

SPORT

Wasps in Super League talks

WASPS confirmed on Saturday that they are involved in talks with clubs from England and Wales to set up a proposed Anglo-Welsh competition. The other clubs involved are Leicester, Bath and Harlequins from England, and Cardiff, Swansea, Neath and Treflall from Wales. Wasps stress that they will not do anything contrary to Rugby Union wishes. As yet it is not known what shape the competition will take. The favoured option however would be a series of Super League matches played at home and away basis with relegation and promotion.

Buoyant Borough get first away win

Hendon 0 Harrow Borough 2
A FAULTLESS team performance of the highest standard brought Harrow their first away league win of the season at Claremont Road on Tuesday, writes Tony Booth.

Victory took Borough four places up the table and extended their fine run of results at Hendon (only one defeat in their last ten visits).

Borough made a good start, Metcalfe released Westley whose cross-shot eluded Root and was shipped home by Steve Emmanuel to give them a 7th minute lead. Shaw had a shot deflected wide, then

Westley's cross found Metcalfe whose shot rebounded off the bar and Emmanuel's effort from the rebound was deflected wide off a defender's back.

Emmanuel shot home from an O'Connor cross but it was ruled out for offside.

However, in the 36th minute Borough did increase their lead when Metcalfe's shot was well saved but from O'Connor's corner, Root could only clear to Shaw on the edge of the box and he squared the ball to Andy Prutton who rifled a shot into the roof of the net.

Sadly Root concussed himself on hitting the frozen ground and had to be carried off and was replaced in goal by Chery.

After the interval Hendon defended their emergency custodian well but this tended to limit any chance they had of getting back into the game.

For their part, Borough maintained their momentum with Metcalfe, Westley, Emmanuel and Prutton all going close to adding to the score, and none closer than Metcalfe when he spun onto Bensted's 85th minute header.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Pearce, Bensted, Court, Hurlock, Shaw, Prutton, O'Connor, Metcalfe, Westley, Emmanuel. **Subs:** Benning, Knight.

Wasps set to do their bit for national pride



● No way through - Wasps' hooker Kevin Dunn gets to grips with a Bristol opponent in Saturday's League game at Sudbury. Full match report on page 86.

WHATEVER the outcome of England's clash with the All Blacks at Twickenham, Wasps will be doing their bit for national rugby pride this weekend, writes Alan Bodenham.

Tomorrow (Friday) Rosario from Argentina visit Sudbury, kick off 7.30pm, and on Sunday the New Zealand champions Auckland are at Repton Avenue, kick off 3pm. Both will provide tough opposition.

The South Africans gave South Africa a close contest on their recent Argentinean tour, and as for Auckland, even though several of their players are involved in the All Blacks tour, no touring side from New Zealand can be taken lightly.

For the Rosario game West welcome back second row Sean O'Leary on his return from Bath. He will be joined in the second row by man mountain Les Jackson who has been progressing impressively since converting from American football. Mark Rigby will lead a side mostly comprising of Wasps' younger players.

As near as possible, a full league side will play against Auckland. Huw Davies looks

Record breaker

WELSH 5000m champion, Justin Hobbs, formed to a new course record of 23.20 to win the Runnersworld Hatch End 5 Mile Road Race on Sunday.

His time broke by exactly 30 seconds the record set by UK 1500m international Jim Esprir 11 years ago.

Hatch End's Terry Mackin sat in with the chasing pack for most of the race and eventually came home in 4th place in a new personal best of 24.42.

He led Old Gaytonians to 2nd place team prizes, behind winners Cardiff.

Eastcote's Terese Tuohy led for much of the ladies race but was eventually overtaken by veteran Linda Dewhurst from Milton Keynes.

Other Gayts results: 4 Terry Mackin 24.42; 9 Mark Cursons 25.08; 20 Mike Leaps 26.21; 21 Steve Doo 26.28; 23 Chris Frill 26.33; 34 Stuart Taylor 27.19; 46 Mike Kelly 28.41; 50 Andy Noble 29.01; 53 Steve Snowden 29.08; 70 Jeremy Collis 30.35; 84 Chris Hancock 31.45; 88 Graham Bush 32.06; 91 Tony Bush 32.43; 101 Barry Graham 33.45.

Doubles shocker

LAWRENCE Magnier and Seamus Smyth from the Windermere caused a major upset in the second round of the Observer Pool League Doubles Championship by beating one of the pre-tournament favourites, Mick Kellas and Niall Docherty of LNER by 2-0.

Other shock results saw K. Smith and S. Bhagat of the Bell, Russia, put out Steve Daniels and Peter McManus of St Josephs by 2-0, while R. Taylor and M. Clarke of Belmont had a 2-1 win over the Queen of Hearts pairing of Mick Ferguson and Tony Maudratt.

The New Zealand High Commissioner is expected to be a spectator at the game and it is hoped that the Auckland players in the All Blacks squad will also be amongst the crowd.

Stones out for revenge

By John Comfort

WEALDSTONE have a few scores to settle with neighbours Harrow Borough and they will be intent on doing so on Saturday when the two bitter rivals meet at the Warren in the FA Trophy.

Stones were knocked out of the FA Cup by Borough earlier this season - a defeat that signalled the end of Dennis Byatt's reign as manager - and last season the Earlsmead outfit handed Wealdstone a 3-0 beating at Vicarage Road on their way to winning the Midlands Senior Cup.

But Borough look to extend their derby run in big Trophy clash

In fact Stones have to go back eight years for their last success against Borough. That came with a 1-0 win in the Midlands Senior Cup in season 1984-85.

A bevy of new signings by new boss Fred Callaghan has boosted Wealdstone in recent weeks, culminating in last week's fine 3-0 win over Weymouth, and they go into the clash with Borough brimming with confidence.

