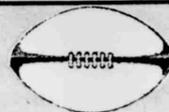


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**Wasps v Bath  
Pilkington  
Cup Final**



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## Revenge is so sweet for Borough

**Hendon 1 Harrow Borough 2**  
VICTORY was sweet for Borough on Tuesday night for they had suffered two defeats at the hands of their struggling neighbours earlier in the season in both the league and the County Cup, writes Tony Booth.

Hendon had the ball in the Borough net after just two minutes from McVie's kick-in, but it was ruled out for a foul on David Hook. However,

the lesson wasn't learned as Hendon threw men forward at every opportunity and in the 12th minute another McVie kick-in was headed home by the diving Gittings to put the hosts ahead.

It needed strength and determination to keep Hendon at bay thereafter, plus an element of good fortune, notably when Sweetman shot onto the cross-bar.

With the advantage of the strong wind, Borough dominated the second half. A diving header from Appiah flashed just wide, then Endersby's corner hit a post and rebounded across goal before Borough netted a 60th minute equaliser. Endersby's kick-in curled goalwards and Appiah forced it over the line.

Nine minutes later Borough were in front. Good work by Endersby led to a

McKay cross which found Appiah at the near post and when his shot on the turn was pushed away, Neil Fraser shot home the loose ball.

Borough could have made the margin of victory more emphatic but Fraser put two good chances wide, the first from O'Connor's through ball and the second after a determined run.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Appiah, O'Connor, Knight, Bonsted, McKay, Prutton, Hurlock, Davies, Fraser, Endersby. Subs: Lawford, Hart.

## Injury blow for Metcalfe

A LIGAMENTS injury sustained against Slough is likely to keep Harrow Borough midfielder Christian Metcalfe out for the rest of the season.

He misses Saturday's home game with Sutton, and Graham Pearce is also doubtful with a back injury.

A recurrence of his ankle injury means Ashley Cumberbatch is definitely out of Wembley's visit to lowly Barking on Saturday.

Kenny Page and Wayne Walters are also doubtful but Andy O'Brien returns from a business trip to Hong Kong and could figure in the Wembley line-up.

Wealdstone defender Rod Findley's season is over after sustaining a back injury.

Stones could have John Shanahan and Marvin Hall back for Saturday's home game with Weymouth and Mark Biggins should have recovered from an ankle injury. But there is a question mark over keeper Jon Franklin.

Darren O'Neill has now returned to Kingstons after his loan spell and Mark Brown is unavailable for the rest of the season.

Edgeware Town hope to have Steve Newing, Dave Sue, Sean Griffiths and Dave Instone back after injury for their home game with relegation threatened Aveley.

Rayners Lane have two games against lowly teams coming up, visiting fourth from bottom Clacton on Saturday and at home to bottom side Yarnon on Tuesday.

They will be again without the suspended Bird and Woodward although they hope to have Matthews, Mills and Verri available.

### Police break in at Edgware

A CHARGE of breaking and entering was clearly on the cards on Tuesday night after a ferocious 35 yard shot from Paul Carruth in a game at Edgware Town FC cleared the high netting behind the goal and crashed through the bedroom window of a house adjoining the White Lion ground.

However, cries of 'call for the police' were unnecessary - for there were eleven of them on the pitch. Carruth was playing for the Metropolitan Police against Edgware in a Diadora League Division Two match.

### Stones appeal

WEALDSTONE have lodged an appeal against the ruling by the tribunal of the pyramid committee to uphold the Beazer Homes League's decision to refuse Stones permission to resign from the League. A date is expected for the hearing within two weeks.

### Memorial cup

UXBRIDGE will play Sheffield United at their Honeycroft ground on Monday May 1, kick off 7.30pm, in the inaugural Ron Clack Memorial Cup match. Clack, who managed Harrow Borough in the sixties, died recently.

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# Countdown to Cup Final

## Twickenham team to face Orrell in last League match ?

By Alan Bodenham

THE final countdown to the Pilkington Cup Final begins on Saturday when Wasps entertain Orrell at Sudbury.

It is a meaningless match as far as the Courage League is concerned, but there will be intense interest as there are wide expectations that Wasps coach, Rob Smith, will pick the fifteen that are destined to play

back into the second row and skipper Dean Ryan will resume at No 8.

Selections elsewhere are still being considered by Smith and his selection committee.

Even though Bath and Wasps know each other's play inside out, there is sure to be an interesting game on Saturday off the pitch - spotting the Bath spy in the crowd.

Wasps, however, would not comment on whether any representative will be going to the Recreation Ground for Bath's game with Sale.

That will be much more of a Cup Final dress rehearsal for the west country side as Sale play a similar open style of game to Wasps.



● Graham Childs - returns at centre for Wasps in Saturday's league clash with Orrell at Sudbury.

