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Edgware v Borough cup clash in prospect

A LOCAL derby clash between Edgware Town and Harrow Borough is in prospect in the FA Cup.

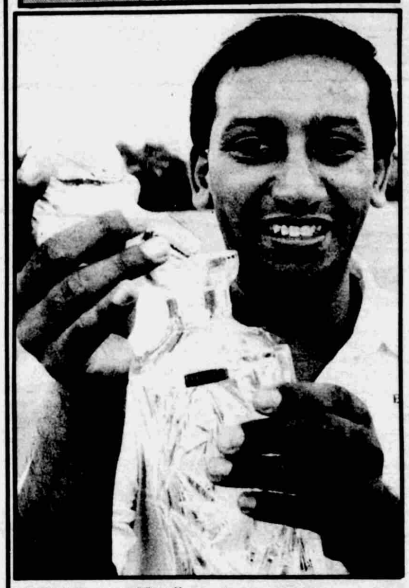
Edgware are away to Eton Manor in the preliminary round of the competition on September 1 and the winners entertain Borough in the first qualifying round on September 15.

Wembley face a preliminary round tie at home to Bury Town while Kingsbury are away to Ford United. Wealdstone are away to either Stowmarket or Saffron Walden in the first qualifying round.

In the FA Trophy, Wembley visit Beazer Homes League Burnham in the first qualifying round on September 22 and if successful are away to either Marlow or Aveley in the second qualifying round. Harrow Borough and Wealdstone are both exempt until the third qualifying round of the competition.

The FA Vase draw sees Rayners Lane at home to Beckton United in an Extra Preliminary round tie on September 8, the winners being away to Wootton Blue Cros in the Preliminary round on October 6. Edgware are away to Arlesey Town in the Preliminary round while Kingsbury Town have a home tie against Stevenage Borough.

The drinks are on Man of the Match Manoj



THE drinks are on Manoj!

Bessborough Cricket Club's star all-rounder Manoj Shah proudly shows off the glass decanter which he won after being named Man of the Match in the China Presentations Mayor of Harrow's Trophy Final on Thursday.

Bessborough retained the Trophy by beating underdogs Harrow St Marys in the final.

Full report and pictures from the Mayor's Final are on pages 58 and 59.

Barnet thwart star signing with last gasp bid

Stones miss out on Howell

BY JOHN COMFORT

WEALDSTONE'S hopes of signing Enfield's England international star David Howell have been thwarted by big spending Barnet.

Former Harrow Borough defender Howell, who was transfer listed by Enfield last season, had been on the brink of coming to Lower Mead. "We had agreed a fee and he was set to sign, but then Barnet came in an made an offer that we just couldn't match," said Stones' boss Alan Gane.

Gane has however signed goalkeeper Chris Vagg from Walton and Hersham. Vagg played several games for Stones in the Capital League last season and is expected to be the first choice keeper in the new campaign.

Several more new signings are likely this week and Gane could also be making his peace with transfer listed striker Tony Kelly. "He has had a good pre-season, has trained hard, and has shown a good attitude," said Gane. "If he continues in that vein I'll be more than happy to keep him."

After signing Steve Jenkins and Barry Blackman, Gane decided to drop his interest in striker Glenn Price who was on loan from Chesham last season and Price has now joined Hayes in a straight swap for the Church Road club's ex-Harrow Borough midfielder Steve Emmanuel.

Defender Neil Price looks set to leave Lower Mead this week. His former club Staines have made a good offer for him and Gane is likely to accept.

Striker Dave Flint is another who could soon be on his way, and there are also doubts about the future of midfielder John Margerrison who has failed to agree new terms with the club and has recently been linked with St Albans.

The new season gets underway for Wealdstone tonight (Thursday) when they play a friendly against Vauxhall League Marlow at the CAV Sports Ground, Northolt, kick off 6.30pm.

On Tuesday night they visit Egham Town and their pre-season friendly list is completed with a home match against Sutton United on Saturday August 4, a home game with Windsor on Tuesday August 7 and an away match at Carshalton on Saturday August 11.

Stones' Beazer Homes League fixtures begin at home to VS Rugby on Saturday August 18. Their full League and cup fixture list for the 1990/91 season is as follows:

