SPORT

Ivan's big day at the Borough

THERE was a special guest at the Queens Park Rangers v Arsenal fixture played at Harrow Borough's Earlsmead ground last week.

13 year Ivan Birolo from Harrow, who is an avid Arsenal supporter, suffers from leukaemia and is unable to travel to Highbury to see his idols play.

But he had a wonderful evening at Earlsmead. Before the game he was presented with an autographed team photograph by Arsenal captain Tony Adams, while QPR's Roger Cross presented him with an autographed ball. Then, after the game Ivan met all the players in the dressing room.

Royals take over at top

THE Royal William have moved to the top of Division One of the Observer Pool League.

With leaders Kingsbury Plough going down 8-2 to St Josephs, the Royals' 7-3 success over the Rayners took them to the top and leaves them as the only unbeaten team in the League.

St Josephs crushed the League Champions with frames from Colin Burden, Ray Mescall, Dennis O'Sullivan, James Mescall, Peter McManus, Niall Docherty, Steve Daniels and Simon Mitchell. Consolation frames for the Plough were won by James Carroll and Ben Gazeley.

Queen of Hearts kept in title contention with a 6-4 victory over the Bell while the Windermere got back to winning ways, beating Abbey Hotel 7-3. Abbey CC secured a welcome point with a 5-5 draw against Tithe Farm.

In Division Two, league leaders South Harrow British Legion opened up a three point gap after a fine 7-3 win over Harrow Borough. Nearest rivals the Mitre had a bad week, losing 8-2 at the Whittington and then crashing 7-3 away to the Bell Ruislip.

The Whittington also collected a point with a 5-5 draw against Century, while the Middlesex Arms drew 5-5 with the Belmont and the Plough Kingsbury B also drew away to the Railway Wealdstone.

Wembley line up Arsenal Cup date

AN emphatic 2-0 win over Wolverhampton on Sunday has earned Wembley Ladies a fifth round tie at home to trophy holders Arsenal in the Womens FA Challenge Cup.

Wembley were given the perfect start against Wolverhampton with a goal after only a minute. Justin Lorton's deep cross was met on the volley by Jan Mooney at the far post to net her first goal of the season.

Wembley suffered a blow on the half hour when keeper Paula Collins, who was making her first team debut, sustained a knee injury and had to be substituted, with midfielder Lorton taking over in goal.

But Wolverhampton were unable to take advantage and deep into first half injury time they were made to pay when they failed to clear from their penalty area and in the resulting scramble, Sally Ede celebrated her 18th birthday by scoring Wembley's second goal.

Wembley should have added to their score in the second half when a defensive lapse allowed Wendy Grant to nip in and beat the keeper but chipped her shot over the bar.

Yvonne Baldeo beat three players in a great run but her cross was fired against the keeper by Viv Leech and later Wendy Grant set up Baldeo with an open goal but she dwelt on the ball and her eventual shot was blocked by the recovering keeper.

Wembley: Paula Collins (Viv Leech), Janine Moyles, Carol Harwood, Debbie Wood, Jackie Spencer, Juanita Lorton, Jan Mooney, Paula Cleave, Tracy Koch (Yvonne Baldeo), Wendy Grant, Sally Ede. Other sub: Ayala Liran.

Lions draw derby clash

IN the 2nd round of the Diadora League's Carlsberg Cup, Wembley have been given a derby clash at home to Uxbridge while Harrow Borough have been drawn at home to Aylesbury United.

In the Carlsberg Trophy, Edgware Town have been drawn at home to Rainham.

● Harrow's intermediate gold medal team of (left to right) Simon Pear, Lee Craigs, Robert Jennings, Kanukai Jackson and coach Carol Ford.

More honours for Harrow gymnasts

HARROW School of Gymnastics did themselves proud in the annual National Development Plan Championships held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre.

In the youth section, British under-18 Vault Champion, Paul Morris, won the individual silver, pushing National Champion Travis Hickey very close. However, both teamed up to win the Team gold medal for the London Region.

