fraser forced two good blocks from Wilmot after a through ball from Lee Enderby.

A bouncing back header by Davies also forced the keeper to back pedal desperately in his efforts to keep the ball out of goal.

Borough had the better of the early part of the second half with Enderby sending a chip shot just over and Metcalfe's through pass allowing Fraser a shot which Wilmot tipped over at the far post.

Good covering by Hurlock and assured handling by Hook kept the hosts out at the other end and in the final minute Fraser volleyed just over from Enderby's kick-in.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Appleh, Lawford, O'Connor, Bensted, McKay, Enderby, Metcalfe, Davies, Fraser, Hurlock. **Subs:** Smith, Bennett.



● Guiliano Grazioli - back on the goal trail.

A point is fair reward for Kingsbury

Kingsbury Town 0 Camberley 0
A POINT spoiced was the fairest result of this well contested match on Tuesday which neither side deserved to lose.

Both sides had their chances and both were denied by the woodwork. In the first half Sean Loughlin and Mark Ivers, after a great run past four de-

fenders, were both thwarted by excellent saves from Camberley keeper Andy Hay. Two minutes into the second half Kingsbury went even closer when Niall O'Rourke headed against a post and soon after Craig Elliott had a fierce free kick tipped away by Hay. Midway through the half Kingsbury

were caught cold at a free kick which was quickly taken and fired onto an upright, then Darren Bonfield had to come to their rescue, saving well to keep out Headington's goalbound header.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Tynon, Leala, Evans, Loughlin, Ivers, Heaton, Harvey, Alday, N. O'Rourke. **Subs:** Perez, Donaghu.

Grazioli ends the famine

Abingdon Town 0 Wembley 3
WEMBLEY'S comprehensive victory at Culham Road on Tuesday night was made more noteworthy by the fact that their third goal was scored by Guiliano Grazioli, who finally ended a barren run by getting his name on the scoresheet for the first time since Boxing Day, writes Richard Markiewicz.

The Lions dominated a very poor Abingdon outfit to establish a two goal interval lead. Kenny Page, with his 18th goal of the season, netted Wembley's first in the 25th minute. A Steve Daly header from a Matt Catlin corner was parried by the keeper, Page's follow up was blocked, but the clearance cannoned off his torso and flew into the net.

Wembley doubled their total eleven minutes later, Daly rifling the ball home after the Abingdon defence could only half clear a Catlin kick-in.

The visitors, however, lost their momentum after the break and had to survive several anxious moments, although Wembley's life should have been made easier had the referee made the correct decision and sent off Darren Hickey for deliberate handball which prevented Grazioli from latching onto Marcos Veiga's through pass.

Eventually, Wembley re-asserted their authority and Grazioli's long awarded goal arrived seven minutes from time when he pounced onto a Veiga pass which followed Steve Lawrence's long through ball, bisected two defenders and steered it wide of the advancing keeper, much to his relief and to the delight of his colleagues.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Catlin, Walters, Sakhrout, Daly, Barry, Lawrence, Smith, Page (Veiga), Grazioli. **Other subs:** Hollingdale, Cumberbatch.

Stones suffer as Ville take revenge

Waterlooville 5 Wealdstone 0

STONES suffered their heaviest defeat of the season on Tuesday as title chasing Waterlooville took ample revenge for their shock reverse at the Warren last month, writes Graham Smith.

The game was evenly matched for the first 35 minutes and Stones should have gone ahead when Gerry Solomon put a good chance wide.

But it was the hosts who took the lead after 38 minutes when Gilbert's free kick was deflected by Mark Brown into the path of Murphy whose thunderous shot beat Danny Hill.

Stones should have levelled nine minutes into the second half when a fine move between Solomon and Mark Biggins ended with Simon Quall's clumsy leaving Roddy Braithwaite a clear chance but he shot over.

Waterlooville went straight to the other end and O'Rourke's shot was deflected into his own goal by Stuart Milne to make it 2-0.

Five minutes later Tommy Mason lost possession to Thomas whose run was only halted when Darren O'Neill brought him down in the box and Selby scored from the resultant penalty.

Kerr made it 4-0 in the 65th minute and the scoring was completed four minutes later when Hill could only parry Thomas's powerful free kick into the net.

Waterlooville: D. Hill, O'Neill, Birch, Mason (R. Buzzaio), Mine, M. Brown, S. Browne, Solomon (Hall), Braithwaite, Quall, Biggins.

Wasps wait for a slip up

By Alan Bodenham

LEICESTER meet Bath on Saturday in what is billed as the Courage League decider, while at Repton Avenue Wasps take on Bristol, knowing they must win to keep their championship challenge on the boil.

The ideal scenario for the Sudbury outfit is victory over Bristol and a draw at Leicester, a repeat of the result when Leicester and Bath met in the autumn. This would leave Wasps just two points adrift in third place and well placed for any slip ups by the top two in the final couple of games.

The fixture at Bristol before Christmas was a real nail-biter with Wasps overcoming a big first half deficit to record a

superb 25-24 victory.

Bristol's season has not lived up to expectations and they recorded their first victory for some while in beating Gloucester in the big west country local derby last week.

But nevertheless they are always tricky opponents and have some fine players, including skipper Derek Eves, one of the most competitive men ever to step onto a rugby field.

It is not known whether Rob' Andrew will decide to take up the option this week of playing in one of his two rationed League games in April.

With competition for Pilkington Cup final places hotting up, nobody in the squad wants to take a rest so selection for coach Roy Smith and his staff is going to be a very delicate matter in the next few weeks and Saturday's side will not be named until tonight.

