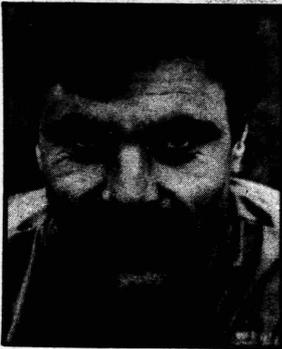


**SPORT**



● OUT — Paul Bowgett

# Stones start two down

WEALDSTONE will be without two key players for their opening GM Vauxhall Conference match.

Defender Paul Bowgett is suspended and striker Neil Cordice is on holiday. They will miss Saturday's opener at Cheltenham Town and Stones first home game of the season against Sutton United on Tuesday.

Striker Richard Evans will definitely miss Harrow Borough's opening game on Saturday at Hitchin.

Wembley open their fifth successive campaign for promotion in the Vauxhall Opel League Division

One at Billericay Town, while Kingsbury Town are away to newly promoted Woking.

Paul Abell and Fergus Meaney should both return from holiday in time to strengthen Rayners Lane for their home clash with Fairford Town.

**Saturday, August 22**  
**GM Vauxhall Conference:** Cheltenham Town v Wealdstone.  
**Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division:** Hitchin Town v Harrow Boro; Division One: Billericay Town v Wembley; Woking v Kingsbury Town.  
**London Spartan League Premier Division:** Amersham Town v

Edgware Town.

**Hellenic League Premier Division:** Rayners Lane v Fairford Town (Lucas Avenue, 3).  
**Tuesday, August 25**  
**GM Vauxhall Conference:** Wealdstone v Sutton United (Lower Mead, 7.30).  
**Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division:** Hendon v Harrow Boro; Division One: Walthamstow Avenue v Kingsbury Town; Wembley v Staines Town (Vale Farm, 7.30).  
**Wednesday, August 26**  
**London Spartan League Premier Division:** Edgware Town v Corinthian Casuals (White Lion Ground, 7.30).

Five pages this week.

## INSIDE The Plate smashers

A CATCH that never was proved to be the turning point of a closely fought Mayor of Harrow's Plate final between Old Lyonians and Kodak.

The competition, which along with the Mayor of Harrow's Knockout is sponsored by Kodak, reached an exciting climax at Starlight's ground on Friday. See page 27.

## Attacking with John



LIVERPOOL and England winger John Barnes is rated one of the most skilful players in the country.

He has bamboozled opponents all over the world with his ball control and this week he passes on some of that knowledge to you in the second of our star articles. See page 28.

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# MARK OF A GENIUS

*Ramprakash in the big time as his club's hopes vanish*

TEENAGE wonder-boy Mark Ramprakash confirmed his arrival in cricket's top flight with a brilliant 71 for Middlesex on Saturday.

The 17-year-old outshone a star-studded Middlesex side in their Brittain Assurance County Championship clash with Essex at Chelmsford.

Team mate Wilf Slack was the next highest scorer — with 20.

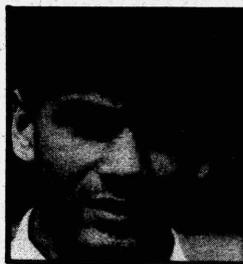
Now the Harrow Weald sixth form college student is being tipped for the very top by his club Captain at Stanmore, Graham Pauncefort.

"He has a considerable talent and great potential," he says. "Mark is only 17 and has so much time on his side. He has to be a possible future England opener."

Pauncefort adds: "The longer games suit Mark better because he has more time to build his innings."

"He can hit lots of sizes if he wants to but he has patience too. This was his best score for Middlesex and he showed up other people around him with more experience."

Ramprakash, who has now made two appearances for the



● ON A HIGH — Mark Ramprakash



● ON A LOW — Graham Pauncefort

county first team, was out for a duck in his next innings and admits to still feeling overawed at playing with the likes of Mike Gatting and John Emburey.

He says: "Gatting is a great captain to play under but he has not had much to say to me so far."

The irony of Ramprakash's success will not be lost on Stanmore

skipper Pauncefort.

For on the same day as he cracked that 71 in Chelmsford, Stanmore's title hopes were all but vanishing as they drew with Hornsey.

Pauncefort conceded afterwards that there was now little hope of catching Middlesex County League leaders Finchley. Full report on Page 26.

A GOAL in each half brought Harrow Borough's pre-season preparations to a disappointing end at Eartwood on Tuesday night.

But manager Keith Chamberlin was more concerned about the injury that could rule out striker Richard Evans out for Boro's opening league matches.

Evans, Boro's most prolific forward in pre-season games, was taken to hospital with a leg injury after an accidental collision with a Fisher player.

Boro had the lion's share of the play against their Old Vauxhall Conference opponents, but were caught napping by two breakaways.

The first resulted in Osole Bayram firing past keeper Stuart MacKenzie just before half time and the second, following a foul up between Steve Emmanuel and Ray Duffy, allowed former Millwall striker John Leslie to put the result beyond doubt in the 80th minute.

Boro: MacKenzie, Duffy, Bateman, Now, Johnson, Emmanuel, Morris, Dell, Adams, Tate, Evans (Holmes).

● Harrow Borough Reserves warmed up for the start of the Suburban league season with a comfortable 4-1 win at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday.

Mark Watkins, Paul Ripley, Dale and an own goal completed the win.

## Ton-up boys

TWO of Kenton's young batsmen racked maiden centuries for the club at the weekend.

Mark Dyson, 14, hit 121 for Kenton III against Edmonton, while 20-year-old Lee Rider scored 100 for Kenton IV in their clash with Old Stationers.

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## Wembley's cup woe

WEMBLEY fell to Southgate by just three runs in the semi-final of the Grosvenor Middlesex Cup.

Poor middle order batting and a large amount of extras counted strongly against Wembley in this low-scoring match.

Southgate batted first and scored 123 for 9, but Wembley made their own task harder than it should have been by giving away 25 extras.

Missing the injured Pavim Malik, Wembley's bowling had lost its edge.

Wembley were looking good after an opening stand of 39 had set them on course for victory, but the next four batsmen were out cheaply, mustering only 13 between them.

Wembley slipped from 93 for 5 to 120 all out, three short of their opponents score. Only opener Chris Ede made a significant dent in Southgate's bowling figure, scoring 48 before being unluckily run out.



HOT-SHOT Jackie Barnes retained her UK junior women's title for three position shooting at the National Small Bore Rifle championships in Disley on Monday.

Jackie, 19, from Wembley Rifle Club, scored 534 out of a possible 600 points with 20 shots from the

### FIXTURES

#### Saturday

96 Quilns Middlesex County League: North Middlesex v Stanmore; Southgate v Wembley.

Thames Valley League: Gorards Cross v Harrow.

Middlesex Cricket League: Kenton v Southgate; Harrow Town v Old Actonians; Pinor v Hill Hill Village.

Marston Middlesex League Division One: Standard Telephones v North Harrow; Division Two: Harrow St Marys v Osterley; Old Gaytonians v Phoenixians.

Club Matches: Beasborough v Old Lyonians; Rickmansworth v Starlight; Old Finchdians v NL Poly; Sudbury Court v Abbots Langley; Queensbury v Old Haberdashers II; West Harrow v Leicesters; United Sports v Heinz 57; Parkfield v Old Meadowlands.

prone position, 20 kneeling and 20 standing to keep the Laws Trophy for the second year.

The teenager, of Palermo Road, Harlesden, rated one of the country's best shots, is competing throughout the week at the championships, together with twin sister Beverley.

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