

# SPORT

## Big cup clash gets a soaking



### But Boro' not too unhappy at postponement

#### Tables

**RYMAN LEAGUE Premier Division**

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	
Aylesbury	21	13	5	3	36	17	44
St Albans	22	12	8	7	42	24	44
Purfleet	25	13	6	6	48	30	43
Sutton Utd	21	13	4	4	41	24	43
Silencey	22	11	6	5	30	21	36
Hendon	23	9	7	7	43	38	34
Rayneswood	21	10	3	8	27	24	33
Aldershot	22	9	5	8	43	24	32
Barnham W.	22	8	6	6	36	32	32
Enfield	21	9	8	3	33	26	31
Harrow B.	23	4	6	9	38	38	30
Chester	22	5	10	36	30	30	30
Dagenham	21	8	5	8	41	33	29
Basingstoke	20	8	4	8	34	29	28
Bromley	23	7	5	11	38	40	26
Cardinals	21	7	5	12	26	25	24
Dulwich H.	22	6	10	23	32	24	24
Slough	22	5	7	10	27	38	22
Haybridge	23	5	6	12	23	30	21
Walton	22	5	5	12	25	41	20
Harrington	21	5	5	11	24	20	19
Bishop's St.	23	4	7	12	31	55	19

**Division One**

Bognor	22	14	3	5	38	21	45
Hitchin	20	12	6	2	43	20	42
Barnet	22	12	5	5	31	28	41
Canvey	20	12	2	6	34	26	38
Dulwich C.	19	8	6	3	33	28	35
Chertsey	21	8	8	5	35	30	32
Milsey	21	13	2	5	25	21	31
Wealdstone	19	9	4	6	25	23	31
Worthing	20	7	6	9	29	33	28
Gaynes	19	7	6	3	31	25	27
Romford	19	7	6	6	33	30	27
Harlow	21	6	7	8	28	29	26
Maldenhead	21	6	8	7	29	29	26
Uxbridge	20	6	7	8	28	29	24
Croydon	19	6	8	8	28	37	23
Leyton P.	20	7	8	8	34	41	22
Leatherhead	19	6	8	8	30	32	21
Staines	22	4	8	10	17	34	20
Whyman	18	4	8	11	28	19	19
Berkhamsted	21	4	8	11	31	48	18
Reading	19	4	4	11	28	30	15
Wembley	22	1	6	15	15	52	9

**Division Two**

Bedford	20	15	3	2	46	13	48
Harlow	18	14	3	1	55	16	45
Thames	21	14	2	1	51	27	41
Leighton	21	10	7	4	33	25	37
Welling	20	11	7	4	43	28	36
Northwood	20	10	3	7	35	33	33
Edgware	21	9	5	7	42	34	32
Haringey	19	9	6	3	31	25	31
Chalfont	21	8	7	6	38	32	31
Marlow	20	8	7	5	47	46	30
Widow	16	9	2	5	37	20	29
Coventry	19	7	3	3	27	25	27
Met Police	19	7	3	9	22	24	24
Herford	19	6	0	11	26	36	24
Northants	19	6	4	8	32	32	23
Widow	20	6	4	10	36	41	22
Wilton	21	5	9	9	30	38	22
Hungerford	15	5	8	4	19	20	21
Barking	19	6	10	19	43	15	15
Brackley	21	3	4	14	19	50	13
Aberdon	23	3	4	16	23	59	10
Wokingham	22	3	1	18	17	56	10

**Division Three**

Chester	20	15	4	3	38	22	40
Wingate	17	12	2	3	44	19	38
Croydon A.	20	9	6	5	42	30	33
Lewes	17	10	2	5	40	23	32
Port	14	9	2	3	41	29	29
Wals	19	8	3	5	27	28	28
Tilbury	16	8	3	5	27	18	27
E Throck	15	7	3	3	32	17	24
Camelley	13	7	3	3	32	17	24
Slough	13	7	3	3	32	17	24
Fickwell	20	7	3	10	36	41	24
Aswell	17	7	2	8	23	29	23
Clapton	16	7	2	7	30	36	23
Spion	14	5	5	5	30	18	20
Homchurch	16	4	5	7	15	27	17
Com C.	14	5	1	9	15	28	15
Kingsbury	19	3	1	15	22	54	10
Ting	20	3	1	15	22	54	10
Dorking	16	1	1	14	19	57	4



Alan Paris - would have missed the cup clash with Wealdstone.

