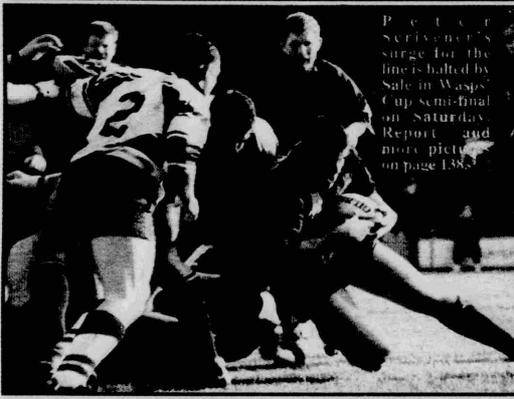


# SPORT

## Mullings stops rival to land IBO crown

PATRICK Mullings became Britain's first International Boxing Organisation World Champion on Saturday following his three round triumph over Bulgarian Martin Krastev in Hull. In a devastating performance, Harrow's star super bantamweight fighter floored Krastev once in the opening round, three times in the second round and again in the third before the referee finally halted the bout. Mullings is now angling for a tilt at the European crown and avenging the only defeat of his professional career against Barnet's Spencer Oliver.



PLEASANT surprise for the referee as Sale's Sale in Wasps Cup semi-final on Saturday. Return and more pictures on page 138.

## Wasps in Cup Final tickets row

WASPS are through to the final of the Tetley's Bitter Cup after Saturday's 15-9 win over Sale, but a big ticket row with the Rugby Football Union is threatening to upset their big day, writes Alan Bodenham.

Wasps will meet Saracens in the final at Twickenham on May 9 but both clubs are up in arms over the RFU's controversial decision to withhold the 15,000 ticket allocation of the finalists.

The RFU say their decision was made to protect and ensure all the financial proceeds from the final are distributed to the 122 clubs who took part more quickly and efficiently.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the ongoing dispute between the Premiership clubs

and the RFU, their move can only be described as vindictive.

Wasps chief executive Geoff Huckstep called it "sinister".

"We were told that the tickets for the final would be delivered to Loftus Road on Saturday evening," said Huckstep.

"We also announced it to our supporters that they would have priority in getting tickets. If Sale had won on Saturday they would have taken the tickets away with them."

The Wasps boss said that a fax from Rugby Union headquarters was sent at 10pm on Saturday night to the club offices when everybody had gone home "so we did not know about the RFU's change of decision until Monday morning."

"I can only conclude" declared Huckstep "that they are using this as an opportunity to show us who controls the game and who's boss."

"They probably also want to use it as a leverage to get the clubs to change their decision concerning the withdrawal from next season's European Cup."

He went on "We will lose countless commercial opportunities if we are not allowed to sell the tickets. It is also a terrible slight to our supporters. They would of course have had priority as is their right as members. They will now have to go into the melting pot with everybody else."

A spokesman for Wasps supporters club, John Gadsdon,

slammed the RFU decision.

"We are dismayed and disgusted" he said.

"We were all looking forward to our day out at Twickenham. We were set on making block bookings so we could all sit together. We just do not know where we are now."

A spokesman for FA Cup holders, Chelsea, said "If the Football Association did the same thing with us we would be extremely unhappy and would fight tooth and nail for the right to sell tickets to our own supporters."

The Tetley's Bitter Final is expected to be a £2m sellout. The finalists will each receive £50,000.

# Record breakers

**Braintree Town 0 Wealdstone 1**  
MAGNIFICENT Wealdstone ended Braintree's fine 35 match unbeaten League record on Tuesday night in an exciting match at Crossing Road, watched by a crowd of 576.

It was a 22nd minute goal from Dennis Greene that sent the many travelling Stones supporters home happy. A fine clearance from Noel Imber under break Brian Jones and his excellent low cross was fired home by Greene.

Stones were unlucky not to increase their lead seven minutes later when the classy Simon Garner hit a shot against a post, and Garner was involved again just before the break but there was no one to

**By Graham Smith**  
finish the job after his clever work enabled him to put over a dangerous low cross.

## Stones end Braintree run to get back on promotion trail

After the break the Braintree keeper did well to keep out an excellent header from Keith Borcham and Catley also saved well after a fine run and shot by Jones.

