SPORT

Back on the road to the Twin Towers

WEALDSTONE, Wembley and Kingsbury Town are all back in FA Cup action again this Saturday in first qualifying round ties.

Stones have a tough game at home to a very much in form Ford United side, who beat Edgware 5-1 in the previous round and have made a 100 per cent start to their first season in the Second Division, winning four games and scoring 16 goals in the process.

Thankfully Stones go into the match with a clean bill of health but will clearly need to be at their best to win this one.

The match kicks off at the White Lion ground at 12.30pm.

Carlton Mitchell, who has a hamstring injury, is Wembley's only real doubt for their home game against Harlow Town.

Wayne Walters hopes to have recovered from a virus, while Carl Levene has returned from holiday and is also available for selection. Michael Gorman should also be fit after suffering a knock against Molesey.

Kingsbury have a tough task at home to Dr Martens League outfit Chelmsford City who have a 100 per cent record after five games in the Eastern Division.

Michael Collins and Mark White are both available to play while Stuart Freeman should have recovered from a knock received in Town's win over Camberley.

Harrow Borough, who do not come into the FA Cup until the next qualifying round, have a league game away to Aldershot which has been switched to Sunday, kick off 3pm, because of the England v Luxembourg international on Saturday.

John Hurlock is making progress following his ankle injury, but is still doubtful, otherwise manager Alan Paris will select from a full squad.

Borough have released full back Paul Risley who has now joined Bishops Stortford.

Edgware will be looking for their first league win on Saturday when they visit struggling Chalfont St Peter.

THE second qualifying round draw for the FA Cup has already been made and all four local sides left in the competion face away trips.

Harrow Borough enter the competition with a visit to the winners of the Marlow match against Jewson League Histon, while if Wealdstone beat Ford United they will be away to either Fakenham Town, also of the Jewson League, or their Ryman Division One rivals, Staines.

If Wembley beat Harlow Town they go to either Hertford or Royston Town, while Kingsbury's reward if they can beat Chelmsford City will be a visit to Premier club Aylesbury United.

Nwaokolo goal lifts Borough off bottom

Boreham Wood 0
Harrow Borough 1
BY LAWRIE HARRIES

BOROUGH gained their first win of the season and climbed off the bottom of the Premier Division table with this hard fought victory at Boreham Wood on Monday.

After the poor performance against Chesham, manager Alan Paris beefed up his midfield and included Danny Nwaokolo and John Kumah in his starting line up. Both players worked hard and made their presence felt.

Borough got off to a fine start and took the lead after 6 minutes. A determined run and excellent cross by Mark Jones was met by Nwaokolo who volleyed spectacularly into the roof of the net.

Jon-Barrie Bates then set up Damien Markman who drove just wide, but soon after it required two outstanding saves from David Hook to deny Wood striker Lamine and keep Borough ahead.

Soon after the restart Markman had a half chance following a good Nwaokolo cross, while at the other end Paris showed his experience by dispossessing Lamine as he bore down on goal.

Borough were fortunate when Deslisser's low shot beat Hook. The ball bounced back off a post into the keeper's arms.

Gavin and Andy Rose went close and with the Borough supporters anxiously looking at their watches, they were put through an additional 10 minutes nervous wait after referees assistant Day was injured in a fall.

After the unofficial break, Bates' header from an Otis Roberts corner, was hacked off the line by Jordan as Borough looked to make the game safe, but the final whistle eventually arrived to a mixture of relief and satisfaction.

It was a success achieved by hard work and determination rather than quality football but the first win is always important psychologically..

Harrow Borough: Hook, Rose, Risley, Kumah, Cooper, Paris, Jones (Roberts), Bates, Gavin, Markman (Ripley), Nwaokolo.

World class!

HARROW Athletics Club's star decathlete, Dean Macey, set the athletics world alight last Wednesday with his silver medal winning performance at the World Championships in Seville that transformed him from an unknown to a household name overnight.

It was no more than the 21 year old former World Junior silver medalist deserved following three injury hit years that at times threatened his future in the sport.

A remarkable first day of events in Seville set the pattern for his performance and after personal bests and near bests in every discipline (10.69 in the 100m, 46.73 in the 400m, 2.12m in the high jump, 15.14m in the shot, 7.48m in the long jump) Macey was in the silver medal position, just 36 points behind defending champion and world record holder, Tomas Dvorak of Czechoslovakia.

Day two began with the 110m hurdles, an event which proved his downfall in the recent under-23 Championships, but he put any apprehensions to the back of his mind and flew to a pb of 14.35 to give notice that he had no intention of relaxing his charge for a medal.

The discus proved to be his one disappointment of the competition with his best throw of 43.78m being nearly 4 metres shy of his season's best and he slipped back to third overall going into the pole vault.

Despite the vaulter's nightmare of his pole snapping in mid-vault during an early effort, he again surpassed his lifetime best to notch a height of 4.60m, but with his rivals doing better, he slipped back to fourth overall with two events to go.

