

SPORT

Wasps and Rangers to hold Open Day

WASPS and Queens Park Rangers are holding a joint Open Day at Gurnell Sports Centre, Ruislip Road, East, Perivale, on Sunday from 10am-4pm.

offer, fans will get the chance to meet the players, take part in a Wasps coaching clinic and also compete in a Gareth Rees-kicking competition. The Courage League championship trophy will also be on display.

Basketball coaching with Sheffield Sharks, QPR Junior football coaching, a steel hand, a funfair and a beer tent make it a day out for all the family. Admission to the Open Day is free.

Wembley stun Stanmore in derby upset

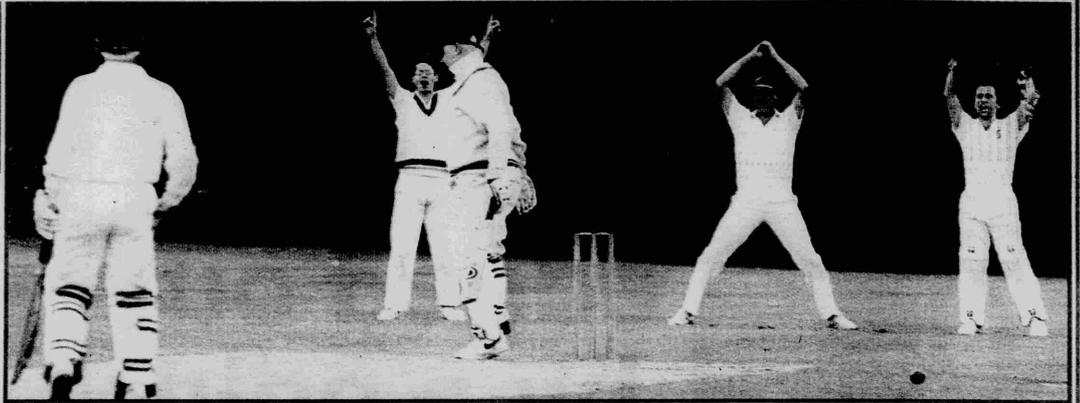
WEMBLEY were surprise winners of Saturday's Hampton Trust Middlesex County Cricket League local derby clash against championship chasing Stanmore at the Common.

In a rain interrupted, all day match, Wembley scored 161-4 and then dismissed Stanmore for just 60 in their reply, Gordon Chetwood making good use of the conditions to snap up a fine 6-23 haul.

Pictured left, the Stanmore slip cordon's concerted appeal for an lbw decision against Wembley opener Jim Chaudry falls on deaf umpiring ears.

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Picture by Edmund Terakopian



Cup showdown

Past winners clash for a place in final

THE two previous winners of the Harrow Senior Cup, Edgware Town and Harrow Borough, meet in the semi-finals of the competition at the White Lion ground tonight (Thursday) - the prize being a place in the final against Northwood on August 7.

Holdings Edgware, who crushed the Woods 6-0 in last season's final, will be at less than full strength for the big game.

They will be missing inspirational skipper Paul

McCluskey, who is on holiday, while midfielder Gerry Brennan and keeper Andy Carter will also be absent.

Carter's place in goal will be taken by Lee Brown, who was formerly with Wealdstone.

Borough too are likely to have selection problems, particularly in defence where question marks hang over the fitness of a number of players.

Paul Benning is the only defender definitely available, while there are doubts about

Jason Court, Kenny Webster, David Clarke, Darren Coleman, Gavin McGuire and Alan Paris.

The match kicks off at 7.30pm and will go to extra time and then a penalty shoot out if necessary to decide who faces Northwood.

The losers will meet Rayners Lane in the 3rd/4th place play-off on Monday August 11.

Premiership club, Leicester City, are likely to send a strong side to Earlsmead on

Saturday for what promises to be an attractive friendly with Borough.

On Tuesday Harrow take on Conference title favourites, Stevenage Borough, at Earlsmead, kick off 7.15pm.

Wealdstone are in action at Chesham on Saturday and on Tuesday evening visit neighbours Kingsbury Town.

Wembley's pre-season build up continues with clash against Willdesden Constantine at Chalkhill Community Centre on Saturday.

Towers off to the Palace

EXIDES London Towers start the 1997/98 Budweiser Basketball League campaign on Saturday September 13 with an away game at Crystal Palace.

Their first home game is the following evening, Sunday September 14, when they face Chester Jets - the side they defeated in the final of the 7 UP Trophy.

Towers coach Kevin Cadle has no illusions about the stiff task facing his side in the European Cup this season.

Drawn in a group which includes top Italian side Stefanel Milan, Hapoel Eilat of Israel, Tatami Rhondorf of Germany, KK Beobanka Belgrade and Hungary's Danone Honved, Towers will need to finish in the top four to progress to the knockout stages of the tournament and hopefully emulate last season's feat in becoming the first British club to reach the last 32.

Said Cadle: "This looks like a difficult group. I have coached teams in the past that have played Stefanel Milan, Hapoel Eilat and the Hungarians Honved, and these teams will make very tough opponents."

Towers warm up for the

start of the season in the Sainsbury's Classic Basketball Tournament at Wembley Arena on September 6 and 7, which also features Israeli Champions, Maccabi Tel Aviv, AEK Athens from Greece and Red Star Belgrade from Yugoslavia.

Tickets are available from the Towers hotline on 0990 232052 or the Wembley Box Office on 0181 900 1234.