Harrow's British under-16 Vault Champion Kanukai Jackson, who will be representing Great Britain in Hungary this weekend, was in devastating form, winning the intermediate gold medal by 7.15 points, the highest ever winning margin at this level. With Lee Craigs and Simon Pettar also putting in good performances, Harrow were assured of the team gold.

In the primary 3 division Steve Burdett and Oliver Squires improved on last year's performances and were unlucky not to finish higher than they did. Nick Darling came a creditable 5th in the primary 2 division, beating the current London Regional Champion, Lee Arnold.

Orrell test for Wasps

By Alan Bodenham

WASPS round off their pre-Christmas Courage League programme on Saturday with a match against Orrell at Sudbury, kick off 3pm.

Victory will consolidate their position amongst the Championship front runners.

There are two changes from the Wasps side that defeated Northampton. Damien Hopley returns to the centre in place of Graham Childs and the in form Chris Wilkins replaces Buster White in the back row.

Orrell, with their formidable pack, always present a tough test, especially if Dewi Morris is fit to orchestrate them. The England scrum half was sorely missed when the Lancashire side went down to a shock home defeat against lowly Gloucester last week.

Wasps club coach Rob Smith will be urging his players to pay closer attention to discipline this week. Against Northampton, several needless penalties were conceded and in what is sure to be a tight match, Smith will be desperate that no unnecessary points are given away.

The last time the two sides met at Sudbury there were extraordinary scenes. Title chasing Orrell were thwarted in the final seconds when Huw Davies kicked a drop goal to give Wasps victory.

Cup tie tickets go on sale

TICKETS for Wasps big 4th round Pilkington Cup tie with Bath at the Recreation ground on December 18 will be on sale before the game against Orrell.

Wasps have organised a package deal for the match, costing £20, which includes return coach fare to Bath and a guaranteed seat.

The club is strongly advising supporters to take this option as traffic problems in Bath on the day are likely to be manifold.

Kingsbury make exit

Furness 4
Kingsbury Town 1

KENT League leaders Furness proved too strong for Kingsbury in Tuesday's London Senior Cup clash at Bromley.

Furness virtually sealed their place in the next round when two goals from Reid and one from Chambers had them 3-0 up by the 32nd minute.

Dave Wallace pulled one back for Kingsbury with a superbly directed header from a Lee Talbot cross after 41 minutes, but a fourth Furness goal, netted by Chambers after 70 minutes finally killed off Town's hopes.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Surridge (Kumah), Wallace, Mackie, Browne, Simpson, N. O'Rourke, Kenny, Talbot, Ivers, Gillespie.

Stones hold Yeading

Yeading 2 Wealdstone 2

A STONES side fielding several trialists held Yeading to a draw in a friendly on Tuesday night, writes Graham Smith.

Yeading took the lead in the 26th minute through Baker but Andy Hedge equalised nine minutes later. An own goal gave Wealdstone an 82nd minute lead but with five minutes left Yeading snatched an equaliser.

Former Redbridge keeper Andy Hopping gave a fine display in goal for Stones.

Wealdstone: Hopping, Pettifer, Keane, Lawrence (Johnson), Knibbs (Dennis), Barham, Saunders (Fecher), English, Saunders (Donovan), Hedge, Holohan (McGrath).

Phil is new captain at Stanmore

● Phil Bocarro

AT the recent annual general meeting of Stanmore Golf Club ladies section, Phil Bocarro was elected captain for the coming year, taking over from Jean Turner.

Phil has been playing golf for about 15 years and enjoys the game and social side of it very much. She has always been interested in sport and actively participated in hockey, tennis and badminton - until golf took over!

Phil's aim is to promote golf for woman and hopes to makes the first year of the second century of Stanmore Golf Club a success.

At the annual general meeting of the Middlesex Ladies County Golf Association, the Laidlay Shield for 1993 and the Eclectic Cup for 1992 were awarded to Stanmore Golf Club. Marilyn Henderson (Stanmore) won the silver medal.

Revenge win gets Wembley on the move

Wembley 2 Staines 0

WEMBLEY gained revenge for the FA Trophy defeat they suffered earlier in the season with this win over Staines on Tuesday which moved them three places up the league table, writes John Comfort.

