

# SPORT

## Wasps have a score to settle with Quins

ALL thoughts of next month's Tetley's Bitter Cup Final will be placed firmly on the back burner when Harlequins visit Loftus Road on Sunday for a crucial Allied Dunbar Premiership clash, writes

Alan Bodenham.

"There are scores to be settled," said supremo Nigel Melville. "Our 53-17 Premiership defeat at the Stoop before Christmas was undoubtedly the low

point of our season and although we gained some revenge knocking them out of the cup, we want another good league win to really take that bitter taste out of our mouths."

## Lions share points in goal bonanza

**Wembley 3 Romford 3**  
GOALS have been a rare commodity at Vale Farm in recent matches but there were plenty of them on Tuesday night as Wembley shared the points with Romford, writes Richard Markiewicz.

After weathering the visitors' early storm, the Lions went in front in the 27th minute. A Jason McKoy cross eluded the Romford rearguard

and the lurking Dave Vincent latched onto the pass, strode forward and expertly steered the ball wide of the diving keeper.

As usual Wembley came close to losing their lead, but held out until the break. A torrential rainstorm welcomed the players for the second half and it was during this period that the goals began to flow.

Three minutes after the break

Romford equalised, Martin Hayes fastening onto a defence splitting pass to score.

Danny Benstock skimmed the top of the crossbar soon after before the visitors took the lead. A neat one-two wrong-footed the Wembley defence and Mark Reed sidefooted the ball past the despairing Allan Cumberbatch.

Wembley looked dead and buried

at this stage but gallantly fought back to level in the 65th minute. A defender under pressure from Ian Bates knocked a McKoy corner into the danger zone and Leon Latty gleefully pounced to fire home.

Wembley's relief at equalising only last four minutes.

Cumberbatch superbly saved Steve Stott's stinging strike but was left powerless to prevent Keith Day

firing in the rebound.

Again it looked curtains for the Lions, but incredibly they bounced back and squared things in the 79th minute when the keeper's woeful clearance cannoned off a defender into Vincent's path and he slipped the ball over the line.

**Wembley:** Allan Cumberbatch, McKoy, Hall (Dee), Walters, Dockray, Latty, Bates, Toussaint, Vincent, Roche, Smith. Other subs: Kirwan, Haule.

Wasps suffered their fifth Premiership defeat in a row on Tuesday night when they lost 20-13 at league leaders Newcastle. Alex King scoring a late try, converted by Gareth Rees, who also landed two penalties.

Melville will not name his side to face Quins until he has had chance to assess the situation following that match. But it is hoped that Rob Henderson, who picked up a groin strain against Sale, will be back in contention.

Harlequins themselves have not been without problems recently, losing several games before finally stopping the rot with a victory over Gloucester.

All Black legend Zin Zan Brooke is now in charge of coaching at Quins with Andy Keast moved to director of rugby. No doubt the Quins players will be out to impress the New Zealander.

Following the row over Cup Final tickets, Wasps finally secured their allocation from the RFU at the end of last week and they will be on sale at the box office at Loftus Road from Saturday.

### Stones dinner postponed

**WEALDSTONE FC'S Sportsman's Dinner on Thursday April 16 has had to be postponed because chief speaker, former Liverpool defender Tommy Smith, is in hospital following a car accident.**  
The club is hoping to reschedule the event for September.

### Stanmore start at Victorians

**HOLDERS Stanmore have received a seemingly easy start to their defence of the Mayor of Harrow's 20 over Knockout Cricket Trophy.**

They have been drawn away to Pinner Victorians in the first round.

The winners will be at home to Oakdale in the second round.

The final of the competition is scheduled to be played at Bessborough CC on July 17.

The full draw for the first two rounds is as follows:

**First round:** Harrow Weald v Old Lyonsians; West Harrow v North Harrow; Goodwill v North London Poly; Harrow Town v Parkfield; Circle v Kodak; Harrow v Hatch End; Headstone v Kenton; Pinner Victorians v Stanmore.

**Second round:** Harrow Weald/Old Lyonsians v Starlight; West Harrow/North Harrow v Lohans; Goodwill/North London Poly v Bessborough; Harrow Town/Parkfield v Harrow St Marys; Circle/Kodak v Pinner; Harrow/Hatch End v Belmont; Headstone/Kenton v Old Gaytonians; Pinner Victorians/Stanmore v Oakdale.

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£50 2662; £50 2-06-178; £65 A-15-879; £75 M-06-894; £150 M-05-427.

### Does boss drop hat-trick hero?

**HARROW Borough, boss Alan Paris, faces an intriguing selection problem for Saturday's visit to Dulwich Hamlet.**

Does fit again top scorer, Mark Xavier, regain his place, or does Steve Brown, who replaced him against Purfleet and scored a debut hat-trick, stay in the side?

Definitely sidelined is Darren Coleman who starts a three match ban. New signing from Uxbridge, John Mutch, is likely to fill in.

