

SPORT

Wasps are back at Sudbury for cup clash

FIRST class rugby finally returns to Sudbury on Saturday when Wasps open their Pilkington Cup campaign against Rugby Lions - kick off 2.30pm, writes Alan Bodenham

Although none of the players and coaching staff are approaching the cup tie lightly, it will be difficult for

them not to have half an eye on the two crucial Courage League games at Loftus Road over Christmas and the New Year.

A star studded Northampton side are the visitors on December 28. The Saints, who last month defeated champions Bath, can call on a myri-

ad of international players.

Tim Rodber and Martin Bayfield are the mainstays of their pack while the half back combination of Matt Dawson and Paul Grayson will be looking to make an impression against Andy Gomarsall and Alex King. There is also the dangerous

running of Scottish international Gregor Townsend to combat.

Eight days later, on Sunday January 5, comes the real show-down, a mouth watering derby clash against bitter rivals Harlequins.

This could have a major bearing on the outcome of this year's cham-

ampionship and as usual the sight of Will Carling and Co will be like a red rag to a bull. Every Wasps will be up for it.

For Saturday's cup tie, Wasps will be at full strength and will be hot favourites to go into Monday's draw.

minute before he notched his second.

The second half started brightly for the visitors as Fergus Moore headed home a fine goal from a Terry Hibbert corner with only two minutes gone, and then a minute later a Lee Walker header made it 4-0.

Substitute Paul Sheldrick got on the scoresheet after 53 minutes and five minutes later Tony Smith notched Wealdstone's sixth.

With 15 minutes remaining Hammatt completed the scoring and his hat-trick as Stones secured their best result of the season so far.

Wealdstone: Bonfield, McDavid, Smith, Moore, Jones, Marshall (Massey), Walton (Green), Hibbert (Sheldrick), Walker, Hammatt, Sterling

Hammatt puts Stones in seventh heaven

Dorking 0 Wealdstone 7
WEALDSTONE gave Division Two strugglers Dorking a 7-0 thrashing on Tuesday night in the first round of the ICIS League's Associate Members

Trophy, with striker Bryan Hammatt scoring his first hat-trick for the club, writes Graham Smith.

His first goal came after just 10 minutes, but he had to wait until the 32nd

Flynn at double for Wares



Eugene Flynn.
Edgware Town 2 Wivenhoe 0

EUGENE Flynn was the two goal hero for Edgware on Tuesday night as they belatedly secured their first home league win of the season - four months into the campaign, writes John Comfort.

Wares were clearly the better footballing side but it was not until late in each half that Flynn's predatory instincts gave them the goals to ruber stamp their authority.

The opening goal came in the 43rd minute after Danny Kirby's goallbound drive had been turned wide by diving Wivenhoe keeper Lloyd Pentney. The visitors failed to clear their lines from the resultant corner by Leon Latty and Flynn fired home the loose ball.

In the second half Pentney twice denied Flynn and also denied a diving header from Kirby before Edgware sealed victory with a second goal four minutes from time. A great ball from Karl Thomas put Kirby in for a low shot that cannoned back off a post and the alert Flynn powered home the rebound.

Edgware: Carter, Pett, Mangan, McCuskey, Shanahan, Finnerty, Latty, Flynn, Iwers, Thomas, Kirby. Subs: Hurd, Angin, Finch.

Cup draw is spot on

Leopards tie gives the Towers revenge chance

LONDON Towers have been drawn against Leopards in the semi-finals of the 7 UP Trophy.

Two weeks ago Towers lost their grip on the Classic Cola National Cup when their capital rivals defeated them in the semi-finals of that competition.

Now they have the chance to gain swift revenge and move a step closer to retaining the second of the three trophies they claimed last season.

Towers pulled off a remarkable victory against Budweiser League leaders Sheffield Sharks at Wembley on Sunday night.

Towers were trailing for the majority of the game, but a basket from 'Hurricane' Tony Windless in the dying seconds saw them to a dramatic 63-62 victory.

Sheffield went in at half time leading by nine points at 37-28, principally because of McKinney, who notched two three pointers in succession, both in the last minute of the half.

Sheffield looked strong throughout, with England international Roger Huggins top scoring with 17 points and with Towers 51-39 down in the final minute of the third quarter, the home side seemed sunk.