August 18 (h) VS Rugby; 22 (a) Bashley; 25 (a) Burton Alb.; 28 (h) Gravesend.
September 1 (h) Moor Green; 4 (a) Dorchester; 8 (a) Halesowen; 11 (h) Gloucester; 15 (a) Stowmarket/Saffron Waldon FA1Q; 22 (a) Dartford; 29 FA2Q.
October 6 (h) Worcester; 8 (a) Dagenham PILC; 13 (h) Dover Ath.; 15 (a) Burnham LW Cup 1st leg; 20 (h) Weymouth; 27 (a) Chelmsford; 29 (h) Burnham LW Cup 2nd leg.
November 3 (h) Poole; 10 (h) Atherstone; 17 (a) Bromsgrove; 24 (a) Waterlooville.
December 1 FAT 3Q; 4 (h) Bashley; 8 (a) Cambridge City; 15 (a) Moor Green; 22 (h) Chelmsford; 26 (a) Crawley; 29 (a) Worcester.
January 1 (h) Rushden; 5 (a) Gravesend; 12 FAT 1; 19 (h) Dartford; 26 (h) Halesowen; 30 (a) VS Rugby.
February 2 (a) Atherstone; 9 (h) Farnborough; 16 (h) Bromsgrove; 23 (a) Poole; 26 (a) Gloucester.
March 2 (h) Dorchester; 9 (a) Weymouth; 16 (a) Farnborough; 23 (h) Waterlooville; 30 (h) Crawley.
April 1 (a) Rushden; 13 (h) Burton Alb.; 27 (h) Cambridge City.
May 4 (a) Dover Ath.

International win double for Gayts duo

OLD Gaytonians international duo of Malcolm Croad and Mark Smith both won their events with personal bests in the British Schools International in Edinburgh on Saturday.

They were both representing England in the annual match against Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Croad had a superb competition in the hammer, exceeding 60 metres with all six throws, a distance no other thrower has achieved this season.

His best throw of 66.30 metres beat his previous best by more than two metres. Only eight British throwers have ever thrown further.

The Hatch End athlete joined Gayts when he was 12 and quickly demonstrated his potential.

Coached by Alan Bertram, he has gradually improved to the point where he is now the undisputed number one thrower in Britain, having won every competition in 1990.

Mark Smith also enjoyed a superb day in Edinburgh. He defeated the English Schools Champion Sam Ouside to win the high jump with a personal best of 2.03 metres. His previous best was 2 metres.

Smith also joined Gayts when he was just 12. Coached by Ron Naylor, he cleared 1.60 metres in his first season, 1.79 in 1988, 1.91 in 1989 and now 2.03. Astonishingly he still has another year in the youths age group.

Old Gaytonians are delighted with the success of their two international athletes.

They are great club athletes as well as being international stars and both were back on duty on Sunday to ensure that Gayts qualified for the National Finals of the Young Athletes League.

Lions in action

TONY Waugh's Wembley side swing into pre-season soccer action on Saturday when they play a friendly at Buckingham Town.

Newly elected Vauxhall Leaguers Edgware Town start their build up to the new campaign on Wednesday when they meet Vauxhall League Premier Division outfit Leyton-Wingate at the White Lion ground, kick off 7.30pm.

Stones on call

WEALDSTONE FC is to open a clubcall line on Monday to keep fans up to date with the latest news from the club.

The Wealdstone FC Newsline can be obtained by ringing 0898-884473. Calls will be charged at 38p per minute during peak periods and 25p per minute off peak.

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Harrow Town look to retain Mayor's Plate

HARROW Town will be looking to retain the Mayor of Harrow's Plate tonight (Thursday) when they meet unfancied Belmont in the final at Old Lyonians CC, starting at 5.30pm.

Belmont captain Jeremy Lawrence said: "Obviously we're the underdogs but we're looking forward to a good game."

The Belmont team for the final will be: Jeremy Lawrence (captain), Jeremy Turek, Roy Davis, Jon Lederman, Douglas Greenston, Jeff Permutt, Brian Green, Martin Arnold, Craig Cohen, Philip Ellis, Michael Glass.

The Harrow Town team is: Ivan Mendonca (captain), Paul Manley, Ian Woodward, Dave Harris, Peter Roberts, Raj Bhadresa, N. Patel, D. Smith, Mark Gaynor, Kevin Harrington, Steve Blyghton.

After match presentations will be made by Mrs Gill Davis, wife of Roy Davis, the chairman of the competition's sponsors, China Presentations Ltd.

Young Gayts storm into National Final

OLD Gaytonians Athletic Club reached the National Finals of the Woolworths Young Athletes League with an overwhelming victory in their final fixture at Bannister on Sunday.

The youngsters scored a massive 268 points to defeat nearest rivals Mitcham and Sutton by almost 100 points.

Gayts finish the season in fourth place in the Southern Premier Division, equalling their best performance since the structure was reorganised two years ago. They will compete in the Auxillary Final at the Alexander Stadium, Birmingham, on Saturday September 1.

The Harrow club's performance on Sunday suggests that they have a great chance of winning at Birmingham. They won 46 of the 77 events and 25 new personal bests were set.

Malcolm Croad led the way in the youths (under-17) age group, winning three events and again throwing the hammer beyond the 60 metres line. His fellow international Mark Smith was an easy winner of the high jump.

