

SPORT

Lane still waiting for their Cup call from the FA

RAYNERS Lane FC have had no response from the Football Association to their offer to take Manchester United's place in this season's FA Cup competition.

The chairman of the Chiltonian League club,

Richard Mitchell has written again to the FA's acting chief executive, David Davies, asking if this indicates a lack of interest in football at grass roots level within the FA.

In his letter he says: "Press reports indicate that you will be

offering a bye to one of your member clubs but that will leave a team without a game in one of the prime weekends of the season and as indicated in my previous letter a game against professional opposition and the revenue generated

could finance our club throughout the next century. "I can also assure you that any tickets issued for such a game would only go to loyal family and friends who would relish the chance to appreciate a game of this stature."

Edgware miss their chance

Edgware Town 2 Molesey 2 BY TOM HOOKS

EDGWARE had the chances to have wrapped up this well contested game by half time on Tuesday.

Christine Glynn caused the visitors all sorts of problems with his strong runs and when he earned a free kick on 15 minutes it resulted in Edgware's opener, a superb strike from Glen Parry from wide of the area which curled in to the angle of the goal.

But the lead was short lived. Makamian and Davidson between them failed to clear a high ball into the area and Molesey dangerman John took full advantage to shoot past the despairing Carter.

Wares dominated the rest of the half. A superb run from Constantine took him past several defenders and the keeper, but his shot was blocked on the line, then Ivers shot at Hart from close range.

But in injury time Molesey took a controversial lead when John, standing yards offside, went through to lob Carter.

Wares were beginning to think it was 'one of those nights' but on the hour good work by Ivers and Carr set up Constantine to beat Hart with an angled drive for the equaliser.

Wares could have won it in the last minute but Constantine's shot was blocked with only Hart to beat and Glynn's follow up shot was deflected wide.

Edgware: Carter, Leslie (Adjomon), Parry, Davidson, Carr, Attoh, Glynn, Makamian, Constantine, Ivers, Omana. Other subs: Omoiyale, Raymond.

Derby clash

THE draw for the first round of the Ryman League's Full Members Cup has given Wealdstone an attractive away tie against Hendon.

Harrow Borough are at home to Chertsey Town.

In the first round of the Vandanel Trophy, Wembley are at home to Wivenhoe. Edgware and Kingsbury have byes.

Stanmore aiming for trophy glory

STANMORE bid for glory in the Evening Standard Trophy on Sunday when they take on Brondesbury in an Oval final that is contested by Middlesex County League clubs for the second year running.

Last year Teddington won the Trophy for the third time when they beat Finchley. This year Alastair Fraser's side will be looking for their first success against a Brondesbury team that have been there before, having won the 1997 final against Kent League club, Sevenoaks Vine.

Brondesbury, captained by Rob Nelson, have already won the League title, and will go into the final as favourites.

They have had the better of the two League meetings between the sides this season. Back in June Brondesbury took the four points from a draw game and in the return just three weeks ago, they won a low scoring match at the Common.

A stunning 8-42 spell from Jamie Murch proved to be Stanmore's downfall that day as

they were skittled out for a paltry 85. But Fraser's men will be happy in the knowledge that the Aussie paceman will not be taking part in the Oval showpiece as competition rules prevent overseas players from competing.

Also ruled out is Brondesbury's Middlesex batsman, Richard Kettleborough, whose 35 effectively won the match as they scraped home for the loss of seven wickets.

But this 50 overs per side Oval clash will be a different ball game and Fraser confidently pre-

dicts a different outcome.

"We're a good cup side this year and I think our chances are good," said Fraser. "I'm going to be so proud to walk out at the Oval with the lads and so long as we can be focussed and not overawed by the occasion, I'm confident we can win."

Stanmore will be at full strength on Sunday providing that fireman Richard Brooker can change his work roster and be available to play.

Play starts at the Oval 11am. Admission is free.



Alastair Fraser - confident.

Bad break for Hook

THE broken arm suffered by David Hook at Boreham Wood has given Harrow Borough a goal-keeping problem.

Eric Talbot is expected to continue in goal for Saturday's visit to Dulwich.

Midfielder John Hurlock is still sidelined with an ankle injury.

Wealdstone have boosted their squad with the signing of David Greene from Chertsey. The former Harlow and Bishops Stortford midfielder is the brother of Dennis Greene, who was with Stones the season before last.

Greene could make his debut at home to Bognor when Stones will be without both Steve Bircham and Rocky Baptiste due to suspensions.

Michael Gorman has an ankle injury and is doubtful for Wembley's derby game away to Northwood.

Baptiste makes it Rocky Horror Show for Ford



A SUPERB Rocky Baptiste hat-trick sent Stones through this FA Cup first qualifying round replay at Rush Green Road on Tuesday in a pulsating game of fluctuating fortunes, the result of which was in doubt right up to the final whistle.

