

SPORT

Stones cash in on Venables move

WEALDSTONE are due to collect a nice sell on fee following the transfer of their former striker David Venables from Stevenage Borough to their Vauxhall Conference rivals,

Kettering Town, just before Christmas. Stones sold Venables to Stevenage for £3000 three years ago but very astutely had a 50% sell on clause in-

cluded in the deal, which has paid off handsomely. Kettering have bought him for £9000, so Wealdstone will get £3000 from the sale.

Borough travel in cup

IN the draw for the second round of the ICIS League's Full Members Cup, Harrow Borough are away to Billericay Town. Wembley are at home to Tilbury in the Associate Members Trophy, Kingsbury Town play host to Wingate and Finchley while Wealdstone receive Bracknell Town. Edgware Town are away to Wivenhoe Town.



Leon Latty heads clear for Edgware from Wembley's Keith Boreham in Saturday's derby game which ended in a 1-1 draw.



Edgware keeper Andy Carter pointing the way against Wembley. Sadly for Carter his error gave the Lions their equalising goal.

New boy Kelly in line for debut

HARROW Borough have signed 19 year old defender Steve Kelly, who has just been released by Millwall.

Kelly, who is the brother of Hayes defender Warren Kelly, is in line to make his debut for Borough in Saturday's home game with Bishops Stortford.

Brian Jones and Gary Issott will both be missing. They are starting two match suspensions for reaching five bookings.

However, David Clarke is back from holiday and is available, while Neal Stevens is expected to have recovered from an ankle injury.

available for Wembley's home game with Winton. Midfielder John Coleman, who has a groin injury, remains Edgware Town's only injury doubt.

The Wares have a tough game on Saturday away to promotion chasing Collier Row and Romford. Kingsbury have a clean bill of health for their home game with Hornchurch.

Frozen off

THE holiday soccer programme was hit by frost-bound pitches.

Wealdstone's derby clash with Northwood on Boxing Day and the New Year Day games for Harrow Borough at Dulwich, Wembley at Hungerford and Edgware at home to Windsor were all weather victims.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday January 4
ICIS League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Bishops Stortford (Earlsmead, 3pm).
ICIS League Div Two: Collier Row & Romford v Edgware Town; Wembley v Winton Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).
ICIS League Div Three: Harrow Town v Wealdstone; Kingsbury Town v Hornchurch (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Monday January 6
Football Combination: QPR v Southampton (Earlsmead, 7pm).
Tuesday January 7
Middle Senior Cup: Hillingdon Borough v Edgware Town (7.45pm).
Wednesday January 8
Midx Senior Cup: Brook House v Wembley (7.45pm); Harrow Borough v Staines Town (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

League tables

ICIS LEAGUE Premier Division				
Club	P	W	D	L
Yeovil	15	3	24	15
Enfield	20	13	5	2
Sutton	18	10	2	6
Dagenham	18	10	5	3
Dulwich	22	10	7	3
Oxford	21	10	7	4
Hydrich	21	10	8	2
Aylesbury	20	6	6	21
Verulam	18	7	5	6
Purfleet	20	5	8	28
Kingsman	22	6	2	12
Carshalton	21	6	7	8
Hitchin	17	10	25	25
Bromley	15	4	5	21
St Albans	17	6	4	21
Boreham	18	7	10	23
Bishops St	20	6	3	11
Hendon	17	4	6	22
Harrow B.	21	4	7	10
Grays A.	18	4	9	23
Staines	20	5	3	13
Chesham	22	4	3	15
Division Two				
Club	P	W	D	L
Wembley	22	12	6	4
Bedford	20	12	3	5
Wintour	22	11	7	4
Horsham	17	10	4	3
Mel Police	20	10	3	7
Leighton	20	9	5	6
Crystal Palace	19	8	7	3
Edgware T.	19	7	9	3
Division Three				
Club	P	W	D	L
Wealdstone	15	7	1	7
Stourbridge	13	9	2	4
Northwood	13	8	5	0
Altrincham	12	7	2	3
Cambridge	16	7	3	6
E Thurrock	14	8	0	6
Wingate	15	7	2	6
Hertford	14	7	2	5
Wingate B.	15	7	2	6
Lewes	15	5	2	9
Hornchurch	16	5	2	9
Kingston	13	5	1	9
Tregu	15	5	1	9
Clapton	13	4	2	7
Epsom & E	14	3	8	27
Flackwell H.	13	3	1	11
Southall	12	2	1	13
WEALDSTONE FC BLUE RIBBON LOTTERY				
Week 30	550 3856; 550 Z-10-014; 655 A-11-357; 675 M-11-821; £150 M-13-998.			