But then, led by Joe Hoops, who scored seven in quick succession, they posted the next 14 points and remarkably took the lead at 53-51.

With 1:23 left on the clock in the final quarter, Sheffield called a time out after Hoops had put the Towers ahead with a three point play and when play resumed, the visitors gained the lead in the last minute with two Huggins free throws.

But Towers weren't finished and Danny Lewis charged through Sheffield's defence and picked out Windless who became the hero with the winning basket.

This Saturday the Towers are away to the Leicester Riders, tip off 7.30pm.



Tony Windless, who scored a last gasp winning basket for Towers.
Picture: DZ Photography

Bonfield wins safe hands award

WEALDSTONE goalkeeper Darren Bonfield has won the ICIS League Division Three's Guardian Insurance Safe Hands Award for November.

It completes a notable double for the club during the month which also saw Gordon Bartlett take the William Hill Manager of the Month award.

Two former Stones bosses have changed places in the managerial hot seat at Carshalton Athletic with Tony Jennings stepping down and being replaced by Fred Callaghan.

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Second half surge sees Boro' through

St Albans City 2 Harrow Borough 4

THREE goals in a six minute spell at the start of the second half saw Borough in an emphatic Guardian Insurance Cup win at Clarence Park on Tuesday, writes Tony Booth.

In the first half they defended stoutly until the 44th minute when Daly headed home a Cobb corner to put the home side in front.

Excellent work by Brian Jones set up Borough's 48th minute equaliser. He chased a lost cause pass being ushered out for a goal kick, rounded defender Kevin Mudd and then crossed to the far post where Mark Xavier ended his

lengthy goal famine.

Four minutes later Borough were in front when Xavier squared the ball to Lee Endersby who curled a 30 yard shot in off a post and in the 54th minute a surging run from Jones ended with both Glynn Hooper and Xavier having shots blocked before the latter hooked home.

With eight minutes left Jones found Hooper who guided a right wing cross shot inside the far post to make it 4-1 and although Kelly netted for Saints a minute later, Borough were already home and dry.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Clarke, James, Court, Benning, Merritt (Dowie), Jones, Issott, Hooper, Xavier, Stevens (Endersby). Other sub: Metcalfe.

WEALDSTONE face the first best of their title credentials on Saturday when they visit second in the table Braintree Town.

Confident Stones are a massive 13 points clear of their rivals and on a 13 match winning roll. A point from the Essex club will be regarded as

more than satisfactory for Gordon Bartlett's team.

Only injury doubt for the big game is Terry Hibbert who pulled a hamstring against Dorking.

After their midweek cup win, Harrow Borough make a swift return to St Albans for a league clash with their rivals.

New signing from Brackley, defender Justin Merritt, along with Ian Rutherford and Steve Butler, who missed the midweek

big test

match through being cup tied, will all be in contention for places. Neal Stevens, who has an ankle injury, is doubtful.

Other than Dave Sue, who is an injury doubt, manager Glen Charles has a full squad to choose from for Wembley's visit to lowly Egham Town.

Steve Newing has finished his suspension and is added to the Edgware squad to face Banstead. Anthony Whytock has recovered from a bout of flu but John Coleman is still sidelined with a groin injury.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday December 21
ICIS League Premier Div: St Albans City v Harrow Borough.
ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Banstead Ath (White Lion ground, 3pm); Egham Town v Wembley.
ICIS League Div Three: Braintree Town v Wealdstone; Kingsbury Town v Lewes (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).

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Kingsbury crash out

Ford Utd 5 Kingsbury Town 1
TOWN followed Saturday's 2-0 league defeat at Aveley with another poor performance on Tuesday night, and crashed out of the London Senior Cup.

A goal down at half time, they went two behind early in the second half before Tyrone Jones was pulled back in the area and Jeb Hughes reduced the arrears, having his spot kick blocked but following up to net the rebound. However, three further Ford goals finally killed Kingsbury off.



Harrow Borough striker Mark Xavier (left) is beaten to the ball by Chertsey Town's former Borough defender, Colin Payne, in Saturday's match at Earlsmead which Borough won 1-0.