Towers' full fixture list for the season is as follows:
Sept 13: Crystal Palace (a) BL; 14: Chester (h) BL; 16: Hapoel Eilat (a) EC; 20: Manchester (a) BL; 23: Stefanel Milan (h) EC; 27: Leicester (a) BL; 28: Watford (h) BL; 30: KK Beobanka Belgrade (a) EC; Oct 4: Birmingham (a) BL; 7: Honved (h) EC; 12: Crystal Palace (h) BL; 15: Plymouth (a) NC; 19: Newcastle (h) BL; 21: Tatami Rhondorf (h) EC; 26: Leopards (a) BL; 28: Derby (h) BL.

Nov 2: Leicester (h) BL; 4: Hapoel Eilat (h) EC; 11: Stefanel Milan (a) EC; 15: Worthing (a) BL; 18: KK Beobanka Belgrade (h) EC; 23: Sheffield (h) BL.

Dec 7: Thames Valley (h) BL; 9: Honved (a) EC; 13: Derby (a) BL; 16: Tatami Rhondorf (a) EC; 19: Newcastle (a) BL; 21: Worthing (h) BL; 28: Chester (a) BL.

Jan 3: Thames Valley (a) BL; 4: Manchester (h) BL; 10: Watford (a) BL; 11: Newcastle (h) BL; 25: Sheffield (a) BL; 28: Leicester (h) BL; 31: Derby (a) BL.

Feb 1: Watford (h) BL; 8: Manchester (h) BL; 15: Leopards (a) BL; 22: Birmingham (h) BL.

March 4: Thames Valley (a) BL; 15: Leopards (h) BL; 22: Chester (a) BL; 25: Crystal Palace (a) BL; 28: Worthing (a) BL; 29: Sheffield (h) BL.

April 5: Birmingham (h) BL.

Hooper special sinks Hayes

Harrow Borough 1 Hayes 0

A SUPERB goal from Glynn Hooper 10 minutes into the second half proved enough to give Borough victory over their Conference neighbours on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

Set up by good work from Chris Metcalfe, Hooper cleverly beat the visitors' former Wembley keeper, Kevin Beckles, with an angled lob from just inside the Hayes area for the only goal of the game.

But there should have been more!

Hayes missed a succession of chances in the first half, the best being fired wide by Joe Francis after he had rounded David Hook, and after the break Darren Wilkinson headed against the Borough bar.

For Borough, Hooper narrowly failed with an attempt to repeat his scoring effort while Ian Rutherford was foiled by a good save from Beckles.

Referee Nemorin-Noel showed a marked reluctance for awarding penalties. Three clear spot kick offences were ignored - two of them in favour of the home side.

Outstanding for Borough was David Clarke, who gave a powerful performance, while Mark Xavier and Nko Ekoku excelled in attack and Paul Benning shone in defence.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Clarke, Webster (Ekoku), Court, Benning, Hurlock, Williams (Mee), Metcalfe, Gavin (Rutherford), Xavier (Hooper), Jones (Webster).

Smith is a winner for Stones

London Colney 2 Wealdstone 3

TONY Smith's goal two minutes from time gave Stones victory in this friendly on Tuesday, writes Graham Smith.

The home side, which included ex-Stone David Ross, took an 8th minute lead but Lawrence Yaku equalised after 39 minutes, and an own goal put the visitors ahead.

London Colney got back on level terms in the 73rd minute but Smith's late strike gave the visitors victory.

Wealdstone: Bush, Smith, Knight, Richards, Galloway, Keen, Walton, Cooper (Wallace), Boreham, Hibbert, Yaku (Ephgrave).

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It's official - Greene signs for Stones

ONE of local soccer's worst kept secrets is out - Wealdstone have signed Harlow Town striker, Dennis Greene.

30 year old Greene, who has been the Essex club's leading scorer for the past two seasons, has had an unhappy knack of scoring vital goals against the Stones, and his signing was clearly looked at by manager, Gordon Bartlett, as the best way of halting that sequence.

The signing means Stones fans will need to revise their singing repertoire. Their ditty on Greene is less than complimentary.

Greene is currently playing for Haka FC in the Finnish First Division and will be joining Stones in September. He will be joined by a former teammate in centre back Andy Edmunds, who has also been signed from Harlow by Bartlett.

Other new signings are defender Alan Galloway from Epsom, and midfielder Paul Lamb from Buckingham, while midfielder-defender Rodney Richards, who was with Stones four seasons ago, has rejoined the club from Hendon.

Of last season's squad, most of the star names, including Simon Garner, Terry Hibbert, Paul McKay and Steve Bircham, have re-signed.

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Luke so close to Olympic silver

STANMORE'S Luke Rosenberg performed superbly in the Youth Olympics in Lisbon last week, writes Tony Bush.

The 17 year old Harrow Athletic Club star qualified for the final and set a personal best of 54.58 with the 1.5kg discus to finish a magnificent 5th, just one metre behind the silver medalist.

This great result caps a splendid season for Luke who placed 2nd in the England Schools Championships against older athletes and has improved his Harrow AC record several times this season.

Luke's next competition will be the final round of the British League in Jarrow on August 16 when he will be hoping to help Harrow clinch promotion to Division Two.

Wealdstone pip Harrow in area final

WEALDSTONE'S Joan Rowley in action in Saturday's area final of the Travellersphere National competition against local rivals Harrow. Although Harrow scored more shots, Wealdstone won the match on rinks. Report and more pictures on page 118.

Picture by Edmund Terakopian