

SPORT



Takeover talk - but Wasps are not for sale

WASPS have this week been at the centre of takeover speculation. The club claim that an approach was made by Saracens before their Allied Dunbar

Premiership game at Vicarage Road on Sunday, but Saracens owner Nigel Wray is reported to have said that no formal talks have taken place and no formal offer has been tabled.

Wasps chief executive Simon Crane had claimed a tentative buyout offer from a Saracens official had been made but insisted the club was not for sale. On the club's website he

said: "The approach by a fellow Allied Dunbar Premiership One club to discuss potential acquisition is surprising." He added: "We are not for sale."

Harrow honour Lesley

HARROW Rugby Club broke with tradition when they awarded the club's John Elgood Trophy to Lesley Wyatt.

Harrow's former secretary is the first woman recipient in the 39 years history of the trophy which is awarded for services to the club.

It was presented to Lesley at the club's annual dinner on Tuesday night by guest speaker for the evening, Middlesex and England bowler Angus Fraser.

Trev's Trophy, for the club's most improved player, was won by Carl Nevin.

Mullings fails in title bid

HARROW'S Patrick Mullings failed in his bid to lead the vacant British super bantamweight title when he lost on points to Crawley's Michael Ables.

The score of 116-115 generously reflected the closeness of the bout, former champion Mullings losing out by a solitary round.

As well as the title, Ables also gained revenge over Mullings for his defeat in the 1992 ABA Final.

Edgware slip out

STAR striker Leon Constantine gave Edgware a first half lead in their Vase final trophy match at Hertford Town on Tuesday.

But two late goals, both the result of poor defending, saw the tables turned and gave Hertford a 2-1 win.

Imber is so safe

WEALDSTONE goalkeeper Noel Imber has won the Ryman League's Umbro Safe Hands award for August/September.

New loony at Lane?



New Loony, John Comfort.

RAYNERS Lane believe they have come up with a suitable successor to Screaming Lord Such as the club's patron.

The club has been seeking someone for the role since the death of the leader of the Monster Raving Loony Party in the summer - and they have earmarked the Observer's Sports Editor, John Comfort.

An approach has been made to Mr Comfort by club secretary Tony Pratt "On the basis that we had scoured the length and breadth of the borough and couldn't think of anybody else in Harrow who was daft enough to be able to carry on the traditions of the position in a satisfactory way."

Mr Comfort is giving the offer serious consideration.

"I am extremely honoured to be associated with this prestigious post," said Mr Comfort. "Lord Such would be a very difficult act to follow, but at a club that has a long tradition of insanity I'm sure I wouldn't look out of place."

No FA Cup place for Lane

RAYNERS Lane have had their bid to take the place of Manchester United in FA Cup turned down by the Football Association.

In a letter from FA competitions manager Steve Clark, Lane were thanked for their views on why they should be included in the third round draw.

But Mr Clark added: "Whilst we are delighted that your club is taking an interest in this matter I have to inform you that as your club is not actually competing in the FA Challenge Cup competition, it will not be possible for your club to be included."

Lane are disappointed at the FA's ruling but will not be taking the matter further.

Said club chairman Richard Mitchell: "The Rayners Lane committee have decided not to appeal against this and have graciously accepted the decision."

Lamb chops down Leyton

Stones star back with cup tie winner

By Graham Smith

WEALDSTONE 1 Leyton Pennant 0 PAUL Lamb's first goal of the season was enough to see Wealdstone through this Ryman League Cup second round tie on Tuesday.

It was a sweet return for the midfielder who missed Saturday's defeat at the hands of Bromley because of suspension.

The home side went close early in the first half when Chris Walton's 20 yard shot went just wide then Ian Rutherford, the ex Harrow Borough player signed from Boreham Wood, found Lamb whose effort went over the bar.

Richard Dobson, gaining confidence after his long lay off through injury, was unlucky when he saw his header just off target.

However, although Stones had the better of the half, keeper Noel Imber still had to be alert, saving a good shot from Franklin.

The only goal of the game came five minutes into the second half following a good move started by Rutherford. His pass found Walton and the midfielder put Lamb in to fire past O'Neill.

Wealdstone, playing with more commitment than of late, twice came close to extending their lead.

A Dave Tilbury pass was headed on by Rutherford to Paul McKay whose good cross went begging, then a fine one-two between Rutherford and Lamb ended with Lamb's goalbound shot being blocked by Silk at the expense of a corner.

Wealdstone: Imber, Waugh, Dobson, Sterling, Tilbury, Diaper, Walton, Lamb, Soplete (Borcham), Rutherford, Mackay. Other subs: Bedford, Campbell.



Wembley on the Vase trail

WEMBLEY begin their FA Vase campaign on Saturday with a home tie against Brackley Town of the Hellenic League.

It will be only the second time that they have competed in the competition, their one and only previous appearance being during the 1996/97 season when they fell at the first hurdle against Spalding United.

Only injury doubt for the game is

Mark Hazwood, but he hopes to be fit for selection.

