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Now Fred is driving force at Stones

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Wembley are gunned down

WEMBLEY Ladies suffered their first National League Premier Division defeat of the season on Sunday when they were beaten 5-0 by Arsenal Ladies at Vale Farm, but it was a scoreline that considerably flattered the reigning League Champions.

In the first half Wembley outplayed a team containing nine internationals and gave their best all round display. Unfortunately, however, they could not sustain that same committment and determination to the finish.

Wembley had their best chance of a goal only seven minutes after the start when Justin Lorton put Ayala Liran clear in the penalty area. Her shot beat keeper Lesley Shipp but was cleared off the line by Arsenal captain Gill Wylie. Jan Mooney also went close in the 34th minute but was denied by a good save from Shipp.

Despite their dominance, Wembley were stunned a minute from half time when Carol Harwood was harshly adjudged to have fouled Marianne Spacey on the edge of the penalty area. From the ensuing free kick the ball was laid across for Spacey to fire into the top corner of the net to give Arsenal an undeserved half time lead.

Wembley started the second half strongly. A cross cum shot hit the Arsenal bar, then Lorton's low cross was touched over for a corner from which Horwood shot narrowly wide.

Ayala Liran lobbed wide of an empty net after latching onto a poor back pass and almost immediately Arsenal broke to the other end where Michelle Curly slotted home their second goal.

Arsenal then began to take control. Spacey outpaced the Wembley defence to make it 3-0 and in the 89th minute she completed her hat-trick with the home defence vainly appealing for offside. Virtually straight from the kick off a tired Wembley defence allowed Spacey through to score Arsenal's fifth goal.

Wembley Ladies: Jacky Emermann, Janine Meylan, Carol Harwood, Debbie Wood (Julia Conn), Jackie Spencer, Angela Pack, Jan Mooney, Justine Lorton, Paula Cleave, Ayala Liran, Wendy Grant (Viv Leach). Other sub: Paula Collins.

Soccer shorts

Wares at home

IN the first round proper of the FA Vase, Edgware Town have been drawn at home to Feltham and Hounslow Borough. Rayners Lane are away to Collier Row.

Manager wanted

APPLICATIONS are being invited for the position of manager to the senior representative XI of the Middlesex County Football League. Applications should be sent to League chairman, Fred Griggs, 30 Gloucester Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 ONU.

Lions cup date

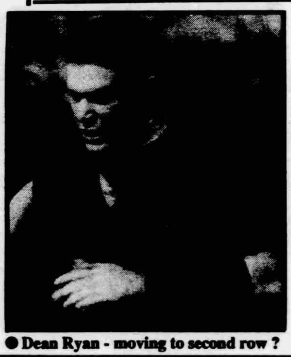
WEMBLEY have been drawn at home to either Marlow or Yeading in the second round of the Diadora League Cup. If Harrow Borough beat the winners of the delayed preliminary round tie between Aveley and Ruislip Manor, they will be away to Thame United in the second round.

Sudbury sound of silence

By Alan Bodenham

A WALL of silence surrounds Wasps' preparations for their crucial Courage League clash with championship leaders Bath at Sudbury on Saturday.

Wasps keep quiet over plans for Bath



● Dean Ryan - moving to second row ?

And that is hardly surprising after last weekend's drubbing at Leicester.

A good deal of Tuesday's training session was taken up with a locked doors inquest into the Leicester match. What happened at that 'clear the air' session is destined to remain private.

Undoubtably coach Rob Smith, whilst reading the riot act, will have attempted to pull the players back together.

Changes in personnel for Saturday can only be speculated on, but one of the main moves could well involve skipper Dean Ryan.

Last season Ryan played in the second row and could well be persuaded to move back there from his favoured No 8 position where he has played so far this campain.

Matt Greenwood or Chris Wilkins might well fill the No 8 spot. If Greenwood is selected this would create a vacancy on the flank for either Buster White or Francis Emeruwa.

White was dropped after the League opener at Gloucester and Emeruwa has yet to make a league appearance this term.