But of the new men, only Richard Mellor and Martin Keane will be playing. Striker Jon Hall is in America and misses the match while Ian Duncan and Ian McGrath are both Cup tied.

Borough will be without in form striker Neil Fraser whose knee injury will require surgery, but manager Harry Manive believes his side can see off the Stones challenge.

"They're obviously confident that they can win and I can't think of anything better to inspire us," he said. "I just hope there's a bit more passion in the game than when we last met."

In anticipation of a big crowd, Wealdstone Supporters Club is to run a larger than usual coach to the game, departing from the Civic Centre at 2pm and returning from the Warren at 5pm.

The cost will be £2 for Supporters Club members and £2.50 for non-members, allowing Borough fans the opportunity to also use the service.

If a replay is required it will take place at Earlsmead on Wednesday with Borough's League Cup replay against Thame being postponed.

Wembley are without a game on Saturday but on Tuesday they visit Marlow for their Diadora League Cup replay.

Striker Bobby Hutchinson, out since the early part of the season with a knee injury, goes into hospital this week for an operation which is hoped will cure the problem.

Wembley's Middlesex Charity Cup clash against Rayners Lane, postponed on Tuesday because of a frozen Vale Farm pitch, has provisionally been set to take place on Tuesday December 21.

Eugene Flynn, who has a hamstring injury, is Edgware's only injury doubt for Saturday's visit to Saffron Walden.

After missing the defeat at Harefield, full back Dave Wallace is available for selection for Kingsbury's home game with Epsom. Anthony Whytock and Steve Surridge have both had run outs in the reserves after long term injuries and could soon be set to return to first team action.

Rayners Lane make their longest trip of the season on Saturday to face Cinderford. The two sides shared the honours when they played at Lane earlier in the season.

Sharpe bets on a Wealdstone win

WEALDSTONE director Graham Sharpe is so confident his side can beat bitter rivals Harrow Borough in Saturday's FA Trophy local derby that he has staked a £100 bet on them to do it.

Sharpe, media relations manager for bookmakers William Hill, has struck the bet at odds of 2/1 with his own company, on behalf of the club's adopted worthy cause, Northwick Park Hospital Childrens Appeal.

"After Saturday's much improved performance I believe we have a good chance of upsetting the odds - even though my own company's football odds compilers disagree with me," said Sharpe. "If we win on Saturday, the Appeal will receive a £300 boost."

William Hill has installed Borough as even money favourite to win the game with the draw a 12/5 chance. Stones are offered at 2/1.

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Thursday November 25	Friday November 26
Under 17 League: QPR v Sheffield Utd (Earlsmead, 12.30pm)	Diadora League Cup replay: Marlow v Weymouth
Saturday November 27	Sunday November 28
FA Trophy: Wealdstone v Harrow Borough (The Warren, 3pm)	Carlsberg Trophy: Kingsbury Town v Hornchurch (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm)
Diadora League Div Two: Saffron Walden (Earlsmead, 7pm)	Football Commission: QPR v Arsenal (Earlsmead, 7pm)
Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Epsom (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm)	Wednesday December 1
Welsh League: Cinderford Town v Raynes Lane	Diadora League Cup: Harrow Borough v Thame Utd (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)

The latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE Premier Division		Middleshed		Dorset C	
Sheffo Boro	18 13 2 1 36	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	15 8 4 5 33	27 22
Carlisle	16 13 2 1 36	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	14 5 7 2 18	15 22
Marlow	15 11 1 3 36	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	14 4 7 3 15	14 19
Chesham Utd	17 9 5 3 21	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	15 5 3 7 25	14 18
St Albans City	15 9 5 3 21	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	13 4 5 4 18	17 17
Sutton Utd	17 8 6 3 11	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	13 3 2 3 12	14 14
Enfield	16 8 5 3 11	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	12 2 6 3 13	14 14
Dulwich Hamlet	16 8 5 3 11	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	11 3 2 6 13	13 11
Kingsbury	16 8 5 3 11	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	12 2 7 7 17	21 11
Hendon	14 7 3 4 32	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	15 2 5 2 14	22 11
Aylesbury Utd	17 7 2 8 27	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	13 3 2 3 12	14 14
Wingfield T.	15 4 7 1 28	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	10 2 4 15	17 9
Harrow Boro	13 4 3 8 20	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	11 3 2 6 13	20 11
Bromley	15 4 2 2 30	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	12 2 7 7 17	21 11
Yeading	12 4 3 1 19	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	15 2 5 2 14	22 11
Dorking	14 4 1 20 35	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	13 3 2 3 12	14 14
Haringey	15 3 4 1 12	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	12 2 7 7 17	21 11
Malden	11 1 7 8 27	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	10 2 4 15	17 9
Grays Ath	16 3 0 13 45	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	13 3 2 3 12	14 14
Basingstoke T.	16 2 3 11 10	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	12 2 7 7 17	21 11
Whiteley T.	18 1 2 0 18 21	15 8 5 7 20	17 17	10 2 4 15	17 9
Division One		Division Two		Division Three	
Sheffo Spart	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Watton & North	16 10 1 0 33	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Albany Town	17 9 4 4 24	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Silverstone	15 5 2 2 21	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Totting & Mitch	15 5 2 2 21	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Bonham Wood	15 5 2 2 21	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Purfleet	14 8 3 3 23	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Lepton	16 7 8 10 24	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Uxbridge	16 7 2 28 25	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Bogor Regis	13 5 8 20 18	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Wendlebury St	13 5 8 20 18	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
Worthing	15 5 4 8 22	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32	12 11 1 0 32
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