Braintree, whose win on Saturday assured them of promotion, could not believe they had not

equalised in the 74th minute. Imber made an outstanding save to keep out Bishop's powerful header, tipping the ball onto the crossbar and the rebound was hacked clear. A definite contender for save of the season.

It was the closest the home side came to preserving their unbeaten run as Wealdstone held on for a famous win that re-ignites their promotion challenge.

At the end of the game the jubilant Stones supporters ran onto the pitch to congratulate their heroes - a somewhat different picture from Saturday at Barking!

**Wealdstone:** Imber, Lamb, Horner, Moore, Peaks, Marshall, Dobson (Sterling), Jones, Benning (Benning), Greene, Garner (Borcham).

## Lions lose out to dubious goal

**Wembley 0 Aldershot Town 1**  
THE Lions were unable to halt Aldershot's relentless march towards the Premier Division in front of a bumper 598 crowd at Vale Farm on Tuesday, but a fine battling performance forced the visitors to work hard for the points, writes John Comfort.

Wembley's endeavours were reflected in the fact that at the final whistle the two sides were only separated by a solitary goal - and that was a highly dubious one. It came after only 10 minutes as the Shots piled on early pressure. Mark Harper's through pass forced Wayne Walters to chase back towards

his own goal but he was clearly fouled by the pursuing Johnson Hippolyte who knocked the Wembley defender off the ball before firing past Kevin Beckles. Amazingly referee Pettitt allowed the goal to stand. Sound defending, notably from Walters and Luke Dockwray, prevented the

Shots adding to their lead before the break and Wembley gained considerably in confidence in the second half. Sadly, although they had plenty of possession and promise, they lacked the firepower to trouble keeper Gary Phillips. The visitors, however, always threatened on the break and it took a series of magnificent saves from the outstanding Beckles to ensure that the result remained in the balance right to the death.

**Wembley:** Beckles, McKay (Dee), Hall, Walters, Dockwray, Millard (Latty), Bates, Toussaint, Vincent (Hauke), Roche, Smith.



Kevin Beckles - outstanding for Wembley.

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Premier Division										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Kingstonian	35	12	10	4	74	29	76			
Boreham W	34	20	8	6	69	32	68			
Sutton Utd	36	19	8	9	69	48	66			
Dagenham	36	18	9	9	61	43	63			
Heybridge	35	17	7	11	64	47	58			
Hendon	34	15	9	11	59	68	63			
Purfleet	37	14	11	12	52	50	53			
Enfield	36	15	7	14	57	62	52			
St Albans	35	15	5	15	46	51	50			
Walton & H	36	15	5	16	46	65	50			
Grays	34	13	5	16	43	57	44			
Harrow B	36	13	8	15	50	59	47			
Dulwich H	35	12	9	15	41	59	45			
Basingstoke	35	12	9	13	41	50	45			
Ayeyash	34	13	5	16	48	57	44			
Grazebrook	37	12	8	17	57	64	43			
Carshalton	36	11	8	17	49	66	41			
Chesham	36	11	7	18	63	60	40			
Yeading	35	10	9	16	43	56	39			
Bishops C	36	12	3	21	48	60	39			
Hitchin	36	8	12	16	41	54	36			
Oxford C	37	8	22	32	68	26	28			

RYMAN LEAGUE										
Division One										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Aldershot	36	21	8	6	74	35	74			
Hampton	36	18	5	13	64	42	67			
Uxbridge	36	19	5	12	58	33	62			
Maidenhead	33	19	4	10	60	29	61			
Grays	34	17	9	8	67	38	60			
Leathem	37	17	8	12	62	44	59			
Romford	33	17	5	11	69	46	56			
Bognor	36	15	9	12	60	44	54			
Leyton P	35	15	9	11	58	51	54			
Chertsey	35	14	10	11	72	56	50			
Worthing	34	14	6	14	54	57	48			
Berkhamsted	34	12	8	14	51	58	43			
Staines	36	9	15	12	49	53	40			
Croydon	35	10	9	16	37	53	39			
Barton	34	9	11	14	46	36	38			
Molesey	36	9	10	17	42	57	37			
Wembley	35	7	13	15	29	50	34			
Wykeville	34	8	9	17	40	64	33			
Wokingham	35	6	9	20	36	60	27			