There is a precident, however, for Emeruwa. Three seasons ago Wasps inflicted a home League defeat on Bath. Emeruwa was recalled on that occasion and played a leading role. His tremendous strength could offer a solution again this time.

Certainly the back row will be a crucial area. Bath have great strength there, notably with England No 8 Ben Clarke.

There are likely to be no changes in the Wasps back division apart from Steve Bates. If he has recovered from injury he will reoccupy his usual scrum half berth.

Tickets for Saturday go on sale at Sudbury at 10am, The match kicks off at 3pm.

On Tuesday night Wasps midweek XV defeated Loughborough Students 29-14.

Graeme is new Britannic Player of Year

BESSBOROUGH Cricket Club's free scoring young batsman, Graeme West, has won the Observer's Britannic Assurance Player of the Year Award.

He follows in the footsteps of Kirit Chhaniara, who won the title in 1991 while playing for North London Poly, and Kenton's Tim Holton, who took the crown last year.

Graeme won two Britannic monthly awards in 1992 and came close to winning the main title then. But this year he made no mistake.

He gave notice of his intentions right from the outset by scoring 61 in an early game against neighbours Harrow and after that the runs just flowed from his bat.

Two centuries and four half centuries won him his first Britannic Player of the Month award in May and he landed another in August when he scored a century as well as three half centuries and also showed his prowess with the ball with a match winning 8-50 spell against Sandringham in the Home Counties League.

Overall, Graeme scored a total of five centuries during his phenominal season, four of them unbeaten, as well as 12 half centuries. In total he amassed over 2000 runs for Bessborough - the first player in the club's history to reach this notable landmark.

A truly remarkable achievement from a remarkable player, and a very worthy winner of the Britannic Player of the Year award.

Britannic Assurance Player of the Year

Bessborough are the County KO Kings

BESSBOROUGH proved themselves to be the County's leading exponents of the 20 over knockout competition when, representing the Borough of Harrow, they brushed aside the challenge of a strong Mill Hill side in the MCU KO Final on Sunday.

Winning the toss and electing to at first, Mill Hill made a dreadful start as Manoj Shah (1-19) and Graeme West (2-25) picked up early wickets and stifled the scoring rate. Mill Hill had the Shafi brothers to thank for a recovery which eventually saw them to a respectable 126-9.

With a slow outfield, the total offered Bessborough a stiff challenge but they got away to an excellent start as Shah and Ruper Thacker (32) put on 57 for the first wicket. Pankaj Patel and Shah continued the acceleration, adding 50 in 6 overs, and it was fitting that Shah, who made an unbeaten 59 and was named man of the match, should hit the winning runs.

The winners were presented with their trophies by England test star Mark Ramprakash.

MILL HILL

Wahab b Shah	4
Chhaniara run out	1
Shafi Y c Shah b West	8
Patel J b Dutch	26
Isaqa st Thacker b West	11
Shafi Ali c & b Dutch	32
Shafi AK c Shah b Taylor	32
Nazmin not out	7
Patel P b Taylor	0
Sajjad run out	2
Extras	3
TOTAL (for 9 wkts)	126

Fall of wickets: 1 at 5, 2 at 6, 3 at 16, 4 at 35, 5 at 68, 6 at 89, 7 at 124, 8 at 124, 9 at 126.

Bowling: West 5-0-25-2; Shah 5-0-19-1; Dutch 5-0-30-2; Taylor 5-0-30-2.

BESSBOROUGH

Thacker st Wahab b Sajjad	32
Shah not out	59
Patel P c Sajjad b J Patel	29
Dutch lbw b Y Shafi	0
Patel H run out	3
Extras	5
TOTAL (for 3 wkts)	128

Fall of wickets: 1 at 57, 2 at 112, 3 at 112.

Bowling: Sajjad 5-0-26-1; AK Shafi 5-0-43-0; Y Shafi 5-1-31-1; J Patel 4.1-0-24-1.

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Borough and Wares face tough cup tasks

HARROW Borough and Edgware Town are just two matches away from the first round proper of the FA Cup but both face tough ties in Saturday's third qualifying round.