However, the Lions had to work hard for their success which owed much to a solid defence which remained unbreached in the face of lengthy periods of pressure.

Wembley made a bright start and Steve Daly had a header well saved from a corner in the opening minute.

After that Staines took over but they were unable to turn pressure into goals. Their best effort came from Craig Reilly whose snap shot took a deflection and forced Jeff Fanner into a flying save to claw the ball away.

The Lions were hardly in it but ironically they took the lead from a rare attack in the 42nd minute when Daly powered home a header from a Paul Shirt corner.

Wembley went further ahead four minutes into the second half. Lee Endersby cut in from the left to unleash a fierce shot that keeper Lara could only parry and Steve Lawrence followed up to lash home the loose ball.

That goal boosted Wembley's confidence and they showed considerable flair for the rest of the half.

They were denied an obvious penalty when Endersby was pulled down by Livey and should have scored a third goal when Ian Bates put Micky Fredericks clear but his shot was blocked by Lara.

However, by then the points were already in the bag.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, Fredericks, Shields, Daly, Shirt, Lawrence, Smith, Bates, Endersby (Powell). Other sub: Grazioli.

New keeper set to make debut for Stones

WEALDSTONE journey to lowly Bury Town on Saturday, desperately needing a win to help pull them away from the foot of the Southern Division table.

With Tamer Fernandes returning to Brentford following his loan period, Stones boss Fred Callaghan has signed former Redbridge keeper Andy Hopping and he is expected to make his league debut.

Christian Metcalfe is still suspended and misses Harrow Borough's visit to Chesham but with Paul Ripley in such fine form, the side that beat Stevenage is unlikely to be changed. Only doubt is Dave Bensted who has an ankle injury.

Struggling Chalfont St Peter are Wembley's visitors on Saturday - and they will looking to complete a double after their shock win over the Lions early in the season. But after their confidence boosting win against Staines, revenge for Wembley is the more likely outcome.

Lee Endersby has a muscle strain but is expected to be fit to play.

Edgware are without a game this Saturday, giving John Coleman and Eugene Flynn time to recover from injuries before Wednesday's clash with Rainham. Dave Sue will also be available after missing the Egham defeat.

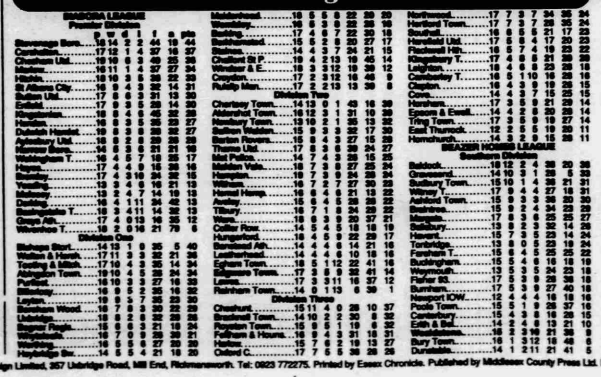
Midfielder Steve Hurd has left the club and joined neighbours Ruislip Manor.

Kingsbury have no injury problems for their home game with Tring.

Rayners Lane have a difficult game away to Swindon Supermarine who are near the top of the table.

Good news for Lane on the injury front is that skipper Gerry Hynes, top scorer Tony Verni, and Fergus Meaney all came through a reserve game without ill effects and are in line for selection.