With Matt Pollard aggravating his groin injury at Billerica, and David Hook still not fit, Harrow Borough are likely to call on Eric Talbot to play in goal at Saturday's clash with St Albans.

Damian Markman is available after missing the trip to Essex, and so is Alan Paris following his ban.

Wealdstone go to Oxford City tomorrow (Friday) night with a full squad to select from.

Stones have released midfielder Jesse Hall, but Gordon Bartlett has added to his squad with the signing of former Harrow Borough striker Ian Rutherford from Boreham Wood.

Edgware have no injury problems for their home game with Wokingham on Saturday.

League tables

RYMAN LEAGUE									
Premier Division									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Dagenham	8	6	2	1	1	1	18	12	1
Dulwich H.	14	10	1	3	33	17	31	1	1
Carvey	14	9	2	3	20	13	29	1	1
St Albans	14	8	2	4	27	19	26	1	1
Enfield	14	8	2	4	27	21	26	1	1
Chesham	15	6	3	5	23	11	23	1	1
Fenny Stratford	15	6	3	5	23	11	23	1	1
Billerica	14	6	4	4	24	22	22	1	1
Hatfield	15	6	2	6	27	23	20	1	1
Slough	13	5	4	4	18	14	19	1	1
Purfleet	14	4	6	4	19	17	18	1	1
Alford	11	6	0	5	16	18	18	1	1
Hendon	14	4	5	5	15	17	17	1	1
Waltham	14	4	5	5	15	17	17	1	1
Grays	14	3	6	5	17	15	15	1	1
Boreham W.	15	4	3	7	10	17	15	1	1
Aylesbury	15	4	3	7	10	17	15	1	1
Harlow	14	4	2	8	18	24	14	1	1
Wokingham	14	4	2	8	18	24	14	1	1
Corinthians	14	4	2	8	18	24	14	1	1
Hendon	14	4	2	8	18	24	14	1	1
Basingstoke	14	3	3	8	16	27	12	1	1
Haydon	14	3	3	8	16	27	12	1	1

Division One									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Braintree	13	8	3	2	25	18	29	1	1
Croydon	13	8	3	2	21	10	27	1	1
Guys	13	7	4	2	23	17	25	1	1
Thames	16	6	6	4	19	12	24	1	1
Masterhead	12	5	8	1	24	16	21	1	1
Whitehawk	13	5	3	5	17	21	18	1	1
Bromley	11	7	0	4	21	18	21	1	1
Staines	13	5	5	3	21	21	20	1	1
Barnet	13	5	5	3	21	21	20	1	1
Leatherhead	14	5	4	5	17	19	19	1	1
Leyton P.	14	4	4	6	17	19	18	1	1
Bedford	15	4	4	6	18	22	18	1	1
Yeading	15	4	4	6	17	22	18	1	1
Woking	15	4	4	6	17	22	18	1	1
Walthamstow	11	4	4	3	13	16	17	1	1
Pendon	14	4	2	8	17	14	14	1	1
Harlow	14	2	7	5	25	29	19	1	1
Uxbridge	13	3	4	6	12	13	13	1	1
Oxford C.	13	2	6	6	15	11	11	1	1
Slough	13	3	2	8	13	26	11	1	1
Barnet	13	3	2	8	13	26	11	1	1
Chesham	13	1	3	9	14	27	6	1	1

Division Two									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Ford	14	10	2	2	36	26	32	1	1
Barnet	14	9	2	3	28	11	29	1	1
Northwood	13	9	2	2	43	19	29	1	1
Marlow	12	8	3	1	21	11	27	1	1
Widow	15	7	5	3	28	13	26	1	1
Wokingham	16	7	4	5	23	22	25	1	1
Tring	15	7	4	4	23	22	25	1	1
Wingate	11	8	2	1	19	20	26	1	1
Waltham	13	8	2	3	19	19	26	1	1
Wentley	13	6	4	4	28	21	20	1	1
Barnet	14	6	4	4	28	20	19	1	1
Met Police	13	4	4	5	21	24	16	1	1
Wokingham	15	4	4	6	20	20	17	1	1
Chesham	11	3	4	4	17	14	13	1	1
Leighton	14	4	1	9	20	13	13	1	1
Hemel Hempstead	15	3	4	7	18	13	13	1	1
Marlow	15	2	6	7	18	21	11	1	1
Widow	12	1	1	10	9	48	4	1	1
Chalfont	15	0	0	12	9	27	0	1	1

