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Winning double for Hazel

HAZEL Alder was Harrow and Wealdstone Swimming Club's most successful swimmer in the Ecclesiastical Life Open meeting at Gloucester, which was the third round of the British Swimming Grand Prix, winning two events and coming second in another, all with personal best performances.

17 year old Hazel, a member of the England intermediate squad, won the 50m breast in 34.62, the 100m breast in 1.12.73 and took second place in the 200m breast in 2.37.21.

Guy Bulpit also made three finals, taking 4th place in the 50m freestyle, 200m freestyle and 5th place in the 100m freestyle. Guy is a member of the 1991 England Swim Squad.

Helen Williamson also made a grand final and finished 5th in the 100m backstroke in 1.08.80.

Other Harrow swimmers who made B finals included Darren Shearsby who won the 200m breast with a personal best time of 2.23.56.

Helen Williamson also made four B finals, coming 3rd in the 200m back with 2.27.41, 5th in the 50m fly in 31.30, 3rd in the 50m freestyle in 27.85, and 4th in the 100m freestyle in 60.55.

The next round of the Grand Prix series will be held at Leicester in late January.

On form Leigh shows the way

LEIGH Sandals was in good form for Harrow and Wealdstone Swimming Club at the Barnet Age Group meeting.

He won the boys 13/14 yrs 100m freestyle in 58.01 and picked up second places in the 100m breast in 1.16.82 and the 200m individual medley in 2.27.68. All three were personal best times.

Katy Bennett also picked up three medals, with second place in the 13/14 yrs 200m IM in 2.37.68, third in the 100m back in 1.16.37 and third in the 100m fly in 1.12.31.

Simona Baracai made third place in the 12 yrs 100m breast with 1.29.48.

Other Harrow finalists were: Emma Drewett, 4th 12

100m back 1.22.90, 4th 100m fly 1.21.49, 4th 200m IM 2.51.51, 100m free 1.09.56, 100m breast 1.31.80; Sandra Coughlan, 6th 100m free 1.10.37; Susan Josephs, 13/14 yrs 100m free 1.05.82, 100m fly 1.14.63, 7th 200m IM 2.40.11; Simona Baracai, 5th 100m fly 1.22.55, 7th 200m IM 2.55.94.

Emma Shearsby 6th 12 yrs 100m breast 1.32.26, 6th 200m IM 2.55.07; Hisham El Hennawy, 6th 13/14 yrs 200m IM 2.34.11, 7th 100m fly 1.10.49; Morgan Whorwood, 4th 13/14 yrs 100m breast 1.18.62; Corrie Williams, 5th 13/14 yrs 100m back 1.16.95; Alison Taylor, 4th 12 yrs 100m breast 1.30.13.

Players wanted

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Stones get first win under Hall

Wealdstone 2 Colchester Utd 0
BRIAN Hall's first win since taking over from Alan Gane came on Wednesday when Stones beat Colchester in the President's Challenge Cup, writes Graham Smith.

The first half was an evenly contested affair.

Michael Brown went close for Stones with a 25 yard effort after 10 minutes. Later a free-kick from Ian Hendry found Corey Browne who

turned the defender well. His cross was met by Paul Morris, but his header went straight into the keeper's hands. Ian Waugh then went close with a 20 yard shot.

Colchester's best effort fell to Radford but his shot was well saved by Chris Vagg.

Stones took the lead five minutes into the second half. A good run from Leo Donellan ended with his pass to Michael Brown being headed

down to Corey Browne who slotted home.

Minutes later a long clearance from Vagg went to Corey Browne who in turn found Waugh, whose cross was met by Michael Brown and his header went just wide of the post.

Then Corey Browne hit the woodwork after good work from the impressive Trevor Martin. But in the 79th minute a Tony Kelly shot was deflected into the path of Corey Browne,

who hit a good shot past Patten, for a well deserved goal.

Just before the end Michael Brown went close again with a diving header after an excellent pass from Kelly.

This was an impressive performance from Wealdstone and was Colchester's first away defeat of the season.

Wealdstone: Vagg, Watson, Blackman, Morris, Hendry (Polson), L. Donellan, Martin, Waugh, Gipp (Kelly), C. Browne, M. Brown.

Stanmore stick with Pauncefort

Graham starts 19th season in charge

GRAHAM Pauncefort has been named as Stanmore Cricket Club's first team captain for an incredible 19th successive season.

Stanmore's 'elder statesman' was elected at the club's recent annual general meeting. His vice-captain will be wicket keeper Steve Barrett.

Pauncefort's term easily surpasses the length of service of previous Stanmore captains. Ken Chapman, who died a year ago, had 12 years in the job. Club president Reg Hayter served for nine years.

Pauncefort's long and dedicated service to the club has won him the reputation of virtually being Stanmore Cricket Club itself, so how could they possibly survive when he finally decides to hang up his bat?

"Someone will eventually come along," he said. "The club managed for 119 years before I arrived and I'm sure it will go on for 119 more when I've gone."

The club's second team captain on Saturdays will be John Connolly with John Devine skipping on Sundays.

Mark Reeve, brother of county star Dermot, will captain the third eleven and the fourth team skipper is Peter Mullan. Colts manager is Adrian Jones.