RYMAN LEAGUE										
Division Two										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Abingdon	35	8	3	24	41	88	27			
Thames	36	25	10	1	31	27	78	27		
Braintree	36	25	10	1	99	39	85			
Canvey Is	35	24	7	4	96	34	79			
Wealdstone	36	20	9	7	68	69	68			
Edware	35	19	11	7	47	62	61			
Met Police	35	18	7	10	67	43	61			
Chalfont	35	14	12	9	52	50	54			
Barking	35	14	10	11	56	54	52			
Wivenhoe	36	13	12	11	69	51	51			
Northwood	36	15	9	12	64	60	50			
Ware	36	14	6	15	51	48	48			
Barnet	34	14	6	14	51	48	48			
Marlow	36	14	8	14	57	47	47			
Hungerford	36	12	8	16	58	62	41			
Horsham	36	9	4	20	52	68	36			
Colchester	36	12	8	16	59	79	44			
Leighon	33	9	4	20	32	67	31			
Tisbury	34	6	11	17	45	72	29			
Egham	35	8	4	23	37	76	28			
Cheshunt	36	3	5	27	24	82	15			

RYMAN LEAGUE										
Division Three										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Hemel H	31	22	5	4	67	24	71			
Ford	33	20	8	5	69	37	68			
Ware	33	20	8	5	61	25	68			
Hefford	33	21	9	6	64	30	68			
E Thurrock	32	18	7	7	60	38	61			
Camberley	30	17	6	7	69	34	67			
Tring	33	15	4	17	59	46	52			
Ware	33	15	5	13	58	47	50			
Chesham	32	14	12	10	62	48	48			
Epsom	32	14	5	13	56	47	47			
Hornchurch	33	11	9	14	50	47	40			
Tring	33	11	4	20	45	57	40			
Flackwell H	33	11	7	15	44	61	38			
Chesham	31	11	6	18	49	38	38			
Clapton	31	11	5	15	39	52	38			
Chesham	31	7	11	17	45	38	28			
Southall	33	7	5	21	32	78	26			
Wingate & F	32	6	5	21	39	73	24			
Levens	32	4	5	21	30	73	23			
Kingsbury	32	4	3	25	28	75	15			

## Fixtures

**Saturday April 4**  
Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Purfleet (Earlsmead, 3pm).  
Ryman League Div One: Wembley v Abingdon Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).  
Ryman League Div Two: Wealdstone v Egham Town (White Lion ground, 3pm); Wivenhoe v Edware Town.  
Ryman League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Camberley Town (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).  
Russell Grant Middle Cup semi-final: Rayners Lane v Willenden Constantine (Lucas Ave, 3pm).

**Tuesday April 7**  
Ryman League Div Two: Wembley v Romford (Vale Farm, 7.45pm).  
Ryman League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Hemstead (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm).

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## Burden to face Drago

**KENTON snooker ace Alfie Burden has an attractive match in the finals of the Embassy World Championships at the Crucible, Sheffield. In the first round he faces 'the Maltese Falcon' - Tony Drago.**

## Friendly win

**HARROW Borough beat Chalfont St Peter 3-1 in a friendly at Earlsmead on Tuesday night thanks to goals from Jeremy Lord, Paul Adolphe and Francis McCormack.**

## Grant gets marching orders

**REFEREE K.Torrance of Frimley expelled Wembley manager Peter Grant from the dug out and also plans to report a Wembley official for allegedly making derogatory comments about his refereeing as the Lions secured three valuable points with a 1-0 win over Berkhamsted Town on Saturday.**

## Bartlett goes on signing spree

**WITH suspensions ruling out Dominic Sterling, Dennis Greene, Steve Bircham and Roy Marshall for Saturday's game with Egham, and Ian Waugh an injury doubt, Wealdstone boss, Gordon Bartlett, has been busily making new signings to bolster his squad before Tuesday night's transfer deadline. The first was midfielder, Steve Cordery, who was last week sacked from the Yeading manager's job he inherited from Bartlett three years ago. He has rejoined his former boss as a player. Bartlett has also taken former Northampton midfielder, Andy Peaks, on**

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