The latest league tables



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MAGORA LEAGUE							
Premier Division							
Stevenage Boro	18	14	2	2	44	19	44
Carshalton	17	12	1	4	37	16	37
Chesham Utd	18	10	6	3	49	23	36
Marlow	16	11	1	4	37	27	34
Hitchin	18	10	3	5	39	22	33
St Albans City	16	9	4	3	32	14	31
Sutton Utd	17	8	6	3	31	13	30
Enfield	17	9	3	5	28	14	30
Kingstonian	18	8	4	6	45	32	28
Harlow	16	8	3	5	35	22	27
Dulwich Hamlet	18	8	3	6	28	32	27
Aylesbury Utd	16	8	2	6	29	28	26
Hornchurch	14	8	0	6	21	21	24
Wokingham T	16	4	5	7	18	28	17
Hayes	17	4	4	9	16	29	16
Bromley	17	4	3	10	24	42	15
Yeading	13	3	5	5	16	21	13
Maidenhead	13	2	4	7	14	19	13
Dorking	16	4	1	11	24	42	13
Basingstoke T	16	3	4	11	14	32	13
Grays Ath	17	4	0	13	16	35	12
Wealdstone T	18	2	0	16	21	79	6
Division One							
Malvern Town	14	13		0	35	5	40
Walton & Hersh	17	11	3	3	32	21	36
Tooting & Mitch	17	10	4	3	35	14	34
Leighton Town	18	10	4	5	39	24	34
Purfleet	18	10	3	3	27	16	33
Molesey	18	9	5	2	35	16	32
Egham	18	9	3	7	35	23	30
Boreham Wood	16	7	6	3	20	22	29
Uxbridge	18	8	2	8	32	28	26
Wembley	18	6	6	3	21	19	24
Wingate & Fin	18	7	0	9	29	30	21
Hoddesdon	16	6	3	7	27	29	21
Heybridge Sw	14	6	5	4	21	18	20
Maidenhead	16	6	5	5	18	16	20
Northwood	17	7	3	7	34	35	24
Hertford Town	17	7	3	7	28	35	24
Redbourn	17	6	5	6	21	17	23
Harefield Utd	17	6	5	6	17	20	23
Flackwell Hth	16	6	5	5	17	18	23
Kingsbury T	17	4	6	6	21	29	18
Leighton	16	4	6	6	23	28	18
Chalfont St P	18	5	1	10	18	28	16
Clapton	16	4	3	9	18	28	15
Cove	14	4	3	7	15	25	15
Harefield	17	3	5	9	21	29	14
Epsom & Ewell	14	4	2	8	20	28	14
Tring Town	17	3	5	9	18	27	14
East Thurrock	12	2	5	5	19	20	11
Hornchurch	14	3	2	9	15	28	11
DIADORA HONORS LEAGUE							
Southern Division							
Saltdean	18	12	2	4	38	20	38
Crawley	14	10	3	1	38	5	33
Sudbury Town	15	10	1	4	35	21	31
Witney T	17	9	4	4	27	18	31
Ashford Town	18	9	3	6	38	20	30
Beckhithe	15	9	2	4	34	23	29
Marlow	17	8	3	6	25	25	27
Salisbury	13	8	2	3	32	14	26
Havant	15	7	3	5	23	14	24
Tonbridge	13	8	0	5	23	19	24
Fareham T	15	6	4	5	25	25	22
Buckingham	15	5	4	6	16	18	19
Weymouth	13	5	3	5	24	23	18
Porter RS	17	5	3	9	26	38	18
Burnham	17	5	3	9	27	40	18
Newport IOW	12	4	4	4	18	16	16
Poole Town	15	5	1	9	26	37	16
Corinthian	15	4	3	8	18	28	15
Erith & Bel	14	2	4	8	13	21	10
Westbourne	18	2	3	13	21	38	9
Bury Town	18	1	3	12	18	46	6
Dunstable	14	1	2	11	21	41	5

Soccer fixtures

Saturday December 11

Diadora League Prem Div: Chesham Utd v Harrow Borough.

Diadora League Div One: Wembley v Chalfont St Peter.

Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Tring Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).

Isuzu Homes League Southern Division: Bury Town v Wealdstone.

Nationwide League: Swindon Supermarine v Rayners Lane.

Tuesday December 14

Diadora League Div One: Wembley v Barking (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).

Football Combination: QPR Res v Brighton Res (Earlsmead, 7pm).

Wednesday December 15

Diadora League Cup replay: Harrow Borough v Thame Utd (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

Diadora League Div Two: Edgware Town v Rainham (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).

County duo

HARROW Borough's Terry Benning and Paul Ripley both played for the Middlesex FA team that defeated the Army 2-1 at Staines last week. Ripley, who two days earlier had scored four goals for Hillingdon Borough, netted both the County's goals.

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