The club always welcomes good cricketers and also social members. Further details from Graham Pauncefort on 081-9410 or membership secretary Rodney Mason on 081-952-0827.

Colts interested in joining the club should contact Adrian Jones on 081-950-6142.



● Graham Pauncefort - signalling he's still number one at Stanmore Cricket Club

League leaders are sent crashing

THE leaders of both Observer Pool League Divisions, the Kingsbury Plough and the Alporton Plough, have both suffered their first defeats.

Division One leaders Kingsbury Plough, who had a 100 per cent record, looked to be on course for another victory when Hughie Sutherland and Ben Gazeley put them 2-0 up against the Royal William.

Mick Kelly and Niall Docherty levelled the scores for the Royals but it was still looking good for the Plough as Brendon Raleigh and Jimmy Lee restored their two frame lead.

However, it was the Royal's back markers who did the damage. Brian Harte, Rudy Hickman, John Cotter and Jason Cotter taking the last four frames to secure a win that puts them just three points behind the leading teams.

Second placed Harrow Borough won, beating LNER 6-4, and they now go level on points with the Plough but trail them on frame difference.

In the Second Division the Alporton Plough failed to make use of home advantage against the Red Lion and went down 6-4.

The two teams behind them, the Rayners and St Josephs, both won, but the Plough still hold a commanding four point lead.

The Alporton Plough also missed out to the Red Lion in the fourth round of the doubles championship, their last pair Steven McGonagle and Andrew Joyce losing to the Lion's Cianan O'Brien and Martin Connolly.

The other Plough however had more success with four pairs. Dave Hughes and Paul Morell, Ben Gazeley and John Reynolds, Colin Burden and Brendon Raleigh and Graham Ewart and J. Mulligan, going through to the last eight.

But to win they'll need to get past reigning champions Jason Cotter and Rudy Hickman who again won 2-0.

Other pairs through to the finals night are Harrow Superbowls Chas McCarthy and Dave Oriot and Haste Hill's Steve Mason and Mick Lavender, who beat the Borough's Alan Coady and Lee Snook 2-1.

League results and tables

Division One: The Brits 3, Abbey CC 7; LNER 4, Harrow Borough 6; Windermere 9, Haste Hill 11; Royal William 5, Kingsbury Plough 4; Elmisle Tavern 6, Lyons SC 4.

	p	w	d	f	a	p	s
Kingsbury Plough	10	9	0	1	68	32	18
Harrow Borough	10	9	0	1	64	36	18
Royal William	10	7	1	2	62	38	15
Elmisle Tavern	10	6	0	4	53	47	12
Windermere	10	4	1	5	55	45	10
The Bell	10	4	1	5	47	53	9
LNER	10	3	1	6	46	54	7
Lyons SC	10	3	2	6	39	61	7
Haste Hill	10	2	2	6	38	62	6
Abbey CC	10	2	0	8	41	59	4
The Brits	10	2	0	8	35	65	4

Division Two: Century 8, Honeygot 2; Harrow Superbowls 5, Alexandra Club 5; Rayners 7, Royal William 6; Alporton Plough 4, Red Lion 6; Heather Park 4, Northolt Park 6; Families 4, St Josephs 6.

	p	w	d	f	a	p	s
Rayners	11	7	1	3	65	45	15
St Josephs	11	6	2	3	61	49	14
Alexandra	11	5	3	3	62	48	13
Honeygot	11	5	2	4	56	54	12
Northolt Park	11	4	4	3	54	56	12
Harrow Superbowls	11	3	4	4	59	51	10
Red Lion	11	4	2	5	53	57	10
Royal William B	11	3	3	5	49	61	9
Century	11	4	1	6	48	62	9
Families	11	2	1	8	42	68	6
Heather Park	11	1	2	8	36	74	3

Doubles Championship

At Abbey CC: D. Hughes and P. Morell (Kingsbury Plough) 2, S. Jenkins and B. Evans (Elmisle) 1; B. Gazeley and J. Reynolds (Kingsbury Plough) 2, D. Davies and D. Cook (LNER) 1; C. Burden and B. Raleigh (Kingsbury Plough) 2, V. Sabharwal and K. Bharana (Lyons) 1; C. O'Brien and M. Connolly (Red Lion) 2, S. McGonagle and A. Joyce (Alporton Plough) 0.

At Northolt Park: SC: S. Mason and M. Lavender (Haste Hill) 2, A. Coady and L. Snook (Harrow Borough) 1; G. Ewart and J. Mulligan (Kingsbury Plough) w/o D. Burke and B. Evans (Haste Hill); J. Cotter and R. Hickman (Royal William) 2, M. Conway and W. Dobbins (Brits) 0; C. McCarthy and D. Oriot (Harrow Superbowls) 2, D. Burke and R. Garlick (LNER) 0.

SOCCER FIXTURES

Saturday December 29

Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Worcester City v Wealdstone.

Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Carshalton Athletic (Earlsmead, 3pm).

Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v

Whyteleafe (Vale Farm, 3pm).

Vauxhall League Division Two North: Barton Rovers v Edgware Town; Berkhamsted v Kingsbury Town.

Tuesday January 1

Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Rushden (Lower Mead, 3pm).

A very sporting and prosperous New Year to all Observer Sport readers