

SPORT



The referee attempts to intervene as Harrow Borough and Farnborough players square up to each other

Tempers flare as bad-tempered match boils over

WASPS 30 Gloucester 26
WASPS only just made sure that Gloucester's poor away record was maintained with a narrow 30-26 which gave them their first points of the season.

The early exchanges were even with a dropped goal by King and a penalty by Ufton cancelling out the two successful penalties by the visitor's Mannix.

During this period the home side had to change into their yellow shirts as their black tops were too similar to Gloucester's new dark blue outfit.

The change worked wonders as forwards and backs combined to set up tries for Simpson and Volley, both converted by Ufton.

Tombs charged through for a Gloucester try just before half time before Ufton scored another penalty to give Wasps a 23-11 interval lead.

A forceful run by King set up a try for Henderson which Ufton converted soon after half time.

Despite an outstanding debut performance by Bryan Shelbourne at scrum-half for Wasps Mannix then replied with another penalty for Gloucester before excellent work by the visitors resulted in tries for Beim and Deacon, which Mannix converted.

Despite Gloucester pressure Wasps managed to hang on to their four point advantage for the last 15 minutes.



A Wasps player bursts past a Gloucester defender during the clash on Sunday

A 22 man brawl resulting in three sendings off marred the Ryman League Clash between Harrow Borough and Farnborough on Saturday

Trouble flared midway through the first half when John Barrie Bates was fouled near the touch line and then apparently struck as he attempted to get up.

Bates reacted angrily and pushing and shoving followed, with players from both sides joining in. Borough's Pat Gavin and John Barrie Bates were subsequently sent off, along with Farnborough's Watson. Farnborough eventually won 3-1.

"We were harshly done

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by," said Borough manager Alan Paris. "The game had been ill-tempered throughout and there were some harsh challenges flying around but their players were just as guilty of causing trouble as ours."

"Some of the Farnborough lads were more cunning than us. They had more experience and knew how to wind up our players but not get in trouble. I felt two men should have been sent off from both sides considering they had players running from 30 yards away to get

involved."

Despite having not met Farnborough for ten years there were strong links between the clubs which fired the players up before kick off. Former Borough centre forward Graham Westley is in charge of Farnborough, and ex-Harrow team mates Stuart Mackenzie and Lee Endersby was in the visiting side's ranks. Farnborough also fielded several ex-professionals, including former Chelsea defender Keith Dublin and Southend winger Andy Anshah.

The FA will now launch an investigation into the incident, with Borough deprived of Bates and Gavin for their

Umbro Trophy visit to Hitchin Town on October 9 and the 4th Qualifying round of the FA Cup, should they overcome Worcester City in the third round this weekend.

The players will also be disciplined by the club.

However, there will be no ill feeling between the Ryman League rivals. "When we play Farnborough later in the season it won't be a clash for the faint hearted," said Alan Paris, "but we'll just do our job and get on the coach home because we want to forget about Saturday's trouble and concentrate on the football."

Turn inside for the match report

Ryman League Div 2

Lions make short work of Witham

Wembley 3 Witham Town 0

THANKS to three well-taken goals Wembley successfully secured three points against lowly Witham Town on Saturday.

Wembley almost went in front as early as the third minute when Carl Levene's acrobatic strike thudded against the post. Wembley goalkeeper Mark Harewood made a couple of good early saves to stop Witham's occasional attacks.

Wembley's superiority was rewarded in the 36th minute when they went ahead through Carl Levene. Skipper Ian Bates won possession before combining with Hammid Harrak to leave

Levene to slot the ball past the 'keeper.

The Lions extended their lead in the 48th minute when Leon Woodruffe scored with a sweet strike after latching onto a loose ball following Sean McCarthy's run into the box.

Woodruffe then hit the post with a header before setting up goal number three in the 68th minute. Woodruffe made a surging run down the flank before laying the ball on for Harrak to drill home.

W E M B L E Y : Karamok, Reading, Harewood, Walters, McCarthy (Latty 72), Lindsay, Bates, Harrak, Levene (Henderson 78), Keane (McGarrell 72), Woodruffe.

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BARNFIELD Netball Team need new players. Training is on Wednesdays 1930-2030 at Barnfield School, Barnfield Road, Burnt Oak. If interested contact Linda Kirby on 200 4375.

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ATHLETICS

Young athletes shine

A superb opening leg by Jason Cooper was the highlight as Harrow Athletic Club's young athletes opened their winter season at the South of England Road relays in Aldershot on Sunday.

The 14 year-old finished a magnificent second on the first stage of the under-15 relay clocking a fine 10.00 for the undulating 3,000m circuit.

Craig Turner and Gary Harrison both ran well to leave Harr.w in fourth spot with one lap to go. In the absence of the

sidelined Marc Jones and Michael Smart, 800m specialist Leon Saunders took on the difficult last lap and produced a solid run to bring Harrow home in sixth spot.

The under 13 squad produced solid runs to finish in 12 place.

The under 17 squad 4th in a highly competitive race with Martin Saunders Harrow's fastest runner, clocking 13.35 for 15th spot.

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