

SPORT

VE Day celebrations at Borough

HARROW Borough will be celebrating VE Day on Monday with a day of fun for all the family at Earlsmead. The action starts with a fun football match at 12 noon between a

Micky Tompky XI and Harrow Borough Veterans team. At 2pm there will be a bouncy castle on the pitch for the children, followed at 3.30pm by a childrens

VE Day party. From 5.30pm there will be a barbecue with live music in the car park and music will continue from 8.30pm in the front bar of the clubhouse.

No shocks in Cup Final team

Wasps are raring to get into battle with Bath

NO surprises at Sudbury on Tuesday when coach Wasps Rob Smith named his side to face Bath in the Pilkington Cup Final. As expected, the same XV who played against Orrell last weekend will line up at Twickenham.

Earlier the squad had gone through their paces in a vigorous training session and looked very sharp indeed. Speaking after the workout, skipper Dean Ryan registered satisfaction at the preparation so far. "We still have some fine tuning to do," he said "but all the players are in fine shape and raring to go."

Bath announced their team on Monday and skipper John Hall will only play if a shoulder injury responds to treatment.

England stars Jerry Guscott, Victor Ubogu and Ben Clarke are all in, but rumours abound concerning Mike Catt. The fly half is thought to have picked up an injury and is considered very doubtful. If he does not play the inexperienced Richard Butler will step in.

Bath have been at the top in English rugby for many seasons and Tony Russ at Leices- ter and Rob Smith at Wasps have freely admitted that their aim is to catch up with the west's rugby super team. Russ's Leicester achieved this

By Alan Bodenham

last week when took the Courage League championship. This Saturday it is Wasps' turn to try and seize the cup from Bath's grasp.

Some think Bath are on the slide but it would be dangerous for Wasps to take that view. They certainly have the air of a wounded animal at present which makes them a very tricky prospect. Wasps on

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the other hand are a hungry side, eager for success. It will be rousing battle on all fronts, notably in the back row which will be a real cruncher, and along the line. There are however two proven match winners, one on each side.

For Bath it is Guscott. He may not possess the same paces as a couple of years ago but the magic is still there and if he produces it, Wasps will be torn assunder.

There was a perfect illustration with his try against

France in the Five Nations Championship. An outrageous dummy to Catt's decoy run sent the French defence in entirely the wrong direction and the try line was opened up.

For Wasps, Rob Andrew is the key man. It is a lot of pressure to keep on his shoulders but if any man can take it he can.

This season has seen him become one of the world's premier goalkickers. If he can do it again on Saturday Wasps will put vital points on the board early on. If they get in a hole, he can manoeuvre them out of it. And if they decide to play the running game, he will be the man to set it in motion.

Cup Finals can be very drab affairs, this one however has all the ingredients of a classic. The neutrals in the crowd are sure to get behind Wasps and they certainly have the ability to topple Bath.

Cup Final teams
Wasps: J. Upton, P. Hopley, D. Hopley, G. Childs, N. Greenstock, R. Andrew, S. Bates, D. Molloy, K. Dunn, I. Dunston, L. Dallaglio, M. Greenwood, N. Hadley, M. White, D. Ryan (capt). Replacements: S. Pegg, G. Gregory, A. Gomersall, R. Kinsey, G. Holmes, P. Delaney.
Bath: J. Callard, A. Swift, P. de Clairville, J. Guscott, A. Adebayo, M. Catt, A. Sanders, K. Yates, G. Adams, V. Ubogu, M. Hogg, N. Ford, J. Hall (capt), B. Clarke, A. Robinson. Replacements: A. Lumsden, R. Butler, M. Olsen, J. Mattel, G. Davey, S. Ojomoh.



● Cup Final key man for Wasps - Rob Andrew.

Stones low with high

Weldstone 1 Bury 2

IT WAS a close case of 'after the Lord Mayor's Show' at the Warren on Monday as Stones followed up Saturday's superb win over Weymouth with an abysmal performance which saw them deservedly beaten by lowly Bury, writes John Comfort.

A bright start, which saw John Brindou's close range shot kept out by the legs of keeper Redding, and Simon Quail have a follow-up effort cleared off the line as the Bury defence failed to get the ball away, disguised the misery to come.

On 16 minutes Jon Franklin stilled rooted to his line as Gyll's free kick dropped into the six yard box and Scott Young accepted the opportunity to glance a header past the

keeper into the net to put Bury in front.

Mark Biggins fired a 25 yarder straight at Redding before the break and Quail turned a Biggins cross at the keeper midway through the second half, but they were isolated goal efforts by Stones and it came as no surprise when Young's cross was blasted home by Smith at the far post to put Bury further ahead with 73 minutes gone.

Substitute Marvin Hall scored with his first touch, turning in a Quail cross, to give Stones some hope two minutes later but an equaliser never looked like materialising - and didn't.

