

SPORT

£2.5m ground plan unveiled

Wasps set to become a centre of rugby excellence

WASPS will have a stadium in keeping with their status as one of the top rugby clubs in the country in an ambitious £2.5m development plan unveiled on Monday.

An agreement finalised last week between Wasps and Brent Council has enabled the club to acquire 4.5 extra acres of land to make the development possible, allowing for the creation of additional pitches, 300 extra car parking spaces and a new entrance to the ground, directly from the main Watford Road, thus relieving traffic congestion in surrounding roads.

The present clubhouse will remain at the heart of the development which will make Repton Avenue a major sporting venue and ultimately turn the Sudbury ground into a centre of rugby excellence.

New stand accommodation will enable Wasps to house a minimum of 7,500 spectators,

with the ability to extend this capacity to suit demands on big matchdays. There will be an extension to the existing members bar, a new match day bar, a players lounge and up to 31 corporate boxes.

On the playing side, the principle change will see the main pitch turned 90 degrees. This will give space to create two further full size pitches, giving the club a total of four, and a grass training area.

Improved facilities for the players will include the construction of new 1st XV dressing rooms, together with a medical centre and gym.

Wasps will be seeking financial assistance from a number of sources to finance their plans, which have been put together by club architects Philip Challinor Associates.

These include the sale of corporate boxes, a debenture scheme and an application to the National Lottery.

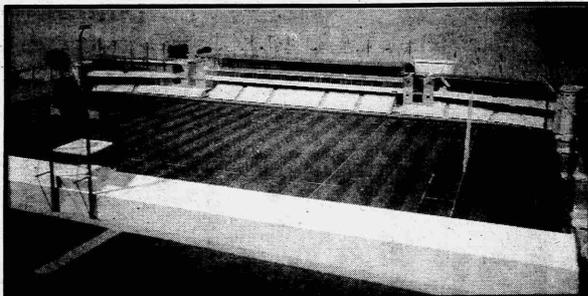
The development will enable Wasps to offer a considerable sporting and social facility to the local community.

They intend to act as a catalyst for rugby development in Brent, linking with schools in north west London and junior Middlesex sides, thus putting the club at the forefront of encouraging and developing local talent.

Former Wasps captain Mark Rigby, the chairman of the club's ground development committee said: "On a big match day it is an uncomfortable experience coming to Wasps. The development will allow us to respond to the changes in the game which the professional era will bring and will add to the members and players comfort, at the same time retaining the club's unique and friendly atmosphere. "Additionally we want to encourage community involvement and to become a centre of excellence."

The club has already applied for planning permission for the development and it is hoped that work will start at the end of the current season, with the main improvements scheduled for completion by Christmas 1996.

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Architectural model showing the proposed £2.5m development of the Wasps ground at Sudbury.

England call up Hopley

AFTER years of turmoil, Wasps supporters took cheer this week when Damien Hopley was named in the England side to play South Africa at Twickenham on November 18.

Club captain Lawrence Dallaglio is also in the squad as a bench replacement.

Hopley will play on the wing and not in his club position as centre. Many good judges would say that this cap has come two matches too late, as he would have been much more able to deal with the threat of Jonah Lomu in a World Cup semi final than the man he replaces, the injured Tony Underwood.

There was also news that the Sudbury outfit had been active on the recruitment front. Two Welsh internationals, lock forward Gareth Llewellyn and centre Mike Hall have signed forms and will be joining the club next season.

This Saturday Courage League strugglers West Hartlepool visit Repton Avenue, kick off 3pm. Wasps should be odds on favourites for victory.

The north easterners have yet to win in the league this season and were thrown into turmoil at the weekend when club captain Phil Lancaster resigned.

Wasps might be the club most affected by the Newcastle factor so far, but West Hartlepool are much more likely to suffer in the long term. As the area's only First Division club, they creamed off the best of the local talent and started to recruit across the border in Scotland. With John Hall's cheque book on their doorstep, that is going to be very difficult in the future.

Wasps coach, Rob Smith, has yet to name his side but not many changes are anticipated from the men who narrowly lost at Orrell.

Kingsbury are left in a cup fog

Kingsbury Town 1 Walton & Herstham 1
THICK fog closed in on Silver Jubilee Park on Tuesday night causing the abandonment of Town's Guardian Insurance Cup clash with Walton, 12 minutes into extra time, writes John Comfort.

Ironically, 15 minutes after referee Hermitage decided to call it a day, the fog lifted - but no-one complained, for a draw was a more than fair result and Kingsbury fully deserved to get a second chance.

They more than matched their Premier Division rivals throughout and could have been two goals up in the first 10 minutes. Don Allday had a close range effort blocked and soon after he latched onto a poor back pass from Gary Powell, but with only keeper Wells to beat, fired wide.

Certainly, Town didn't deserve to go behind after 38 minutes. But Jason Zazera's header back towards Darren Bonfield was woefully weak and Dean Callaghan nipped in to lob the helpless keeper.

However, it took Kingsbury just three minutes of the second half to get level. Allday broke from halfway, held off the challenge of Powell, and lashed the ball past the advancing Wells.

Despite chances at both ends, the tie was still deadlocked at 90 minutes, and extra time looked unlikely to resolve it before the fog brought matters to a premature conclusion.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, D. O'Rourke, Simpson, Zazera, Victor, Gillespie, Loughlin, Morris, Hughes, Aikley, N. O'Rourke.