The penultimate event, the javelin, is one of Macey's stronger events but a long standning elbow problems means he can only make one throw - and it had to be a good one. With the British fans in the stadium getting right behind him and his elbow heavily strapped, he launched a superb personal best of 64.03m, taking him back into the bronze medal position.

The final event, the 1500m, saw Macey well aware of what was required for a medal.

Dvorak was out of sight with the gold but it was between the Harrow man, Chris Huffins of the USA and Sebastien Levicqa of France for the silver and bronze. To keep bronze would require finishing no more than 5 seconds behind the Frenchman and to win silver he had to be 23 seconds clear of Huffins.

In a slow start it seemed Macey might have got his tactics wrong but a surging last 400m took him to both targets as he tucked in behind Levicqa and left Huffins floundering in his wake 25 seconds behind.

He had rounded off the competition with yet another personal best of 4.29.31 and secured a magnificent silver medal.

A roar of self encouragement from Macey during the World Championships decathlon.

It was some time before he realised his achievement. "I didn't know whether to be sick, cry or pass out," he said.

"There were so many emotions going through me it was just unbelievable."

Can he achieve his next target, Olympic gold in Sydney next year? "I believe so" he said. "I was not coming to Seville to make up the numbers. I wanted people in the event to realise that I am a serious contender. I was here to prove to myself and to everybody else that I can be up there and next year I'm only going to be better."

Fixtures

Saturday September 4
FA Cup 1st qualifying round: Wealdstone v Ford Utd (White Lion ground, 12.30pm); Wembley v Harlow Town (Vale Farm, 3pm); Kingsbury Town v Chelmsford City (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Ryman League Div Two: Chalfont St Peter v Edgware Town.

Sunday September 5
Ryman League Premier Div: Aldershot Town v Harrow Borough (3pm).

Tuesday September 7
Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Basingstoke Town (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).
Ryman League Div One: Leyton Pennant v Wealdstone.
Ryman League Div Two: Wembley v Chalfont St Peter (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).

League tables

RYMAN LEAGUE Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Enfield	6	4	2	0	14	9	14
Dagenham	6	4	1	1	12	5	13
St Albans	6	4	1	1	10	5	13
Dulwich H	6	4	0	2	13	8	12
Hitchin	6	4	0	2	10	6	12
Aldershot	6	4	0	2	11	8	12
Billericay	6	4	0	2	5	9	12
Slough	6	3	2	1	10	3	11
Canvey	6	3	1	2	10	7	10
Basingstoke	6	3	1	2	12	11	10
Farnborough	6	2	3	1	7	4	9
Carshalton	6	2	2	2	8	8	8
Hendon	6	2	1	3	7	8	7
Boreham W	6	2	1	3	4	6	7
Chesham	6	1	2	3	8	9	5
Gravesend	6	1	2	3	3	5	5
Hampton	6	1	2	3	3	8	5
Walton	6	1	2	3	5	11	5
Heybridge	6	1	1	4	12	14	4
Harrow B	6	1	1	4	4	16	4
Aylesbury	6	1	1	4	6	15	4
Purfleet	6	0	2	4	4	12	2

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Bedfont	4	4	0	0	7	3	12
Maidenhead	5	3	1	1	11	8	10
Leyton P	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
Wealdstone	4	3	1	0	6	2	10
Romford	5	3	0	2	12	7	9
Croydon	5	3	0	2	7	5	9
Grays	5	2	1	2	12	5	7
Beaconsfield	4	2	1	1	8	4	7
Barton	3	2	1	0	6	4	7
Bognor	5	1	3	1	8	6	6
Bromley	4	2	0	2	5	10	6
Worthing	4	1	2	1	8	7	5
Staines	4	1	2	1	5	7	5
Whyteleafe	5	1	2	2	4	8	5
Oxford C	5	1	1	3	6	8	4
Yeading	4	1	1	2	4	7	4
Uxbridge	3	1	1	1	2	5	4
Thame	4	0	2	2	3	5	2
Harlow	4	0	2	2	4	8	2
Chertsey	5	0	2	3	5	10	2
Bishops St	3	0	1	2	6	12	1
Leatherhead	5	0	1	4	2	9	1

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Ford	4	4	0	0	16	1	12
Wingate	4	4	0	0	10	4	12
Marlow	3	3	0	0	6	1	9
Banstead	4	2	2	0	11	4	8
Met Police	4	2	2	0	5	1	8
Wembley	3	2	1	0	8	3	7
Molesey	4	2	1	1	7	7	7
Chalfont	4	2	0	2	6	5	6
Walthamstow	4	2	0	2	7	7	6
Woking	4	1	2	1	4	5	5
Windsor	3	1	2	0	2	1	5
Hoddesdon	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
Hungerford	4	1	1	2	3	6	4
Aylesbury	4	0	3	1	3	6	3
Berkhamsted	3	1	0	2	3	4	3
Molesey	4	0	3	1	3	5	3
Tooting	4	1	0	3	5	11	3
Wealdstone	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
Hemel H	2	0	1	1	2	4	1
Leighton	4	0	1	3	4	9	1
Chalfont	4	0	0	4	2	13	0
Witham	3	0	0	3	3	18	0