Division Three									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
St Michael's	15	10	3	2	20	11	33	1	1
Hendon	12	7	4	3	20	22	25	1	1
Croydon	14	7	4	3	20	22	25	1	1
E Hemel	12	8	1	3	20	11	25	1	1
Ashey	10	7	3	0	27	17	24	1	1
Tilbury	12	7	3	4	28	19	24	1	1
Wokingham	14	7	3	4	28	19	24	1	1
Colt C.	14	6	3	5	22	18	21	1	1
Ware	13	5	2	6	27	24	17	1	1
Leaves	12	4	4	4	21	19	19	1	1
Hendon	12	4	4	4	21	19	19	1	1
Dulwich	11	4	2	5	19	20	14	1	1
Camberley	12	4	2	6	18	16	14	1	1
Tring	13	4	0	9	10	22	12	1	1
St Paul's	13	3	3	7	16	32	12	1	1
Alford	13	3	3	7	16	32	12	1	1
Essex	11	2	4	5	18	19	10	1	1
Clapton	11	2	4	5	18	19	10	1	1
Philly	11	2	3	6	15	20	9	1	1
Kingsbury	12	2	2	8	12	29	8	1	1

Fixtures

Friday November 12
Ryman League Div One: Oxford City v Wokingham (7.45pm)
Saturday November 13
FA Vase second round: Wembley v Brentford Town (5.45pm, 3pm)
Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v St Albans City (Epsom, 3pm)
Ryman League Div Two: Edgware Town v Wokingham Town (White Lion ground, 3pm)
Ryman League Div Three: Abingdon Town v Kingsbury Town (3pm)
Tuesday November 16
Middle Chertsey Cup: Harefield Utd v Edgware Town
Ryman League Div Two: Banstead Ath v Wembley

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Seniors show way for Harrow

HARROW Athletics Club's senior/junior squad produced an impressive team performance to win the second round of the Chiltern Cross Country League at Oxford. Queensbury steepchaser Delroy Simon ran his best ever league race to finish 3rd in the 170 strong field. Mark Cursons, Simon's predecessor as club steepchase record holder, also ran well for 9th while Mark Bryant matched his previous league best to finish 12th. Steve Jones made his first appearance of the winter and placed a solid 25th despite aggravating a foot injury. Mark McIntosh, still only 17, improved to 31st just ahead of Laurence Ridge who is moving back to top form. Graham Edmonds and brothers Sean and Luke

By Tony Bush

Hunt all ran well to place in the top 43 while Harrow's scoring ten was completed by Damian Nevins who is improving fast following an 18 months absence from the sport with a serious knee injury. Martin Saunders continued his wonderful league form by winning the under 17 race, pulling well clear of his rivals on the notorious Shotover Hill. Ryan O'Connor, Peter Norris and Robert Barton all gave good support to help Harrow to 2nd team spot in this category. Jason Cooper again dominated the under 15 field to win comfortably and lead Harrow to 2nd team spot. Stuart Spencer is fast returning to top form and ran well for 9th.

Leon Saunders produced a solid race for 16th but Gary Harrison could only manage 23rd. Harrow's young team ran superbly to place 2nd in the under 13 race. Chris Lavey could manage only 8th spot after aggravating a knee injury but Peter Linney and Liam O'Connor, who both have two more years in this age group, ran superbly to finish 12th and 15th respectively. Andrew Colker was Harrow's fourth scorer in 20th place. Harrow players: Steepchaser: 3 Delroy Simon 28.35; 7 Mark Cursons 29.00; 12 Mark Bryant 29.28; 25 Steve Jones 30.31; 31 Mark McIntosh 30.56; 39 Laurence Ridge 31.00; 39 Graham Edmonds 31.12; 40 Sean Hunt 31.15; 49 Luke Hunt 31.25; 46 Damian Nevins 31.48; 47 Andy Hobbs 31.58; 60 Daniel Wallis 32.18; 64 Alan Thompson 32.30; 69 Geoff Thompson 32.46; 76 Mike Lapps 32.01; 77 Gavin Noble 33.57; 87 Mohammed Rahim 32.58; 88 Mike Kelly 34.16; 106 Terry

McIntyre 34.43; 116 Robert Tower 35.46; 117 Ross Bloom 35.49. Teams: Harrow 1st. Harrow 8th. Under-17: 1 Martin Saunders 18.12; 16 Ryan O'Connor 19.58; 17 Peter Norris 20.03; 18 Robert Barton 20.25; 19 Ludwig Wilson-Wells 21.21; 21 Jon Reid 22.40. Teams: Harrow 2nd. Under-18: 1 Jason Cooper 17.25; 6 Stuart Spencer 18.57; 16 Leon Saunders 18.55; 23 Gary Harrison 20.41; 24 David Sturges 20.42; 29 Sam Bradley 21.52; 32 Robert Lowe 24.25. Teams: Harrow 2nd. Under-13: 8 Chris Lavey 15.50; 12 Peter Linney 16.26; 15 Liam O'Connor 16.37; 20 Andrew Colker 16.51; 21 Daniel Valentine 16.54; 22 Chris Trower 16.59; 43 Andrew Pease 18.42; 48 Andrew Rose 18.46; 52 Philly Rose 20.51. Teams: Harrow 2nd, Harrow 8th. Match result: 1 Milton Keynes; 2 Harrow; 3 Windsor; 4 Oxford; 5 Aylesbury; 6 Chilton; 7 Watford; 8 Harrow B; 9 Gracknell; 10 Wycombe; 11 Leighton B; 12 Vaughan.

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