The latest league tables

ICIS LEAGUE												
Premier Division												
P	W	D	L	Pts	W	D	L	Pts	W	D	L	Pts
Yeovil	15	3	2	31	15	4	2	15	42			
Enfield	18	12	4	2	39	16	4	0	40			
Sutton U	15	9	5	2	34	25	3	2	32			
Dulwich H	20	9	4	7	35	27	3	1	31			
Oxford C	20	9	4	7	41	38	3	1	33			
Heybridge	19	9	3	7	24	29	3	0	30			
Dagenham	16	8	5	3	23	11	2	9	29			
Aveley	19	7	6	6	20	21	2	7	27			
Yeading	17	7	5	5	30	23	2	6	26			
Purfleet	15	7	7	2	28	27	2	6	26			
Mitcham	20	6	4	10	24	35	2	2	23			
Kingstonian	20	7	2	11	32	36	2	3	23			
Carshalton	19	6	5	8	22	26	2	3	23			
Bromley	16	6	4	10	24	35	2	2	23			
St Albans	16	6	3	7	25	21	2	1	21			
Ridgeway	18	6	3	9	17	28	2	1	21			
Boreham W	16	5	1	9	19	25	1	9	19			
Hendon	16	6	6	6	20	18	1	6	18			
Grays Ath	16	4	5	7	25	17	1	6	17			

ICIS LEAGUE												
Division Two												
P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts			
Weymouth	20	4	3	13	24	48	15	2	12	19	32	17
Chertsey	20	4	3	13	24	48	15	2	12	19	32	17
Windsor	20	11	6	3	36	26	29	11	6	3	36	26
Leatherhead	19	11	5	3	46	21	38	10	6	4	48	27
Wembley	20	11	5	4	48	27	38	10	6	4	48	27
Hornham	16	10	4	2	30	14	34	10	4	6	34	19
Beaconsfield	20	10	4	6	34	19	34	10	4	6	34	19
Barking	18	9	6	3	26	20	33	10	6	3	26	20
Leigham	18	9	4	5	31	22	31	10	6	3	26	20
Mel Police	18	9	4	5	31	22	31	10	6	3	26	20
Barnet	17	9	3	6	32	26	30	10	6	3	26	20
Waverley	17	9	3	6	32	26	30	10	6	3	26	20
Wentworth	20	8	4	8	28	28	28	10	6	3	26	20
Coller R	14	7	6	1	31	15	27	10	6	3	26	20
Edgware T	17	6	8	3	29	20	26	10	6	3	26	20
Chalfont St P	18	7	6	5	27	25	26	10	6	3	26	20
Brackley	17	8	1	8	38	26	25	10	6	3	26	20
Hungerford	21	6	6	9	35	41	24	10	6	3	26	20
Williams	18	7	2	9	19	23	23	10	6	3	26	20
Tisbury	16	6	3	7	29	33	21	10	6	3	26	20
Chesham	20	5	1	14	21	21	23	10	6	3	26	20

ICIS LEAGUE													
Division Three													
P	W	D	L	Pts	P	W	D	L	Pts				
Wealdstone	14	13	0	1	35	10	39	11	8	2	1	40	19
Braintree	11	8	2	1	40	19	26	12	7	5	0	29	14
Northwood	12	7	5	0	29	14	26	12	7	5	0	29	14
Carshalton	15	7	3	5	31	22	24	12	7	2	3	31	20
Hertford	12	7	2	3	31	20	23	12	7	2	3	31	20
Wingate & F	14	7	2	5	25	25	23	11	7	1	3	25	16
Harlow	11	7	1	3	25	16	22	11	7	1	3	25	16
Aveley	13	6	2	5	28	21	20	12	6	2	6	23	14
E Thurrock	12	6	0	6	23	24	18	13	5	2	6	17	22
Lewes	13	5	2	6	17	22	17	12	4	2	6	12	17
Clapton	12	4	2	6	12	17	14	13	4	2	6	12	17
Hornchurch	15	4	2	9	11	26	14	14	4	2	9	11	26
Fring	14	4	1	9	14	30	10	14	4	1	9	14	30
Kingsbury T	13	3	1	9	15	26	10	14	4	1	9	14	30
Flackwell H	12	3	1	8	11	30	10	14	4	1	9	14	30
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