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Lewes	4	3	0	1	12	7	9
Aveley	3	3	0	0	9	6	9
Corin C	3	2	1	0	7	1	7
Southall	4	2	1	1	8	6	7
Croydon Ath	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Tilbury	4	2	0	2	9	8	6
Dorking	3	1	2	0	5	1	5
Epsom	4	1	2	1	8	5	5
Ringmery	4	1	2	1	8	6	5
Bracknell	3	1	2	0	3	2	5
Egham	3	1	1	1	6	3	4
Hornchurch	2	1	0	1	4	2	4
Flackwell	3	1	1	1	7	8	4
Hertford	4	1	1	2	5	7	4
Gt Wakering Rov	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Clapton	3	1	0	2	5	7	3
Ware	4	1	0	3	7	10	3
E Thurrock	3	1	0	2	5	10	3
Abingdon	4	1	0	3	5	11	3
Camberley	2	0	1	1	2	5	1
Tring	4	0	0	4	3	12	0

Woodruffe return inspires Lions

Tooting & Mitcham Utd 1
Wembley 3
BY RICHARD MARKIEWICZ

WEMBLEY progressed into the first round of the Ryman League Cup and a visit to Billericay after disposing of Tooting in this preliminary round tie at Sandy Lane on Monday.

The game heralded the return of Leon Woodruffe to first team action and he made his presence felt by setting up all three of Wembley's goals.

Wembley's first came in the 12th minute courtesy of Tooting defender Barry Langford who headed an inswinging Woodruffe corner into his own net.

Stefan McGarrell, with an accurate 30 yard lob, netted the visitors' second goal four minutes later after keeper Glyn Shimell, under pressure from Kieran Keane, could only partially clear Woodruffe's high long through ball.

Tooting pulled a goal back with Ani Ahmet making it 2-1 in the 28th minute from close range.

However, the Lions restored their two goal advantage in the 53rd minute.

A stunning strike by Sean McCarthy was superbly turned aside by the flying Shimell. But the keeper was left stranded by Woodruffe's ensuing corner which was converted by the onrushing Davis Haule, although there was a suspicion that he used a hand to control the ball.

Good defending foiled the home side adding to their total, while another excellent save by Shimell, palming clear Leon Latty's fierce drive, prevented Wembley from extending their lead.

Wembley: Karamoko, Readings, Harewood, Henderson, Woodruffe (Protain), Keane, Bates, McCarthy, Latty, Haule, McGarrell. Other subs: Mitchell, Flynn.

Wares sent crashing

Edgware Town 0 Tring Town 2
BY TOM HOOKS

DISAPPOINTING Edgware bowed out of the Ryman League Cup on Tuesday against a Tring side who belied their lowly Division Three position.

Wares fell behind after just 8 minutes when Gerrard was given time and space to pick his spot and side foot past Andy Carter and only a fine save from the keeper prevented a second when Sangster broke clear.

A flurry of Edgware attacks followed but it was only in the closing minutes of the half that Wares lookied like scoring.

Mark Ivers did not from close range but was harshly judged to be offside and only a miraculous save from McLoughlin denied Ohene after a great run and shot.

With all three subs on, Edgware camped in Tring territory in the second half but McLoughlin pulled off a string of fine saves to deny them, the best from a goalbound 25 yard free kick by Leon Constantine.

With the Wares becoming increasingly frustrated, their misery was compounded in the dying seconds when Goldbold, looking a yard offside on the edge of the home area, sent a screaming drive into the top corner of the net to give the underdogs a 2-0 victory.

Edgware: Carter,Carr, Parry, Hurd, Dockway (Davidson), Attoh, Glynn, Makamian (Constantine), Ivers, Raymond, Ohene (Mathew).

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Over and out for Kingsbury

Kingsbury Town 1
Leighton Town 3

KINGSBURY slid out of the Ryman League Cup on Tuesday when they lost at home to Division Two club Leighton.

They were a goal down after only five minutes when former Harrow Borough player, Gary Issott, fired in a shot that found the net via an upright.

However, on 17 minutes they deservedly drew level.

Leighton defender Gary Wolf fouled Charlie Antwi in the area and Ryan Fitzsimons converted the resultant spot kick.

But Kingsbury's joy lasted only three minutes before a controversial penalty award regained the lead for the visitors.

Robert Sharp fell over in the box and a hotly disputed spot kick was awarded from which Craig Johnson scored.

Soon after Leighton made it 3-1, but again there was controversy as keeper Lee Clarke appeared to be fouled wide in his area before the ball was crossed for Jason Huntley to head home.

Kingsbury were on top for most of the second half but they failed to trouble the Leighton keeper and sadly went out of the competition.

Kingsbury: Clarke, Ash, Freeman (Willams), Burgess, Child, Huggett, Metherall, Ryan, Antwi, Fitzsimons, Dunning (Hughes).

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