It was Ford who drew first blood after only nine minutes, courtesy of a blunder by Stones keeper Noel Imber.

His suicidal attempt to punch clear a Jay Devereux free kick allowed Jeff Wood to nod the ball down for Lee Parish to shoot into an unguarded net.

Ford Utd 2 Wealdstone 3 BY JOHN COMFORT

Baptiste, who was unavailable for Saturday's game, showed how much he had been missed when he powerfully headed home from a Brian Jones free kick to equalise after 28 minutes and soon after Jones was unlucky with a snap 20 yarder that crashed down off the bar, hit keeper Jimmy Chapman and bounced to safety.

But the home side missed two excellent opportunities before the break. Wood filled wide from close in with only Imber to beat and Dean

Harrow Borough 1 Basingstoke Town 1 BY TONY BOOTH

striker was not to be denied and in the 34th minute he ran onto Richardson's pass and slammed the ball into the Borough net.

The second half continued in the same mould with both sides looking for goals. The visitors started the half

headed past Imber in the 83rd minute and extra time seemed inevitable.

However, with three minutes remaining Stones broke from defence through Dominic Sterling and he found Baptiste who jinked round a possee of defenders in the Ford area before firing past Chapman to complete his hat-trick and put Stones into the next round where they face Staines away on September 18.

Wealdstone: Imber, Lamb, McKay, Sterling, Tibury, Dickar, Walton, Jones, Walker, Holmes, Baptiste. Subs: Lyons, Campbell, Reid, Valenti.

Fixtures

Monday September 11
FA Vase 1st qualifying round: Kingsbury Town v Latchworth (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm)
Ryman League Premier Div: Dulwich Harrow v Harrow Borough
Ryman League Div One: Wealdstone v Bognor Regis Town
Ryman League Div Two: Northwood v Wembley; Leighton Town v Edgware Town

Tuesday September 14
Ryman League Cup: Bicester Town v Wembley (7.45pm)
Wandsworth v Harrow Borough
Ryman League Div Three: Chertsey v Kingsbury Town

Wednesday September 15
Coupe League: St Albans City v Harrow Borough

Lions game off

WEMBLEY'S home game with Chalfont St Peter on Tuesday was called off because the Bucks club were involved in a Ryman League Cup replay with Southall.

Bates earns Borough a point

BOTH teams deserved to gain something from Tuesday night's Ryman Premier Division fixture at Earlsmead which saw play swing from end to end throughout.

Borough made the early running with Gavin and Markman steering good chances wide and Roberts was off target after a mazy run.

Talbot had to race from his goal to thwart Killick, but the Basingstoke

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striker was not to be denied and in the 34th minute he ran onto Richardson's pass and slammed the ball into the Borough net.

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better, but in the 66th minute Borough levelled when skipper Jon-Barrie Bates climbed above the keeper to head home Dwain Clarke's free kick.

It was Harrow who went closest to a winner in the last minute as Bates saw his shot deflected wide and then Gavin had an effort saved.

Harrow Borough: Talbot, Rose, Newkirk, Roberts, Cooper, Paris, Clarke (Fowler), Bates, Gavin, Mariman, Kumah. Other subs: Jones, Gladly.

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Wasps without star quintet for start of new campaign

DIRECTOR of Rugby Nigel Melville will be without a third of his side for the start of London Wasps' Allied Dunbar Premiership campaign but is confident his squad can get off to the perfect start with a win at Manchester Sale on Saturday.

International Lawrence Dallaglio, Joe Worsley, Kenny Logan, Andy Reed and Trevor Loto, will all be on World Cup duty for the start of the season but Melville said: "It's something we will just have to get on with. A lot of sides have the same problem."

A trip to Sale is not an easy start for Wasps. Said Melville: "Sale has always been a tough game for us. We've never lost there but we've never won easily. Probably our best result there

BY MIKE HARTWELL

was last year when the win put us into Europe. When we won the league we won in the last minute so it will be a tough game."

One of Melville's biggest decisions of the summer was to reappoint Lawrence Dallaglio as captain, replacing Mark Woodson who led them to Cup glory last season. "It's a difficult choice to change a captain," he said. "I think Lawrence plays better for us when he is captain. He's truly inspirational when he's there at the helm."

Wasps will be hunting for success on three fronts this season but Melville insists the league is the priority. "I want to win the league" he said.

"That's the big marathon."

"We've got a side that's more than capable of performing at the top of the league. We have to be able to perform at our best every week so I will be looking for consistency from the players. We've got an excellent squad and if I can get the best out of them and have a little bit of luck, there is no reason why we can't do well this season."

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