Borough have a tricky game away to Diadora Division Two leaders Chertsey. After their experiences with Berkhamsted in recent seasons, a draw will be regarded as a good result.

If a replay is required, it will take place at Earlsmead on Wednesday evening, with the scheduled league match at Bromley on Tuesday being postponed.

Edgware's chances of an upset at home to Premier Division Champions Chesham United must be rated as slim. "It would be a real shock if we pulled it off," said manager Brian Rider.

If has been confirmed that striker Hamid Harrak has a hairline fracture in a leg and he will be out for some time, while Steve Evans will also be missing with a back injury. John Coleman, who is away for two weeks, will be another absentee.

In the event of a replay being required, it will take place at Chesham on Wednesday and Edgware's visit to Thame in the League on Tuesday will be called off.

Lee Endersby completes his ban this week and will be available for selection after Wembley's League game with Staines on Saturday. Tony Headlam, Paul Shields and Bobby Hutchinson are still sidelined through injury.

New signings are imminent at Wealdstone and they could be on parade for Saturday's home game with Braintree. The Dr Martens Cup match with Dunstable, postponed from last night, has been rearranged for this Wednesday.

Rayners Lane will have skipper Gerry Hynes back after a bout of flu for their home game against last season's league champions, Wollen Sports, but Fergus Meaney is still out with achilles problems. Although the visitors have started the new season badly, they have won their last two games so Lane will therefore not be underestimating the opposition.

Saturday October 9
FA Cup 3rd qualifying round:
Chertsey v Harrow Borough; Edgware v Chesham (White Lion ground, 3pm).
Diadora League Div One: Wembley v Staines Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).
Senior Hanson League: Southall Sheldon: Wealdstone v Braintree Town (The Warren, 3pm).
Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Wollen Sports (Lodge Ave, 3pm).
Tuesday October 12
Diadora League Premier Div: Bromley v Harrow Borough.
Diadora League Div Two: Thame Utd v Edgware Town.
Football Combination: CPA v Crystal Palace (Carshalton, 7pm).
Wednesday October 13
Dr Martens Cup 1st round 1st leg: Wealdstone v Dunstable (Warren, 8pm).

Where the locals stand in the latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Stevenage Boro	10	9	1	0	25	9	28
Carshalton	9	7	1	2	21	8	21
Sutton Utd	11	5	4	2	20	9	19
Hitchin	10	6	1	3	16	10	19
Enfield	10	6	1	3	21	9	19
Marlow	9	6	0	3	22	17	18
Hendon	7	5	1	1	20	7	16
Kingstonian	10	5	1	4	27	18	16
St Albans City	9	4	3	2	18	9	15
Aylesbury Utd	9	5	0	4	19	16	15
Chesham Utd	7	4	1	2	16	11	13
Dulwich Hamlet	10	3	2	5	17	22	11
Bromley	7	3	0	4	10	12	9
Grays Ath	10	3	0	7	13	23	9
Wellingborough T	9	2	2	5	11	18	8
Hayes	7	2	2	3	8	16	8
Welling	8	2	1	5	8	6	7
Yeading	8	2	1	5	13	17	7
Dorking	9	2	1	6	13	25	7
Sheppey Utd T	8	1	0	7	4	16	3
Wealdstone T	9	1	0	8	12	29	3
Harrow Boro	8	0	2	6	14	2	2

DIADORA LEAGUE Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Tooting & Mitch	7	5	2	0	18	4	17
Bishops Stort	5	5	0	0	13	0	15
Purfleet	8	5	0	1	13	7	15
Uxbridge	8	4	1	3	12	8	13
Boreham Wood	8	3	4	1	10	7	13
Walton & Hersh	8	4	1	1	7	5	13
Abingdon Town	8	4	1	4	13	17	13
Berkhamsted	7	4	0	3	11	14	12
Wealding	8	3	2	3	13	9	11
Bedfordbury	8	3	1	2	12	7	10
Sidcup	8	3	1	4	15	11	10
Maidenhead	7	2	3	2	9	7	9
Whyteleafe	7	3	0	4	10	10	9
Leighton	8	2	2	4	12	19	8
Clapton	5	2	2	1	9	8	8
Worthing	7	2	1	4	11	13	7
Basing	8	2	1	5	7	17	7
Regent Rugby	5	1	3	1	6	4	6
Hoddesdon Town	8	1	3	4	7	8	6
Ruislip Manor	8	1	1	6	11	4	4
Chalfont St P	8	1	1	7	6	27	4
Windsor & E	8	1	0	5	4	10	3

