

# SPORT



## Borough to stage half term soccer school

AS part of a continuing programme of Football in the Community events, Harrow Borough FC are holding a Soccer School during the schools half term holiday from Tuesday June 1 through to Friday June 4 and boys

and girls aged between 7 and 14 are welcome to attend. The course will be held at Newton Park West, in Alexandra Avenue, and is being organised by Harrow's Football in the Community officer, Otis Roberts.

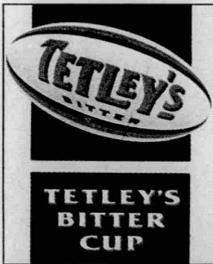
Places are limited and must be booked in advance. The price for the four days is £35 per child. For more information or to obtain a brochure and booking form, contact Otis on 864 0933.

## West Hendon lose grip on the Pub Cup

TROPHY holders, Harrow Challenge League club, West Hendon Ex-Servicemen Club, lost their grip on the Carlsberg Pub Cup on Sunday when they were beaten 2-0 in the final at Wembley Stadium by Sizewell Sports.

## Fifth time lucky as Melville's men triumph at Twickenham

# Cup glory at last for Wasps



A TASTE of cup glory has been long overdue for Wasps, and their dreams were at long last fulfilled on Saturday when they beat Newcastle Falcons 29-19 at Twickenham to lift the Tetley's Bitter Cup.

Three final defeats at the hands of Bath and last year's embarrassing thrashing by Saracens were all forgotten as Wasps and their fans in the near 50,000 crowd celebrated and the champagne flowed.

Said Mark Weedon, who has won a trophy in his first year as skipper: "It hasn't sunk in yet but it's a great feeling. After last year we were so disappointed but we knew that if we worked and planned hard things could happen for us and that's what we've done."



**By John Comfort**

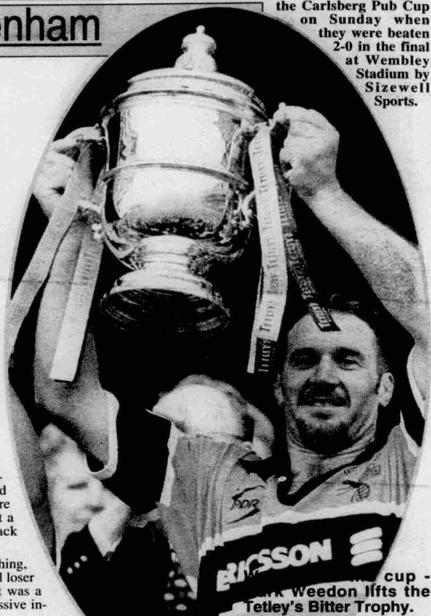
Wasps' triumph was built around two well taken tries from fly half Alex King and winger Josh Lewsey.

King's opener, when he burst through the Newcastle defence, chipped ahead and won the race to touch down, was well rehearsed.

"It was a planned move," he said. "I saw the gap there, kicked it and thankfully had the pace to get there. It was a lucky bounce that could have gone either way but it was a crucial score."

Just as important was Lewsey's amazing second half feat in catching and hauling down Newcastle's giant Samoan powerhouse, Va'auga Tuigamala, just yards from the line after he had intercepted a Simon Shaw pass and seemed certain to score a try that would have brought the Falcons back into the game.

"Inga is a world class player," said Lewsey. "I was hoping Reesy (Gareth Rees) would catch him but he was nowhere to be seen. Fortunately he got a bit tired and was looking back and I got to him."



Mark Weedon lifts the Tetley's Bitter Trophy.



Nigel Melville gets a champagne soaking as Wasps celebrate their Cup triumph.

Newcastle director of coaching, Rob Andrew, twice a cup final loser with Wasps, conceded that it was a crucial moment. "It had a massive influence on things," he said.

A try by Lewsey, ironically after intercepting a Tuigamala pass clinched victory for Wasps, whose other points came from a King drop goal, plus four penalties and two conversions from the trusty boot of full back Rees, who savoured victory 13 years after suffering defeat in the 1986 final against Bath when he was an 18 year old Harrow schoolboy.

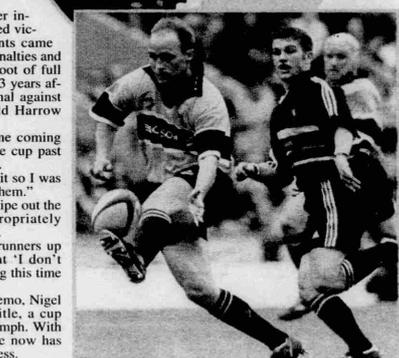
Said Rees: "It's been a long time coming and walking up the steps to get the cup past the old guard, I felt quite privileged. "The other generation didn't get it so I was delighted to win. This one was for them."

The determination of Wasps to wipe out the memory of last season was appropriately summed up by flanker Joe Worsley.

"This morning I looked at my runners up medal from last year and thought 'I don't want another one of those.' Winning this time means such a lot."

In his three years as Wasps supreme, Nigel Melville has overseen a league title, a cup runners up spot and now a cup triumph. With Europe beckoning next season, he now has his sights firmly set on further success.

"Times are exciting for the club," he said. "With our experiences we have built up from last season and we want to go forward again."



A clever chip ahead sets up Alex King for Wasps' opening try.



Top hat - a young fan cheers Wasps on to cup glory.

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## Margate's FA appeal success gives Stones some cause for hope

**BY JOHN COMFORT**

MARGATE'S case for promotion to the Ryman League's Premier Division, which is being heard by the Football Association at Lancaster Gate today (Thursday), has been given a significant boost with the success of a similar appeal to the FA last Friday by Margate FC.

In a case almost identical to that of Stones, the Kent club finished in a promotion spot in the Southern Division of the Dr Martens League but were told they could not go up because necessary ground grading work was completed after the deadline.

Wealdstone received similar treatment from the Ryman League after they had finished third in Division One, thus qualifying them for elevation to the Premier Division.

As with Wealdstone, Margate too were given a verbal assurance by League officials that they would be given additional time to finish ground improve-

ments necessary to obtain the A grading required for Premier Division status.

The only difference in their case is that the Dr Martens League rules do not apparently specify a ground grading deadline, although clubs had been notified by the League that one had been set.

Margate's successful appeal, at which, somewhat ironically, Ryman League chairman, Alan Turvey, who is also an FA councillor and a member of the non-league pyramid committee, gave evidence, means that they now go up to the Dr Martens Premier Division while Cambridge City, who thought they had avoided the drop, come down.

Wealdstone, whose case will be outlined to the FA appeals committee by club director Quentin Fox, a lawyer, together

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