

# SPORT

## Giant Wasp debut

WASPS supporters could well be treated to the shape of things to come on Saturday, writes Alan Bodenham.

With nine Wasps players on duty for the London Division at Newcastle, Canadian world cup captain Norm Hadley is set to make his home debut against London Scottish.

The giant 6ft 8in 18-stone lock is still sit-

ting out the RFU qualifying period for Courage League matches but is eligible to play in club fixtures.

Hadley is a most imposing presence in the lineup and his appearance on Saturday should make interesting viewing.

After last Saturday's controversial defeat at the hands of Bath, the Courage League takes a five week break.

## Rain washes out plan for victory

**Bromley 2 Harrow Borough 2**

HARROW Borough's search for their first league victory of the season was cut short at Hayes Lane on Tuesday night. With the scores level and only three minutes of the second half played, referee Bennett decided that the torrential rain and sodden pitch made further play impractical, writes Tony Booth.

## Problems of hernia and marriage

**RAYNERS Lane's problems begin to mount this weekend as they visit Abingdon United who are just below them in the league.**

Definitely out are F Mewey (achilles tendon), T Veral (hernia) and L. Ricknell (wedding).

D Clements (ankle) is also doubtful but will have a late fixtures check.

Kick-off is at 3pm.

● HARROW Borough are set to face the winners of tonight's Diadora League Cup preliminary round match between Rugby Manor and Aveley.

Depending on the outcome of tonight's game, Borough will travel to Rugby on Monday or Aveley on Tuesday for the first round match.

# Borough cup hopes stay high

HARROW Borough will travel in hope when they head for the Midlands for their FA Cup fourth qualifying round against VS Rugby.

The mood at the club following Monday's draw is one of "quiet confidence" according to chairman Martin Murphy.

While acknowledging a number of "spying missions" will be needed to fully assess the task in store on October 23 the Borough chairman revealed this week he was "not disappointed" with the draw.

"We were dreading Enfield or Slough because at this stage in the cup you just want to get the best chance of progressing to

the first round proper.

"We will have to do our homework on VS Rugby but the way we have been playing in the cup this season we have nothing to fear."

Last Saturday's fine 3-1 away win against Chertsey Town secured Borough's place in the fourth qualifying round for the first time in nine years.

Borough now stand just one match away from equaling their best ever performance in the FA Cup back in 1984 when they lost narrowly to the then football league side Newport County.

This season's cup exploits have been all the more remarkable considering the turmoil which surrounded Borough's start to the season.

Manager George Borg, fresh from guiding the club to a double cup triumph and a creditable seventh place in the league, left to take up the number two job at non-league giants Enfield.

Six players left the club including three stalwarts Pat Ryan, Mickey Engwell and Malcolm St Hilaire who all joined Borg at Enfield.

"Two weeks before the



● Eamon O'Connor

start of the season we had two players and no manager," said Mr Murphy.

He puts the club's resurgence (in the cup at least) down to new manager Harry Manoe and key signings such as Eamon O'Connor and Steve Emanuel.

While the club's poor league form has left it third from bottom of the table the confidence created by the cup run is there for all to see.

"It creates a wonderful atmosphere at the club and brings in much needed revenue. These are heady days," said Mr Murphy.

## Patched up Wembley triumphs on Lucas-aid

**Bognor Regis Town 0 Wembley 4**

WITH the help of some Lucas-aid, a makeshift Wembley side achieved a superb victory at Bognor Regis Town last Wednesday.

The result was all the more remarkable as due to the late arrival of several players, manager Alan Daffon only had nine recognised first teamers available for selection at kick-off time. He was therefore forced to include his assistant Glen Charles and trainer Norm Lucas in his starting line-up for this Diadora League division one clash.

But as usual when facing adversity, the Lions show off their resilience in such circumstances and boosted by an early goal they dominated the game to record an emphatic 4-0 win.

Revealing few weaknesses despite the enforced changes, the visitors went in front in the 14th minute.

Youssef Sakraoui's cross-shot deflected against a defender into the path of the onrushing Lucas, who proved he had not lost his goalscoring prowess by expertly stabbing the loose ball by the Bognor keeper.

The Lions then had to endure heavy pressure from the home side, but a resolute defence provided very few openings. Jeff Fanner's only major save happened shortly after the interval when he flung himself across his goal to push clear Paul Pullen's angled strike.

However, Wembley struck again in the 65th minute to make it 2-0. Bognor's full-back Gary Sperry was unable to control Henry Clark's low cross from the left and the alert Giuliano Grazioli sprinted in to steal the ball and swept it into the back of the net.

A demoralised Bognor side were now runnng by the rampant Lions. They went close to increasing their tally. Substitute Andy Smith hit the side netting following an excellent run on the left, Sakraoui just missed the target with a clever lob and Ian Bates saw his blistering strike blocked by the keeper. But eventually Wembley emphasised their superiority with two late goals.

Grazioli made it 3-0 in the 85th minute registering his fifth goal of the season after latching on to Sakraoui's brilliant through ball.

And the hardworking Sakraoui deservedly scored Wembley's fourth goal in the final minute when he rose unchallenged to head home a Paul Shirt free-kick top complete a very satisfactory evening for the jubilant Lions.