Middlesex and London Champion Terry Mackin won both the 800 metres and 1500 metres while Graham Bicknell and new member Mark Smith took the B events. Richard Godden was an impressive winner of the 3000 metres in a fast 9.11.9 while Richard Welch took the long jump.

Richard Callender demonstrated his decathlon potential by winning three events in the boys (under-15) age group. He took the 100 metres, long jump and B string javelin. Barry Shaw improved his best substantially to take the A javelin with 41.68 metres.

Steve Jones dominated the 3000 metres, winning in 9.58.0, while debutant Ashley Bestwick took the high jump. Leigh Sandells made an impressive debut for Gayts, finishing second in the 800 metres, just behind English Schools bronze medallist Kevin Hobbs.

The colts (under-13) team performed superbly, scoring 35 out of a possible 36 points. The sprinters all ran well, headed by a splendid personal best of 13.2 for Daniel Smith in the 100 metres. Shane Wareham dominated the 800 metres, winning by eight seconds, with Gayts B string Andy Burke in second place.

Gayts results

Youths: 100m A 3 Edem Dzakpasu 11.8, B 1 Howard Kazin 12.0 pb; 200m A 2 Mark Swales 23.5 pb, B 4 Nick Shephard 24.6; 400m A 3 John Parsons 59.9, B 1 Simon Pollen 54.9 pb; 800m A 1 Terry Mackin 2.07.9, B 1 Graham Bicknell 2.10.3; 1500m A 1 Terry Mackin 4.18.9, B 1 Mark Smith 4.20.6; 3000m A 1 Richard Godden 9.11.9 pb, B 1 Graham Brown 9.37.8 pb; 100m hurd A 2 Matthew Mee 14.9 pb, B 1 Michael Francis 16.0 pb; 400m hurd A 4 Craig McGill 61.1 pb, B 3 Matthew Mee 64.7 pb; 1500m s/c A 1 Colin Brown 4.59.1 pb, B 1 Ian Cattle 5.09.1; high jump A 1 Mark Smith 1.85, B 1 Kevin Harding 1.70; pole vault A 2 Andrew Reilly 2.75 pb, B 1 Paul Linnell 2.15; long jump A 1 Richard Welch 6.21 pb, B 1 Mark Swales 6.12 pb; triple jump A 3 Jason Emanuel 12.26 pb, B 1 Mikail Sookia 12.00; shot A 1 Malcolm Croad 14.25, B 1 David Vernon 10.96; discus A 1 Malcolm Croad 41.66, B 1 Scott Franklin 34.66; javelin A 2 Mark Swales 37.80, B 2 David Vernon 31.48; hammer A 1 Malcolm Croad 61.64, B 1 David Vernon 32.56; 4 x 100m 3 Old Gayts 47.9; 4 x 400m 2 Old Gayts 3.44.6.

Boys: 100m A 1 Richard Callender 12.0 pb, B 2 David McGill 12.9; 200m A 2 Gavin Crook 25.3, B 2 James Tarlton 26.4; 400m A 2 Eddie Murray 58.5, B 2 Paul Clarke 58.4; 800m A 2 Leigh Sandells 2.11.6, B 1 Paul Cohen 2.13.2; 1500m A 2 Stuart McLuskey 4.38.5 pb, B 2 Andrew Noble 4.38.7 pb; 3000m A 1 Steve Jones 9.58.0, B 1 Matthew Pond 11.12.5; 80m hurd A 2 Eddie Murray 12.3 pb, B 1 Paul Evans 14.3 pb; high jump A 1 Ashley Bestwick 1.55, B 1 Barry Shaw 1.55 pb; pole vault A 2 Stuart Wilson 2.20, B 1 Dwayne Stocks 1.90; long jump A 1 Richard Callender 5.82, B 2 Carl Newman 4.85; triple jump A 2 Paul Tucker 11.25, B 1 Carl Newman 10.90; shot A 2 David McGill 11.46 pb, B 1 Simon Howell 11.00; discus A 2 Shafeek Banks 24.74, B 2 Joseph Osborne 20.78; javelin A 1 Barry Shaw 41.68 pb, B 1 Richard Callender 34.06; hammer A 2 Joseph Osborne 29.70 pb, B 1 David Dunu 27.94 pb; 4 x 100m 1 Old Gayts 49.3; 4 x 400m 2 Old Gayts 4.03.6.

Colts: 100m A 1 Daniel Smith 13.2 pb, B 1 Terry Masters 13.5; 200m A 1 Paul McGrath 27.6, B 1 Sean Jeremiah 28.5; 800m A 1 Shane Wareham 2.21.6, B 1 Andy Burke 2.29.0; 1500m A 2 Luke Hunt 5.04.5, B 1 Rodney Collis 5.09.7; 4 x 100m 1 Old Gayts 54.7.

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