

# SPORT

## Wasps face title tester

WASPS face a stern test of their championship credentials on Sunday when they take on Allied Dunbar Premiership Champions Newcastle at the Gateshead Stadium, writes Alan Rodham.

Club supremo Nigel Melville expects a tough encounter despite the Falcons' shaky start to the season but his side will go there in confident mood.

"If we can produce the same qualities which brought us victory against Gloucester we must be in with a chance," he said. "Our tackling was brilliant but even more impressive was the way the lads refused to be intimidated and kept their concentration."

"They kept going strongly when Gloucester, despite home advantage, were getting ragged."

He went on: "We've obviously been playing well and we are starting to regain the consistency that brought us the title the season before last."

"Last year, because of injuries, we never had a chance, but we feel it's coming back now."

Melville will be forced into changes for the trip.

Full back John Upton is suffering from a bruised sternum following the Gloucester encounter and will be out for two weeks.

This means a starting spot for the first time this season for Alex King. He will take the no 10 jersey while Josh Lewsey reverts to full back.

Melville had better news though of hooker Simon Mitchell who has been given the all clear to play again after back injuries.

Lawrence Dallaglio has been confirmed as England captain up to and including next year's World Cup. He regains the post from Matthew Dawson who led England on the Southern Hemisphere tour which Dallaglio missed through injury.

## Cup beating is so cruel to Lions

**Hampton 5 Wembley 0**  
ANOTHER heavy defeat, although Wembley hardly deserved such an emphatic exit from the Isthmian League Cup at Hampton on Tuesday evening, writes Richard Markiewicz.

As they had done during the initial tie, Wembley belied their lowly status and were in-

initely the better side during the first half of this first round replay.

But despite creating several promising chances, they lacked that vital ingredient called goals.

The Hampton keeper was kept busy during the opening stages but the Lions just could not score.

It was Hampton who eventually broke through, taking the lead in the 34th minute when the visitors failed to cut out Ian Savage's through pass and Matthew Miller latched onto the loose ball to fire home via a post.

Dave Vincent and James Wise came close to equalising but after Miller scored the

home side's second goal in the 62nd minute, converting Andy Gray's diagonal pass at the far post, Wembley fell apart.

Miller notched his hat-trick from an acute angle in the 74th minute and four minutes later it was 4-0 when Dave Stephenson slid in to poke home a James Brown cross. The scoring was completed

by Hampton five minutes from time.

Adrian Creamer brilliantly saved a Savage penalty, but wasn't able to prevent the Hampton player blasting home the rebound.

Wembley: Creamer, Millard, Kirwan, Walters, Allday, Wise, McKay (Hicks), Bates, Levene (Thompson), Vincent, J.Hall. Other sub: McCloskey.

## Borough name Stein as new coach

EDDIE Stein has been named as Harrow Borough's new coach. The experienced Stein, a former Borough player, was formerly with Birmingham City, Luton Town and Barnet.

Robyn Jones, who quit as coach at Earlsmead a fortnight ago, was in hospital this week after being involved in a car crash. Borough directors, management and players have sent him good

wishes for a speedy recovery. In the third qualifying round of the FA Cup, Borough face a trip to Eastbourne to play Langney Sports of the Unijet Sussex League.

## Penalty is big blow to Wares

**Windsor & Eton 3 Edgware Town 0**  
A DUBIOUS penalty just before half time turned the tide against Edgware on Tuesday night, just when it looked as if they were en route to upsetting their high profile hosts, writes John Comfort.

Wares were more than a match in the opening period for their big spending rivals, whose line up included former Wealdstone strikers Dennis Greene, sporting a garish new blonde hairstyle, and Simon Garner.

After only two minutes it took a fine save from home keeper Trevor Bunting to prevent Joe Lyons marking his return to the Edgware ranks from Hayes with a goal.

Steve Newing had a header cleared off the line, Steve Hurd put a free header over and Joe House had a close range effort blocked by Bunting.

But Edgware's superiority was cruelly blunted a minute from the break when Steve Evans was harshly deemed to have handled in the area and Simon Clements' spot kick gave Windsor the lead, much against the run of play.

Wares had hardly recovered from that shock when Ian Dawber notched a second for the hosts to give the half time scoreline a decidedly false appearance.

Sadly in the second half Wares were a mere shadow of their former selves, but they contained Windsor until the 83rd minute when Dave Makamian brought down Clements who got up to fire home his second penalty of the night.

A tame shot at Bunting from House after Fabio Valenti had set him up with a golden scoring chance, was the best Wares had to offer in a disappointing second period.

Edgware: Carter, House, Valenti, Evans, Elliott (Makamian), Hurd, Lyons, Glynn (Sutton), Newing, Roche, Ash (Murray).

# Wealdstone make extra time exit

**Newport (IOW) 3 Wealdstone 2**

IT was extra time agony for Wealdstone on Tuesday night as they were knocked out of the FA Cup in this second qualifying round replay - and had defender Dominic Sterling sent off in the process.

It was the eighth meeting between the two clubs, and Stones have yet to beat the Islanders.

The home side started brightly with Leigh and Pegler both going close.

Stones suffered a blow when Mick Swaysland came off with a groin injury and was replaced by Stuart Kent but soon after the visitors remarkably opened the scoring when Carl Holmes found Brian Jones and he beat Hards with a good low shot.