Striker Ian Rutherford and midfielder Gary Issott, released by Borough, have both joined Hitchin Town.

Tony Millard hopes to be fit for Wembley's visit to Chertsey on Saturday. Kevin Beckles, who was unavailable for the Romford game, is also expected to return.

Bradley Scott's knee injury is likely to keep him out for the rest of the season and he joins Carlton Mitchell on the sidelines.

Rayners Lane hope to have Danny Mills back after injury for their Middlesex League Alec Smith Cup semi-final at home to County Cup winners Stonebridge Town.

It is a game in which Lane will need to perform better than did against Willesden if they are to avoid a similar cup reverse.

### Fixtures

**Saturday April 11**  
Ryman League Premier Div: Dulwich Hamlet v Harrow Borough.  
Ryman League Div One: Chertsey Town v Wembley.  
Ryman League Div Two: Edgware Town v Wealdstone (White Lion ground, 3pm).  
Ryman League Div Three: Aveley v Kingsbury Town.  
Middle League Alec Smith Cup semi-final: Rayners Lane v Stonebridge Town (Lucas Ave, 3pm).

**Monday April 13**  
Ryman League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Hendon (Earlsmead, 3pm).  
Ryman League Div Two: Wealdstone v Northwood (White Lion ground, 3pm); Cheshunt v Edgware Town.



Harrow Borough debut star, Steve Brown, salutes the first of his three goals against Purfleet on Saturday. Picture by Paul Carter.



Borough's Micky Tomlinson is all arms and legs as he attempts to gain possession against Purfleet. Picture by Sophie Powell.

## Kingsbury shock leaders

**Kingsbury Town 3 Hemel Hempstead 2**  
BATTLING Kingsbury gave the title hopes of Ryman Division Three leaders Hemel an unexpected jolt with this shock win on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

They got off to a great start, taking the lead after just four minutes when Del Watson shook off the challenge of Steve Gallen on the left and beat keeper Simon Sheppard with a superb angled chip shot but three minutes later Hemel drew level as the retreating Emil Okosisi was unable to get out of the way of a dangerous left wing cross and powered the ball into his own net.

Undeterred, Kingsbury regained the lead in the 27th minute, Nelto Cornwall

bundling the rebound home after Hemel's John Pedder had headed a Jeff Rowe centre on to his own crossbar.

Gary Harthill had a goal ruled out for offside, but on 40 minutes he levelled the scores again with a well struck 20 yard free kick, and it seemed just the prelude to Hemel going on to win.

And they might have done so had Harthill's effort early in the second half not hit a post, with Simpson putting the rebound wide of an open goal.

But remarkably it was Town who regained the initiative with 62 minutes gone, Del Watson's great pass putting Paul Harrison through to net with a clinical low shot on the run. From then on Kingsbury frustrated Hemel's every ef-

fort to get back on terms and the three points they earned were richly deserved.

**Kingsbury:** Hudson, Perez, Hamilton, J. Watson, Powell, Cornwall, Rowe, Harrison, D. Watson, Octave, Okosisi. Subs: Dolling, Aigbogu, Oluide.

# Double trouble

## Derby games hold key to Stones' promotion hopes

A DERBY double helping over Easter, when they face first Edgware and then Northwood in the space of three days, can either make or break Wealdstone's promotion aspirations.

Saturday's clash with their landlords at the White Lion ground is 'the big one.'

Jock McGleish's outfit have already been removed from two cup competitions by Stones, as well as suffering a league defeat at the hands of their arch rivals, and they will be desperately anxious to avoid the acute embarrassment of fourth reverse this season.

Said Wealdstone boss Gordon Bartlett: "I've got a lot of respect for Jock and what he has achieved and we'll be taking nothing for granted. They'll be up for this one."

Mathematically, Wares are still in with a chance of going up themselves but McGleish is realistic. "Our chance is well gone," he said. "Wealdstone's win at Braintree was another nail in our coffin and our defeat at Wivenhoe on Saturday was the final nail. At the end of the day the best teams go up but we've not been good enough over the season. We just keep shooting ourselves in the foot."

"I hope Wealdstone go up because they play

By **John Comfort**

the game how it should be played, but having said that, we'll be doing our best to put a dent in their challenge."

Stones have Roy Marshall, Dennis Greene and Steve Bircham back after suspension, although Bircham, along with Brian Jones, Simon Garner and Ian Waugh are all injury doubts. Definitely out are Paul Lamb and Dominic Sterling who are both banned.

Edgware have injury doubts over Steve Fraser, Joe Lyons and Craig Elliott.

No one has completed a league double over Edgware this season. Wealdstone are the only club left who can now achieve it.

On Monday Stones play host to Northwood for what Bartlett accepts is another difficult game. "They have had a great run and they've got no pressure on them," he said.

With five games remaining, four wins will ensure promotion for Stones, regardless of what their rivals do. "The ball is now very much in our own court," said Bartlett. "We've just got to go out there and win."

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