Wasps all set for the big one

By Alan Bodenham

IT is the big one at Loftus Road on Sunday - Wasps v Harlequins, a derby as fierce as they can get, kick off 3pm.

Wasps are still smarting from the double defeat at the hands of their bitter rivals last season and as skipper Lawrence Dallaglio remarked: "We want to hold our heads high in London."

More important than local rivalry is the quest for Courage League glory. Leicester are our European

There is a very strong possibility, however, that Quins' latest international signing, French fly half Thierry Lacroix, will make his debut.

Cup duty and a win would put Dallaglio's men back on the top of the table. It would also deal a bitter blow to Quins' title chances. They have been suffering of late.

It is likely that both Nigel Melville and Dick Best will delay naming their sides until very close to kick off.

Crucial test for Towers

LONDON Towers face a crucial Budweiser League clash against London rivals Leopards at Wembley Hall on Sunday, tip off 7pm.

The two teams, along with Birmingham and Sheffield, are tied in second place in the table, but they have a decided advantage over the Bullets and Sharks as both have three games in hand over leaders Chester, who are just two points ahead. The title hopes of Sunday's winners will therefore receive a huge boost.

Admission on Sunday is £6 for adults and £4 for children in advance, £1 more on the door. For ticket info call the Towers hotline on 0171 722 6677 or the Wembley hotline on 900 1234.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE

Club	P	W	D	L	Pts
Chester Jets	16	11	5	1410	1314
Birm Bull	16	10	6	1317	1253
Leopards	13	10	3	1252	1132
London Tow	13	3	11	116	980
Sheffield Sh	15	10	1284	1126	20
Derby Storm	18	9	9	1546	1567
Manchester	15	9	6	1203	1140
Newcastle	12	9	3	1053	1037
Leicester Rid	15	7	8	1268	1240
Thames Val	14	5	9	1289	1319
Crystal Pal	15	3	12	1119	1274
Worthing	16	3	13	1256	1432
Hemel & W	14	0	14	1154	1483

Salmon soars in to take Merlin title

WITH their task made easier by the absence of holders Geoff and Robert O'Neill, Duncan Salmon and Ian Garwood in Smoked Salmon took the Wembley Sailing Cup Autumn Series Merlin Rocket title in convincing style in Sunday's final round of races.

They won both races from Maurice Cleal and Tim Unemann's Seveneye, who took 2nd place overall, leaving the O'Neills in an uncustomed 3rd place.

With an uncatchable lead in the GP14 Series, Johnny Martin and Greg Bryett didn't need to race, leaving Phil Hamdorf and Frank Pearce to win both races and land the Series runners up spot. Keith Watson took 3rd place overall.

Brent face the music in cup

BRENT Schools under-13s enjoyed a close contest with Gosport before an unfortunate 2-1 defeat put them out of the Wagner Cup. Brent took the honours in the first half but didn't capitalise on their advantage. Micah Baptiste's controlled run and well placed shot gave them an early lead but Gosport equalised almost immediately, then put Brent under sustained pressure, though the closest they came to scoring again was to hit the bar. Meanwhile Ejike Ikoroaha's powerful drive was blocked on the goaline and half time arrived with the scores level.

With the elements in their favour, Gosport dominated after the interval and soon forced Eddie Kwarteng in goal to make two superb saves. Gary Burrell's drive shaved the crossbar at the other end and when Brent did get the ball into the net, Baptiste was correctly ruled offside. A scrambled goal gave Gosport victory although Daniel Foran, who had an excellent game, was just wide with what might have been a match saver. Brent under-14s beat Gosport more comprehensively than the 5-4 score suggests. They were well on top in the first half, Richard

Paquette opening the scoring with a fine shot off the far post and Steven Roberts and Stephen Santry put them three ahead before Gosport replied. Paquette gave them a 4-1 half time lead but early in the second half Gosport came back to 4-3. Alistair Harris scored to restore the two goal lead but Gosport still managed another before the final whistle. This Saturday Brent under-15s receive Newham in the Corinthian Shield, kick off 10am, and the under-11s play Bedford, kick off 11am, both games at John Billam sports ground.

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