## Finnerty nicks a draw for Edgware

Edgeware Town 3 Met Police 3

AFTER the shambles against Barton, this was an improved performance by Edgware to earn a point, but it would have been three had they not gift wrapped two goals to their rivals, writes John Comfort.

An appalling clearance kick by keeper Keith Harvey left Martin Howard with an open goal to fire into and give the visitors the lead on 26 minutes but to their credit, Edgware battled back and were in front by the break.

Gerry Brennan blasted home the equaliser after 31 minutes following a good build up involving Paul Dale and Peter Petrou, then right on half time Dale cleverly outwitted defender Taylor on the right before crossing for Ted John to net with a glancing header to put Edgware ahead.

Paul Ferry generously got

the Police back on level terms 18 minutes into the second half when he inexplicably headed a cross from Reed past his own keeper and Edgware seemed to be heading for defeat when Howard was allowed to break unchallenged from halfway and waltzed round Harvey before shooting the visitors into a 3-2 lead.

However, with seven minutes left Seamus Finnerty came to Edgware's rescue, sending a great 35 yard half volley soaring over keeper Thompson to give his side a deserved share of the spoils.

Edgware: Harvey, Christodoulou, Mangan, P. Ferry, Roche, P. Dale, Brennan, Petrou, John, Sheridan, Finnerty. Subs: White, A. Dale.

**Scott is released**  
FORMER Edgware Town star Scott McGleish, has been released by Charlton Athletic after one season with the Endsleigh League club.

## Late goal beats luckless Stones

Newport 1OW 2 Wealdstone 1  
STONES gave a spirited performance on Tuesday night and were only beaten by a goal two minutes from time, writes Graham Smith.

Their already depleted side led Rod Findley in the warm up when he injured his back and Richard Buzaglio with a head injury just before half time. And to complete their injury misery, keeper Jon Franklin was taken to hospital during the break, suffering from concussion.

Newport opened the scoring in the 13th minute when Terry Birch lost possession to Fearon who ran and crossed for Soares to slot home. Buzaglio had a good chance to level after 35 minutes after being put clear by Simon Quail, but his shot went over the bar.

A reshuffled Stones side in the second half had Mark Hill replacing Franklin in goal and

Stuart Milne and Dermot Drummy thrown into the action, but anyone thinking the visitors were on a hiding to nothing were wrong, for they were by far the better side.

Drummy and Steve Browne missed when well placed and Billy Hudson headed over with the goal at his mercy before Milne's pass found Birch who hit a fine shot past Simpkins for the equaliser in the 83rd minute.

However, with two minutes remaining Fearon turned and hit a glorious 25 yard spot post Hill and Newport gained a victory they certainly did not deserve.

The Wealdstone party arrived back at the Warren at 2.30am. Is it any wonder that the club wants to get out of this league?

Wealdstone: Franklin (M. Hill), Peppercorn, Solomon, M. Hill (Milne), Birch, M. Brown, S. Browns, Buzaglio (Drummy), Bradshaw, Quail, Hudson.

## Town take a point thanks to Ivers

Canvey Island 1 Kingsbury Town 1

FEW clubs have managed to take points from promotion chasing league newcomers, Canvey Island, but Kingsbury got their fourth of the season from the Essex club on Tuesday night thanks to a 58th minute goal from the prolific Mark Ivers.

In a well contested game, Canvey took the lead on 28 minutes when Mahoney got behind the Town defence and Tynon's desperate tackle saw the home striker's shot take a deflection and beat Darren Bonfield.

Kingsbury were unlucky not to level when Niall O'Rourke set up John Kenny for a shot which hit an upright and rebounded into the grateful arms of the keeper.

But 13 minutes into the second half Town got the equaliser they deserved.

Loughlin's kick-in was headed onto the bar by Tynon and the ever-alert Ivers headed home the rebound.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Moore, D. O'Rourke, Evans, Loughlin, Gower, Ivers, Kurnah, Kenny, Tynon, N. O'Rourke. Subs: Brown-Paterside, Hayward.

Thursday April 27  
Edgware Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Farnham & Horeston (Sewalby Park, 7.30pm)  
Saturday April 29  
Edgware League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Sutton Utd (Earlston, 3pm)  
Edgware League Div One: Barking v Wembley  
Edgware League Div Two: Edgeware Town v Aveley (White Lion ground, 3pm)  
Buzzer Homes League Southern Div: Wealdstone v Weymouth (The Warren, 3pm)  
Herts League: Clacton Town v Rayners Lane  
Sunday May 1  
Buzzer Homes League Southern Div: Wealdstone v Bury Town (The Warren, 7.30pm & 8.30pm)  
Football Combination: QPR v Norwich City (Earlston, 7pm)  
Tuesday May 2  
Herts League: Rayners Lane v Yarnon (Lucas Ave, 8.30pm)

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