

Umpires in demand

HARROW and District Association of Cricket Umpires is running two more courses between now and Christmas.

An umpires course starts on September 29 and runs until December 15 on Tuesdays.

And a course for scorers begins on Wednesday November 4. For full details contact Mr Ken Scribens on 954 1940, 903 3773 or 206 5551.

Late goal scuppers Wembley

Basildon 1 Wembley 0

WEMBLEY'S unbeaten league record was ended by a fluke goal at Basildon on Tuesday.

The match appeared to be heading for a dull goalless draw when Lions fell behind in the 60th minute.

Centre half Paul Janaway cut out a through ball but it cannoned off his shin. Richard Head pounced and sent John Neal away to beat Jeff Fanner with ease.

Up until then the match had been dominated by both defences. Lions best chance came and went on the hour, when first Peter Shodeinde and then Tony Waugh had efforts cleared off the line.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, S Lucas, Bhatia, Janaway, Smith, Waugh, Brown, Shodeinde, Cadogan (Pacquette 84), Williams.

Wembley have re-signed their former player Henry Pacquette, a striker, from Wokingham.



Saturday Sept 12

6th Year Cont: Tefford v Weststone, FA Cup 1st Qual: Harrow Borough v Yeading (Earlsmead, 3); Billericay v Kingsbury Town; Hoddeston v Wembley; Rayners Lane v Darenth (Lucas Avenue, 3).

Middlesex County League: Harrow St Marys v Chorleywood Common (HMS Warrior sports ground, 3).

Tuesday Sept 15

6th Year Cont: Weststone v Enfield (Lower Mead, 7.30); Vauxhall Goal Premier: Harrow Borough v Carshalton. Division One: Wembley v Wolverson (Vale Farm, 7.30) All matches subject to FA Cup replays.

Wednesday Sept 16

Green King Spartans: Edgware Town v Cheshunt (White Lion, 7.30)

Bowlers fall at the last

HARROW fell at the final hurdle in their bid to win the White Horse League trophy on Sunday.

They were down by just two shots, 71-73 to Hounslow at Century Bowls Club in Wembley in the overall Middlesex final.

Having won their area league and beaten a strong Paddington side in the semis, Harrow were entitled to feel confident about their chances.

But they were pipped at the death by their West London rivals. Harrow's Alan Low, however, was not too depondent.

"We have done ever so well to get this far," he said.

Individual scores (Harrow first): D Stewart 19, P Jenkins 14; S Kirby 14, R Jenkins 17; K Bulman 24, J Jones 21; K Jones 14, D Austin 21.



● HARROW'S beaten White Horse team: David Stewart, Len Smith, Vic Burt, Sam Lowe, Stan Kirby, Bill Robinson, Mike Clements, Jack Webb, Kevin Bulman, Alan Low, Len Crouch, Bob Jones, Ken Jones, Gordon Young, Ken Davies, Tony Paulley, Dick Nightingale, Lew Billard.

Bognor shut out by MacKenzie's heroics

Boro owe it to Mac

THE HEROICS of goalkeeper Stuart MacKenzie earned Harrow Borough a morale boosting point at Earlsmead on Tuesday night.

MacKenzie pulled off a string of superb saves to keep free scoring Bognor at bay.

But he could do nothing to stop the visitors cancelling out the 22nd minute goal from Lawrence Holmes that had given Boro the lead.

Boro, still missing the injured trio of Matt Loddy, Mark Adams and Richard Evans, gave a debut to on-loan midfielder Steve Scott, who was signed from Farnborough before Saturday's match.

And although he had an encouraging match, it was MacKenzie who stole the show.

He kept Boro in the match with early saves from Poole and Quinn before Holmes notched his goal.

Batemann started the move at the back, sending Tate away down the left. He slipped the ball inside

Harrow Borough 1 Bognor Regis 1

to Holmes, who made no mistake with a shot from outside the box.

MacKenzie's lightning reflexes thwarted the dangerous Mariner on three occasions before Boro struck a purple patch of their own on the hour.

Tate had a shot saved, Holmes headed onto the bar and Morris saw an effort hacked off the line.

However, Bognor survived and hit back with a 73rd minute equaliser, Batemann misticking and Cooper dispatching a venomous shot past MacKenzie.

Boro: MacKenzie, Payne, Johnson, How, Batemann, Emmanuel, Holmes, Tate, Morris, Duffy, Subs: Ripley, Dicker (not used).

● New loan signing Steve Scott has been cleared by Farnborough boss Ted Pearce to play for Boro in Saturday's FA Cup tie against Yeading.

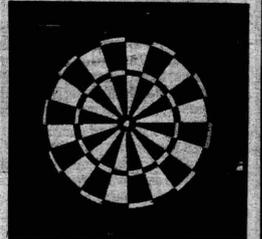
● Boro reserves drew 0-0 against Wembley at Vale Farm on Tuesday.



● Stuart MacKenzie

Five pages this week

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Darts hits bulls-eye

DARTS players receive a great boost this week with the announcement of the first Middlesex Open Pairs tournament, sponsored by the publishers of the Observer, Middlesex County Press.

Cash prizes totalling £1,000 must be won in this super new knockout tournament, covering pubs and clubs throughout Middlesex. Early rounds will be played on a zonal basis, culminating in a grand finale night in April next year. Make sure you and your partner are on the oche by completing the entry form on Page 29.

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Charity Cup has star quality

THE MIDDLESEX Charity Cup received a much needed cash boost from an unexpected quarter this week.

Astrologer Russell Grant has announced that he will be sponsoring the competition to the tune of £850 per season over the next three years.

His decision may surprise many people. But Russell, a former Wembley resident who now lives in Uxbridge, is in the middle of a campaign to save the county of Middlesex's identity.

He is also a committed supporter of local sports and hopes to expand the Charity Cup to include more teams over the next few seasons.

"The same 16 teams enter every season," said Russell. "Now that will be expanded to 20 and hopefully 24 in future seasons."

"My early life was involved in the organisation of sport in Middlesex," he added. "I was scorer for Middlesex CFA and for Harrow Town Cricket Club.

"As this is a Charity Cup, I am particularly pleased to be sponsoring it. I am going to go to as many matches as I can to meet people and want to raise as much money as possible for the charities involved."

Not surprisingly, the Middlesex County FA are delighted with the star's involvement.

Assistant secretary Peter Clayton said: "We could not have wished for a better person to be involved with this."

"Russell has a deep love and pride for his county and this is something that the County FA share."

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● CUP THAT CHEERS - Stargazer Russell Grant forecasts a bright future for the Charity Cup. With him is Alan Dallton, boss of current holders Wembley.