DIADORA LEAGUE Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Chertsey Town	8	6	0	2	27	7	24
Aldershot Town	7	6	1	0	18	6	19
Witham	8	6	0	2	20	12	18
Ware	10	5	2	3	15	10	17
Sutton Walton	8	4	3	1	10	7	15
Baldon Rovers	8	4	1	1	11	6	13
Newbury Town	8	4	1	1	9	7	13
Hemel Hemp	8	3	1	2	10	3	10
Thame Utd	8	3	1	2	11	10	10
Mid Pulton	8	2	3	1	8	6	9
Leatherhead	8	2	2	2	7	5	8
Collier Row	8	2	2	2	10	9	8
Tilbury	8	2	1	2	5	4	7
Harpenden	7	2	1	4	10	11	7
Hungerford	8	2	1	5	8	14	7
Banbury Utd	8	2	0	4	5	12	6
Marlow Vale	8	1	2	5	6	9	5
Lacon	7	1	1	5	6	18	4
Egham Town	8	1	1	6	5	18	4
Ardley	8	0	2	6	6	17	2
Edgware Town	8	0	1	5	12	19	1
Rickmansworth	8	0	1	5	2	13	1

DIADORA LEAGUE Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Rayland Town	8	5	0	1	13	3	15
Royston Town	7	4	3	0	8	1	15
Halton	8	4	3	1	11	8	15
Chalfont	8	4	2	0	9	5	14
Rickmansworth	7	4	2	1	8	6	14
Hadenham	8	4	1	1	10	11	13
Feltham & Hounsl	5	4	0	1	11	5	12
Oxford C	8	3	2	3	16	14	11
Harefield Utd	8	2	3	1	5	3	9
Hanwell	8	2	3	3	13	12	9
Tring Town	8	2	2	4	6	9	8
Hoddesdon	7	2	2	3	9	13	8
Bracknell	8	2	1	3	6	7	7
Chesham T	8	1	4	3	8	11	7
Cove	8	2	1	3	5	8	7
Clapton	5	2	0	3	7	8	6
Leighton	8	1	2	5	4	9	5
Egham & Egell	5	1	1	3	5	10	4
Camberley T	7	1	1	5	5	13	4
Hertford Town	8	1	1	6	10	22	4
East Thurrock	5	1	0	4	10	11	3

SEAGER HORNS LEAGUE Southern Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Bracknell	9	5	2	2	20	14	17
Marlow	7	5	1	1	13	9	16
Dudley Town	7	5	0	2	21	12	15
Tonbridge	8	5	0	1	10	6	15
Gosport	7	4	2	1	13	2	14
Salisbury	8	4	2	0	10	5	14
Ashford Town	7	4	1	2	10	11	13
Weymouth	7	3	2	2	17	12	11
Newport IOW	8	3	2	1	9	6	11
Sholing	8	3	1	2	13	13	10
Hayes	8	3	1	4	11	11	10
Poole Town	7	3	0	4	10	10	9
Basingstoke	8	2	2	2	6	7	8
Witney T	7	2	2	3	9	10	8
Fareham T	8	2	2	4	7	9	8
Canterbury	8	2	1	5	8	13	7
Dunstable	8	1	3	4	13	20	6
Fisher Ath	7	1	2	4	9	21	5
Erith & Belv	7	1	1	5	8	15	4
Wealdstone	8	1	1	6	11	20	4
Bury Town	7	1	1	5	7	15	4
Dunstable	5	0	1	4	4	12	1

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