Wealdstone almost got a second soon after. Fine work by Holmes allowed him to find Kent with a cross but the substitute's effort cannoned off a post.

Had that gone in it might have been a different story but just as the visitors were getting on top, Newport equalised in the 34th minute. Soares finding Pegler whose powerful shot beat Noel Imber, despite him getting a hand to the ball.

Newport should have scored again three minutes later but Pegler hit the post with the goal at his mercy.

Stones pressed hard after the break with Phil Dicker and Jones both going close. However, after 53 minutes Newport took the lead, Pegler's effort coming back off the crossbar and substitute Wright netting the rebound.

Paul Lamb headed a Steve Dell free kick straight at Hards before Stones finally got the equaliser they deserved

**By Graham Smith**  
**Sterling off as they fall victim to Newport hoodoo**

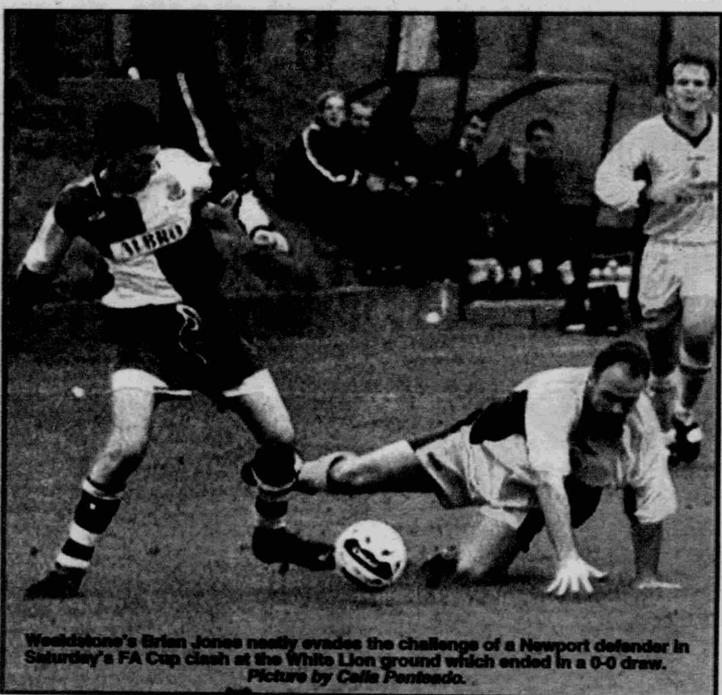
with seven minutes remaining. Lamb's pass was flicked on by Fergus Moore to Sterling whose shot hit a post and as defender Rew attempted to clear, he ran the ball into his own net.

Kent was only inches away from winning the game late on, but in extra time Stones lost Sterling following his second bookable offence and it all went sour for the visitors.

Newport got the all-important winning goal with 10 minutes remaining when Moore was only able to head out a cross as far as Fearon and, despite being off-balance, the substitute hit a shot into the corner of net.

It was a bitter pill to swallow for Stones and their many loyal supporters in the crowd of 415, Newport's biggest of the season, and it made the journey home seem even longer.

Wealdstone: Imber, Dell (Moore), Sterling, Waugh, Benning, Dicker, Walton, Jones, Swaysland (Kent), Holmes (McKay), Lamb. Other subs: Yaku, Dale.



Wealdstone's Brian Jones nearly evades the challenge of a Newport defender in Saturday's FA Cup clash at the White Lion ground which ended in a 0-0 draw. Picture by Colin Pentecost.

## Glynn doubtful for Vase clash

CHRISTIAN Glynn limped off injured in Tuesday night's defeat at Windsor, and is extremely doubtful for Edgware Town's FA Vase clash on Saturday at home to Harwich and Parkston of the Jewson League.

Joe Lyons has returned to the club from Hayes, following a spell on loan to Yeading, and is eligible for the tie.

Edgware's Vase game has forced Wealdstone to put

back their home league game with Croydon to Sunday when they will be looking to shrug off their cup defeat at Newport and persistent injury problems and get back to winning ways.

With Darren Coleman recovered from injury, Harrow Borough boss Alan Paris has the luxury of a full squad to select from for their visit to Slough Town on Saturday.

Borough could face ex-Spurs and Chelsea star

Graham Roberts who quit as Chesham's boss in midweek and was said to be heading for the Wexham Park club.

After missing the cup defeat at Hampton due to work commitments, Kevin Beckles is likely to return in goal for Wembley for their seaside trip to Worthing.

Gery Brennan is the only injury doubt for the Lions.

Centre back John Shanahan has left the Vale Farm club and joined Tilbury.

## Soccer fixtures

- Saturday October 10**  
FA Vase 2nd qual round: Edgware Town v Harwich & Parkston (White Lion ground, 3pm).  
Ryman League Premier Div: Slough Town v Harrow Borough.  
Ryman League Div One: Worthing v Wembley.  
**Sunday October 11**  
Ryman League Div One: Wealdstone v Croydon (White Lion ground, 3pm).  
Elliott (Makamian), Hurd, Lyons, Glynn (Sutton), Newing, Roche, Ash (Murray).  
**Tuesday October 13**  
Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Carshalton Ath (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).  
Ryman League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Dorking (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

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