THE eagerly awaited, yet seemingly 'jinxed', Middlesex Senior Cup clash between Wealdstone and Harrow Borough, fell foul of the weather again on Tuesday night, for the second week running.

With the White Lion ground pitch bearing more than a passing resemblance to a lake after an overnight frost had been followed by heavy rain throughout the day, the tie was not surprisingly called off and has now been rescheduled for Tuesday February 2 - the date set for the next round of the competition.

For Borough, the can-

#### By John Comfort

skipper Fergus Moore and striker Carl Holmes, who were both due for rare outings.

There is an attractive prize for the eventual winners of the tie, in the shape of a visit to Hayes in the next round.

The Conference club convincingly put out trophy holders Enfield by 4-0 at Church Road last week.

A game against Hayes "would be nice," said Wealdstone boss Gordon Bartlett.

"But I can't think that far ahead and we've got to beat Harrow first. At the moment the league is far more important for us."

By contrast, Stones would have preferred the game to go ahead, particularly unsettled

With fixture congestion looming, moving the tie to February 2 created a possible clash, for if Edgware Town are successful in this Tuesday's other big local rugby cup tie, at home to Wembley, they would be scheduled to face Staines Town at the White Lion on that night.

However, the Middlesex County FA competitions secretary, Jim Taylor, has already sanctioned a move to Tuesday February 9 for that fixture in the event of a Wares' win against the Lions.

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#### Fixtures

**Saturday January 16**

**Ryman League Premier Div:**  
Harrow Borough v Walton & Hertham (Earlsmead, 3pm)

**Ryman League Div One:**  
Wealdstone v Wembley v Romford (Vale Farm, 3pm)

**Ryman League Div Two:**  
Edgware Town v Abingdon Town (White Lion ground, 3pm)

**Ryman League Div Three:**  
Kingsbury Town v Tilbury (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm)

**Tuesday January 19**

**Middlesex Senior Cup:**  
Edgware Town v Wembley (White Lion ground, 7.45pm)

**Wednesday January 20**

**Capital League:**  
Harrow Borough v Welling Utd (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)

WEALDSTONE look for their first league double of the season on Saturday when they visit Romford - the side they beat 1-0 in the opening game of the campaign.

They will again be without the injured Paul Lamb, but have Steve Bircham back after missing the win over league leaders Bognor

due to a bout of flu.

Striker Stuart Kent, who joined Stones at the start of the season from Spartan League Hillingdon Borough, has been released by manager Gordon Bartlett, and has joined Ryman Division Two club Herford.

One match bans, due to an accumulation of bookings, means both Alan Paris

and Aidan O'Brien miss Harrow Borough's home game with struggling Walton on Saturday.

A chipped bone in his ankle will keep centre back Darren Coleman out for a month, while Paul Adolphe is also struggling with an ankle injury.

But Borough should have Frank McCormack recov-

ered from a knee injury while Lee Randall is back after serving a suspension.

If Edgware Town's Puma Cup game at Harlow last night (Wednesday) fell victim to the elements, then player-manager Steve Newing, will have to serve his one match suspension on Saturday when lovely Abingdon are their visitors.

Craig Elliott will definitely be missing, serving his four match ban.

With reserve team boss Errol Dyer acting as caretaker manager, Wembley continue their efforts to avoid the drop with a derby game at home to Uxbridge.

Stephen Sacco has left the club and joined Carshalton Athletic.

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**FISA**

## Wasps are to face their cup Waterloo

WASPS' 53-3 win over Sedgley Park on Saturday has earned them a home draw against Waterloo Drummers in the fifth round of the Telford's Bitter Cup, writes Alan Bodenham.

Wasps will have mixed feelings about the tie. Waterloo are currently fifth in the Allied Dunbar Second Division, six points behind leaders Bristol, and have a more than respectable cup record. They reached the final in 1977 when they lost to Gosforth, but in 1993 they pulled off one of the greatest cup upsets of all time by knocking out Bath.

The sides have met three times before in the cup. At Sudbury in 1978 Wasps won by a single point. At Blundellsands in 1965 Wasps lost 21-13 but 10 years later, on their way to the final, they overwhelmed the Liverpoolians there by 54-13.

The tie will take place on the weekend of January 30/31.

This Saturday Wasps travel to Swansea for an Anglo Welsh challenge encounter, eager to avenge September's 28-18 defeat suffered at Loftus Road.

● Harrow School master, Roger Uttley, has been sacked as manager of the England rugby team. In a move described as 'nonsensical' in the build up to this year's World Cup campaign, Uttley was one of 30 staff axed by the RFU in a major cost cutting exercise.

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