Weldstone: Franklin, Sheahan, Solomon (Birch), M. Hill, Graham, Dummy, S. Brown, Biggins (Hall), Brattwain, Quail, Brindou. Other sub: Mills.

A pointed task for new Gayts manager

WITH A 70m plus javelin throw under his belt last summer, new Old Gaytonians AC team manager, Phil Parry, is one of only three 'player-managers' in the Guardian Insurance British Athletics League who is an automatic choice for his own team!

However, with that event later in the timetable, he will have time to finalise his squad for Saturday's Division Three opener at Stoke on Saturday long before he dons the green and white hoops in earnest.

With Rafer Joseph gone and replacement decathlete Jamie Quarry absent, Parry will welcome the presence of Brian Taylor in the 200m pole vault and shot, and GB under-23 selection Livio Salvador-Ayloff in the 400m, long jump and sprint relay.

New captain, Rohan Samuel, goes over 100m and 200m while new signing from Liverpool, Matthew Birchall, runs the 400m. Both 1.54m man Stuart Taylor and Gordon Tyler (1500m) make their league debuts while Nigel Flint (1500m) and Ian Harkness (5000m) will be more familiar faces in the Gayts line-up.

Although there is no relegation this season - three will go up to Division Two and three stay put in the reorganised League for 1996 - Parry will want to be looking for a solid start to the day by Gayts before he picks up the javelin at 3.45pm, with newcomer Seth Kirkham as his partner.

Weldstone appeal date

WEALDSTONE'S appeal against the tribunal of the pyramid committee's decision to uphold the Beazer Homes League's refusal to allow the club to resign, will be heard by a three-man FA committee next Wednesday, May 10.

Success will then enable them to proceed with their application to join the Diadora League for next season.

Stones will be holding a club dinner at Wasps RFC on Sunday to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the club's historic Conference and Trophy 'double' success of 1985.

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Borough hit by injuries

HARROW Borough expect to be thin on ground as they complete their Diadora League fixtures with visits to Yeading tonight (Thursday) and St Albans on Saturday.

The injured Tony Knight will definitely miss both games, but is suspended on Saturday anyway, while Christian Metcalfe is still suffering with a knee ligaments injury and will be prevented from playing at Yeading by a one match ban.

With Eamon O'Connor, Graham Pearce and Kevin Davies also struggling with injuries, manager Harry Manoe is left with a giant selection headache.

Steve Lawrence is suspended and will miss Wembley's home game with Tooting on Saturday. A similar fate awaits Paul Shields, who faces a dis-

ciplinary committee later this week.

However, Andy Smith hopes to have cured the dental problems which caused him to miss the win at Barking while Wayne Walters hopes to be fit.

Defender Gerry Solomon starts a ban on Saturday and misses Weldstone's final game of the season at Salisbury. Mark Biggins, who

limped off injured against Bury, should be fit to play.

Edgware complete their league programme with a visit to Egham, while Kingsbury finish with a match at home to bottom of the table Cove.

Rayners Lane face a hectic five days to finish off their league programme with games against Hallen on Saturday, Ardley on Monday and Kidlington on Wednesday.

Thursday May 4	Diadora Premier Div Three: Yeading v Harrow Borough.	Friday: Kingsbury under-18s v Chelsea (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).	Saturday May 6	Diadora League Premier Div: St Albans City v Harrow Borough.	Diadora League Div One: Wembley v Tooting & Mitcham Ltd (Vale Farm, Spms).	Diadora League Div Two: Egton v Edgware Town.	Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Cove (Silver Jubilee Park, Spms).	Beazer Homes League Southern Div: Salisbury v Weymouth.	Notts League: Hallen Sports v Rayners Lane.	Monday May 8	Notts League: Rayners Lane v Ardley (Luzon Ave, Spms).	Cherley Athletic: Micky Tompky XI v Harrow Borough Vale (Earlsmead, 12 noon).	Tuesday May 9	Football Combination: CPR v Tottenham (Earlsmead, 7pm).	Wednesday May 10	Notts League: Kidlington v Rayners Lane (8.30pm).
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The latest league tables

DIADORA LEAGUE Premier Division	Div One	Div Two	Div Three
Enfield	20	11	1
Slough	18	10	2
Hemel	17	9	3
Ashtedley Utd	16	8	4
Stamford	15	7	5
Hatfield	14	6	6
Albany City	13	5	7
Yeading	12	4	8
Wokingham	11	3	9
Kingston	10	2	10
Cardinals	9	1	11
Hemel Hempstead	8	0	12
Dulwich Hamlet	7	0	13
Orpington	6	0	14
Waltham A.H.	5	0	15
Chalfont St P.	4	0	16
Stamford	3	0	17
Harpenden	2	0	18
Wokingham	1	0	19
Widnes	0	0	20
Thames Ltd	0	0	21
Barton Rovers	0	0	22
Leamington	0	0	23
Bracknell	0	0	24
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