Last Saturday Wasps made sure of at least third place in the Courage League by completing a double over Sale at Brooklands with a 17-12 win. There was no repeat of the 70 point romp at Sudbury but it was a hard and competitive match.

Wasps managed three tries, Andy Gomersall claiming the first and Phil Hopley notching two. John Ufton added one

conversion. For Sale Rob Liley kicked four penalties.

Tickets for the Pilkington Cup Final are restricted to Wasps members only and are priced £15 and £20. Postal applications only, with a SAE, should be made to Wasps Football Club at Repton Avenue.

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COURAGE LEAGUE		Division One		Division Two	
Club	Pts	Club	Pts	Club	Pts
Bath	15	11	3	1	177
Leicester	12	11	2	2	232
Wasps	11	9	4	3	284
Bristol	10	9	4	2	282
Salisbury	10	9	4	2	282
Oxford	10	9	4	2	282
Gloucester	10	9	4	2	282
Worcestershire	10	9	4	2	282
W. Hants	10	9	4	2	282
Northampton	10	9	4	2	282

Quiz night success

A BUMPER turn out of 35 teams took part in Harrow Borough's quiz night last Friday, staged in aid of the club's New Stand Fund.

The winners on the night were the 'Republic of Ireland' team. Such was the success of the event that a similar function is likely to be held soon.

Lane are second best

RAYNERS Lane were second best to Lambourn Sports on Saturday and lost 2-1. They were two goals down before Metcalfe reduced the deficit 15 minutes from time but they were unable to find an equaliser.

Final venue

HARROW Borough's Earlsmead ground will stage the final of the Diadora League's Carlsberg Cup between Boreham Wood and Staines Town on Thursday May 11, kick off 7.30pm.

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Edgware take five to wipe out the misery of Malden

Edgware Town 5 Windsor & Eton 1
EDGWARE wasted no time in wiping out the bitter memory of their pathetic performance at Malden Vale when they hammered strugglers Windsor on Tuesday, writes John Comford.

They didn't start too impressively however, and a repeat seemed decidedly on the cards after Gavin MacPherson shot the visitors into a 31st minute lead.

But a two-goal burst in the closing minutes of the half put them in the driving seat. Steve Newing cut in from the left and waltzed round a trio of defenders before firing the equaliser, then Ted John latched onto a great ball from Seamus Finnerty and lashed Edgware ahead.

Sad Windsor had the unfortunate Gary Dodd

carried off with concussion after a clash of heads just before the break and in the second half they had MacPherson sent off for his comments to a linesman.

Meanwhile, Edgware hit the goal trail with Dave Instone rattling in their third, Ted John taking advantage of keeper Del Llano's hesitation to score a fourth, and Newing notching a fifth following a good build up involving Instone, Paul Dale and John.

There could have been more but the crossbar denied Gerry Brennan and goalkeeping clearances kept out several other goalbound efforts.

Edgware: Griffiths, Murray, Morgan, P. Ferry, A. Dale, P. Dale, Sheverson, Instone, John, Newing, Finnerty. **Subs:** Sue, Sheridan, Harvey.

Charles keeps experimenting

WEMBLEY manager Glen Charles is likely to continue his policy of assessing the quality of his first team squad by making changes for Saturday's visit to Berkhamsted.

Kenny Page is the only injury doubt, but Ashley Cumberbatch is fit again and available after an ankle injury. Harrow Borough's playing resources will be stretched for the visit of Hendon.

Andy Prutton is ill, while Tony Knight is unavailable as his wife is due to give birth. However, they hope to have Graham Pearce back from injury.

Wealdstone expect to be short of full strength again for Saturday's home game with Havant.

Tommy Mason could be fit, but the injured Mark Hill is doubtful. However, John Shanahan returns after suspension and keeper Jon Franklin will be free to play in Monday's game at Burnham after finishing his ban.

The club's goalkeeping jinx struck again when back up custodian Lee Brown broke a hand in a Sunday Cup Final. He will be out for the rest of the season.

Edgware Town play host

to Hungerford on Saturday without midfielder Eugene Flynn who is suspended for the rest of the season. Also missing will be Mark White who is unavailable.

Kingsbury Town hope to have striker Nelson Kumah fit for Saturday's visit to Flackwell Heath.

He was carried off against the same opponents on Thursday with a broken blood vessel in his leg.

With Bird and Woodward due to start suspensions as well as his squad being depleted by a number of injuries, Rayners Lane boss Don Durkin has a selection headache for the Easter games at home to Ardley on Saturday and at Purton on Monday.



● Ashley Cumberbatch - available for Wembley.

Saturday April 15		Monday April 17	
Diadora League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Hendon (Earlsmead, 3pm)	Diadora League Div One: Berkhamsted Town v Wembley	Diadora League Div One: Wembley v Ruislip Manor (Vale Farm, 3pm)	Diadora League Div Two: Hemel Hempstead v Edgware Town (3pm)
Diadora League Div One: Edgware Town v Hungerford Town (White Lion ground, 3pm)	Diadora League Div Three: Flackwell Heath v Kingsbury Town	Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Clapton (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm)	Besser Homes League Southern Div: Burnham v Wealdstone (3pm)
Besser Homes League Southern Div: Wealdstone v Havant (The Warren, 3pm)	Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Ardley Utd (Lucas Ave, 3pm)	Hellenic League: Purton v Rayners Lane (3pm)	Wednesday April 19: Diadora League Div Two: Hungerford Town v Edgware Town.

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