Edgeware are away in Vase

IN the second round of the FA Vase, Edgeware Town have been drawn away to Ipswich club, Hadleigh United, of the Jewson Eastern League.

The tie is scheduled to take place on Saturday November 18.

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Lions bid for double cup success

WEMBLEY take on Ruislip Manor for the second time this season in a major cup competition when they face their neighbours in a second qualifying round FA Trophy tie at Vale Farm on Saturday.

The Lions secured their first win of the season when they defeated Manor 3-0 in the FA Cup back in September and on Saturday they will be out to make it a double.

John Barrie Bates has served his two match ban and

is available for selection but his brother, Ian, is still out through suspension.

There are doubts about Darren Barry (twisted ankle) and Steve Daly (damaged knee), who have joined Robert Hollingdale on the injury list.

If a replay is required it will take place at Grosvenor Vale on Monday night, kick off 7.30pm.

Harrow Borough are also engaged in the Trophy, visit-

ing Beazer Homes League Southern Division club, Braintree Town.

New signings, Sean Jones from Bedford and Bob Dowie from Leighton Town, will both be eligible to play but Lee Enderby will again be missing through suspension.

If a replay is required it will take place at Earlsmead on Wednesday, kick off 7.45pm, and Tuesday's Carlton Cup clash at Uxbridge will be postponed.

Stones have released defender Ben Marsell and goalkeeper Rob Wild.

Edgeware Town's new signings from Waldstone, striker Marvin Hall and defender John Shanahan, are both set to make their debuts on Saturday in the visit to lowly Egham.

Rayners Lane will be without the injured Hordern and Keen for their home game with Pegasus Juniors, and Bird, who is suspended. Oriot returns after injury.

The latest League tables

ICIS LEAGUE		Division One		Division Two	
Enfield	15	10	2	10	2
Dulwich Hamlet	12	8	3	0	25
Carshalton	12	8	2	21	15
Kingstonian	12	8	2	18	12
Bromham Wood	11	7	3	18	8
Hare	11	7	3	18	8
St Albans City	12	8	4	22	11
Chesham Utd	11	7	4	21	10
Yeovil T	12	8	3	23	17
Sutton Coldfield	11	7	4	20	12
Harrow Boro	11	7	4	18	17
Yeading	14	9	4	26	13
Chertsey	12	8	4	22	14
Wokingham	11	7	4	13	13
Molesey	12	8	4	12	11
Hendon	11	7	4	5	10
Worthing	11	7	4	14	7
Grays Ath	12	8	4	19	17
Bromley	11	7	4	8	5
Widley H	11	7	4	8	5
Purfleet	9	4	5	8	4
Division One		Division Two		Division Three	
Hayes & Mole Valley	12	8	2	13	10
Orpington	11	8	2	23	12
Wokingham	12	8	2	20	12
Bognor Regis	8	0	1	24	11
Chesham Utd	12	8	1	20	12
Hastings Man	11	7	1	17	10
Staines	11	7	3	19	14
Harlow	11	7	3	19	14
Beaconsfield T	10	6	4	16	13
Watlington Town	10	6	4	16	13
Billingey	9	4	4	12	13
Wooting & Metch	10	6	4	14	12
Barkhamsted	10	6	4	11	13
Whitstable	10	6	4	11	13
Uxbridge	10	6	4	11	13
Alton	10	6	4	11	13
Leyton Farm	10	6	4	11	13
Thames	11	7	3	10	12
Merchiston	11	7	3	10	12
Barnet	10	6	4	11	13
Division Two		Division Three		Division Four	
Wendover	9	7	2	0	30
Leighton	10	7	2	0	23
Horsham	9	7	2	0	23
Northfleet	10	7	2	0	23
Carvey Is	10	7	2	0	23
Collier Row	10	7	2	0	23
Chalfont St P	10	7	2	0	23
Avonmouth	10	7	2	0	23
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Leatherhead	11	8	3	1	22
Hampton	9	4	3	2	13
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Edgware Town	10	3	4	1	21
Beaconsfield	9	1	5	0	11
Hemel Hempstead	9	1	5	0	11
Hungerford	9	1	5	0	11
Dorset	9	2	7	0	8
Suffolk Walden	1	1	2	1	16
Bracknell	5	1	3	3	4
Egham Town	11	1	1	1	24
Newbury Town have yet to play					
Division Three		Division Four		Division Five	
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Football clubs feast of fireworks

NOT too many football clubs guarantee fireworks at their grounds, but Wembley, Harrow Borough and Edgeware Town will be doing just that this weekend.

Borough are holding a firework extravaganza at Earlsmead tomorrow (Friday) evening. There will be a display by the Blue Angel Majorettes at 7.45pm, a spectacular firework display, set to music, at 8pm, followed by a disco.

Admission is £3 for adults and £2 for children. Wembley stick to the traditional November 5 for their grand fireworks display. The action starts on Sunday at 6pm at Vale Farm. Admission is £2 for adults and £1 for children.

Edgeware also have a fireworks display, plus bonfire and disco on Sunday, starting at 6pm at their White Lion ground. Admission is £2 for adults, £1 for children.

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