Team: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, Daly, Adrian Smith, Charles (Headlam64), Shirt, Lucas, (Andy Smith HT), Sakraoui, Grazioli, Bates

## Boro' missed chances

**Harrow Borough 1 Molesey 1**

MISSED chances and a late goal, again conspired to rob Boro' of vital points at Earlsmead last Wednesday October 6, writes Tony Booth.

Though Boro' rose two places off the foot of the premier division, they were left to rue wasted opportunities when newly promoted Molesey, on their first visit to Harrow, for 18 years, equalised in injury time.

The match was played in torrential rain throughout and was not a pretty spectacle. Boro' made little progress in the first half, only skipper Benning's volley forcing a save from Brace, while the visitors found David Hook in good form, though even he was beaten by Carroll's shot that hit the post and spun over.

Boro' took a 50th minute lead, when Court's cross was flicked on by Emmanuel

and Graham Westley turned to shoot home.

Molesey responded positively but should have been consigned to defeat after 75 minutes. Metcalfe's corner was headed on by Bensted but Westley's shot was cleared off the line and his shot on the rebound hit a post.

When Westley shot wide from Benning's pass, it looked as though Boro' would hang on to a single goal lead, but after Molesey had seen a scrambled equaliser ruled out for off-side, the visitors levelled in injury time when McCoy volleyed in from Langley's cross, leaving Boro' to consider their carelessness.

Boro: Hook, Court, O'Connor, Knight, Bensted, Benning, Emmanuel, Brown, Westley, Prutton, Metcalfe (Hurlock), other sub Forrester.

## Sleepy Town gets buried in the mud

**Thame 7 Edgware Town 0**

INJURY-HIT Edgware slumped to their worst defeat in nearly a decade in this Diadora League division two clash.

With several players carrying injuries following Saturday's FA cup win against Chesham, Edgware were no match for Thame in a game played in atrocious conditions.

They went a goal down after just five minutes when keeper Tony Holby fumbled a shot and the ball was tucked home by a Thame forward.

Nelson and Thompson missed chances for Town as they held their own in a competitive first half.

But the second goal just before half time was a bad blow.

As Edgware pushed forward they were left exposed at the back and when centre half John Mangam lost the ball the mistake was punished to give the home side a 2-0 half time advantage.

This was increased shortly into the second half when a Thame forward was left unmarked and headed in at the far post from a right wing cross.

From this point on there was only one side in it. Thame scored their fourth in the 65th minute and three goals in the last ten minutes left the visitors shell-shocked.

Edgware manager Brian Rider said: "This is our worst de-

feat in my eight years as manager and a game we will all want to forget quickly.

"We were under-strength due to injuries but too many players looked lethargic. Only three players put any real effort in. It's worrying but I cannot do anything before I get key players back."

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## SAILING

### Passion and over-50s

VETERAN dinghy sailors proved that life begins at 50, when older members of Wembley SC raced to win the coveted Century Cup — where the only entrance requirement is that the two-man crew has a combined age of at least 100.

Welsh Harp reservoir was host to a fleet of Indian Summer dinghies, tacking and gybing in fierce competition to win the trophy, taken in thrilling style by Jim Park and Sera Lee in "Passion" by less than a boat length.

In their third race of the day,

sailors who had all reached their half centuries were on full steam, spinnaker flying. A bundle of tactics between last year's winners Ken Lewton and David Little in "Xylophone" and the crew of "Passion" led to an exhausting race, with the teams constantly struggling to anticipate windshifts said sail closest to the wind.

Age was no factor in the competition and Jim Park, of "Passion", a former Wasps player, proved that in sailing it is possible to continue to hoist anchor long after other sports have pensioned off their older sportsmen.

## Soccer fixtures

**Saturday October 16**  
FA Trophy 2nd qualifying round: Harrow Borough v Boreham Wood (Earlsmead, 3pm); Wembley v Staines Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).

**Diadora League Div Two:** Edgware Town v Hampton (Vale Lion ground, 3pm).

**Diadora League Div Three:** Clapton v Kingsbury Town.

**Beazer Homes League Southern Division:** Burnham v Westborough.

**Tuesday October 19**  
Dr Martens Cup 1st round: 2nd leg: Dunstable v Weedstone.

## HOCKEY

### Morris hold Harrow down

HARROW lost their second league match of the season, going down 2-0 to Morris Motors HC on Saturday.

In a match that Harrow did not look like winning, it was a disappointing performance that seemed to continue from last week's game against NPL.

Morris Motors took the lead midway through the first half after an good breakaway attack stretched the Harrow defence, and with keeper Ted Fielder committed, the inside right converted an easy chance from ten yards out. For Harrow Mark Cranwell tested the Morris Motors defence on a number of occasions, but the Harrow

forwards were not on hand to convert the few chances that came their way.

Harrow's best chance to equalise came when Matthew Osborne was put through after a one-two with Mark Defazio, but the shot was just wide of the post.

The second goal came in controversial circumstances, with Tim Allman appearing to be fouled after having dispossessed the Morris Motors left winger, the resultant loose ball falling to the advancing centre forward who converted from close range.

Harrow: Fielder, Allman, Chapman, Wyatt, Newbery, Holton, Osborne, Brown, Defazio, Cranwell, Hamilton, (sub: Liddar)

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