

SPORT

Lashley excels in debut

ANTHONY Lashley made an outstanding hurdling debut in the Southern Counties Indoor Championships at Crystal Palace, winning the boys under-15 60m event in a very fast 9 seconds. The Old Gaytonians athlete is coached by Trevor Munday.

In the Southern Counties Championship 60m sprint at Haringey, Mark Collins of Gayts took the bronze medal in the junior final in a time of 7.2 seconds.

Erica scores at both ends

PINNER Park Girls under-14s maintained their lead at the top of the Brent five-a-side League with two good wins. Celestine King 3, Debbie Garvie, and Kelly Smith 2, scored in a 6-1 win over Standmarks.

Erica Abi-Karam scored in her own net but was amended with two goals at the right end in Pinner's 7-0 win against Watford B in which Celestine King 3, and Kelly Smith 2, also netted.

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dover	22	13	5	4	35	19	46
Burton	23	13	5	5	47	31	44
Cambridge City	21	12	7	2	35	17	43
Farnborough	24	13	4	7	41	32	43
Bloxwich	22	11	6	5	37	28	42
Worcester	25	12	6	7	36	21	42
Bromsgrove	25	11	8	6	44	34	41
Halesowen	25	11	6	8	39	29	41
VS Rugby	21	10	4	7	34	21	34
North Green	23	10	2	11	42	47	32
Dorchester	24	6	4	13	29	26	24
Wealdstone	21	9	4	8	31	29	31
Dartford	28	8	5	15	37	49	29
Bashley	20	7	4	9	29	23	27
Atherton	21	8	3	10	29	31	27
Chesham	23	7	6	10	34	41	27
Rushden	24	6	4	13	29	26	24
Woolston	21	9	4	8	31	29	31
Watlington	23	7	4	12	33	44	25
Waterlooville	23	8	5	10	28	33	23
Crusaders	27	8	16	27	41	52	20
Crawley	22	4	8	10	24	20	16
Weymouth	25	2	8	15	29	54	14

VAUXHALL LEAGUE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kingstonian	26	17	7	2	65	33	58
Ridgeway	25	17	4	4	45	18	48
Enfield	25	14	8	3	47	21	50
Wivenhoe	27	14	5	8	49	38	47
Woking	25	13	6	6	37	31	46
Aylesbury	24	13	6	5	54	39	45
Gray	25	12	7	6	40	31	43
Carshalton	26	9	5	10	39	39	33
Marlow	28	10	9	9	45	42	33
Dagenham	25	10	10	5	45	42	35
Windsor	24	9	6	9	29	32	33
Wokingham	25	8	8	9	34	35	31
Hayes	24	9	4	11	29	33	31
Hendon	25	7	9	9	28	30	30
Bishops Cleeve	23	7	12	27	32	39	29
St Albans	28	7	8	13	38	52	29
Staines	27	7	7	13	27	50	28
Basingstoke	26	6	10	13	34	46	28
Barking	27	5	4	18	26	60	19
Bognor	20	4	5	11	19	37	17
Weymouth	27	4	17	23	31	52	16
Harrow B.	28	4	4	20	35	68	16

Division One

Chesham	25	16	4	5	56	22	52
Hitchin	24	15	5	4	58	29	50
Coaling	26	12	8	6	41	34	44
Molesey	21	11	5	3	38	43	43
Bromley	23	12	7	4	33	22	43
Avoley	26	12	5	9	43	30	41
Dorking	20	13	5	3	37	24	41
Harlow	21	11	4	6	48	30	37
Watton	23	11	4	8	41	29	37
Southwick	26	10	10	3	33	34	36
Chalfont St P.	25	11	3	11	35	39	36
Yeadon	22	10	4	11	32	41	34
Reading	22	10	3	7	37	29	33
Dulwich	24	8	6	10	40	38	30
Leaves	25	8	5	12	34	43	29
Uxbridge	26	8	5	13	32	41	29
Croydon	25	9	2	14	26	53	29
Wembley	24	7	6	11	38	41	27
Boreham W.	22	8	5	10	27	41	27
Met Police	27	6	4	17	35	50	22
Haybridge	23	5	3	15	19	38	18
Worthing	20	1	10	18	17	42	4

Division Two North

Stevenage	27	23	3	1	79	19	72
Vaux Mot	28	18	5	5	68	31	57
Ware	27	14	5	8	48	32	47
Billerica	24	14	3	7	41	21	45
Hertford	28	11	8	9	41	40	41
Edgware	24	12	2	10	42	35	38
Barton	26	11	5	10	34	38	36
Roydon	22	9	10	3	47	31	36
Berkhamstead	27	10	6	11	29	38	36
Salmon W.	22	9	8	5	43	37	36
Kingbury	24	10	5	11	30	37	35
Rainham	26	10	4	12	33	33	34
Hemel H.	27	7	11	9	32	41	32
Purfleet	27	10	3	12	31	37	31
Collier Row	25	8	7	10	32	45	31
Tilbury	25	9	3	13	45	43	30
Witham	23	8	6	9	33	37	30
Clapton	24	7	5	12	28	37	29
Basilston	24	6	7	11	35	45	25
Hornchurch	26	7	4	15	33	46	25
Fochy	25	3	5	18	26	32	14
Ting	24	0	5	19	15	59	5

'Mr Cool' Andrew is Wasps' cup hero

Leicester 13 Wasps 15

THERE were no prizes for predicting that this fourth round Pilkington Cup tie at Welford Road would be close. However the tension surrounding the final event defied description, writes Alan Bodenham.

Wasps, trailing by 13-12 are mounting a final assault, the home side under severe pressure. A set scrum collapses and Wasps are awarded a penalty in a kickable position. At this point a spectator is taken critically ill in the stand and Wasps' lock Sean O'Leary, a doctor, leaves the field to help.

An ambulance is summoned and it is 10 minutes before steel nerved Rob Andrew steps up to stroke the ball between the posts to give Wasps the lead for the first time in the match.

But the drama isn't over. Leicester get a penalty from the restart and John Liley, one of the best kickers around, had the chance to snatch the game back. His kick is straight but falls short and Wasps go into the quarter finals and are now strong favourites to take the trophy.

The previous 80 minutes had all the hallmarks of a classic cup tie with both teams, roared on by a huge crowd, playing with great commitment.

In October the teams met in the League and Leicester's forwards dominated. Gissing and Smith took the majority of the line outs and with Dean Richards in awesome form, the points went to Welford Road.

On Saturday Wasps proved that they had learned the lessons of that defeat. Kinsey and O'Leary cleaned up in the line outs and the back row of Ellison, Ryan and the ever combative Rigby were much stiffer opposition.

Three penalties from Liley gave the home side the lead and the game would have gone out of reach if Alan Buzza had not stopped Neil Back at the last of the midfield defence. Two penalties from Andrew put Wasps back in touch and they finished the first half strongly, Buzza, in attack this time, being stopped five yards from the line.

Early in the second half Andrew's third penalty drew the scores level and a surging run from Damian Hopley almost resulted in a try for Simon Smith.

A spectacular try for Leicester from Tony Underwood had the Wasps supporters' hearts sinking but a further penalty from Andrew left the gap at one point and the thrilling finale was set up.

It is difficult to single out any Wasps players for special mention in a magnificent team performance but Richard Kinsey probably had his best game since joining the club and the skill and leadership qualities, and in the end, the sheer coolness of Rob Andrew cannot be praised highly enough.

Wasps: Buzza, Smith, Pilgrim, Clough, Hopley, Andrew, Hornung, Probyn, Simmons, Rendall, O'Leary, Kinsey, Ryan, Ellison, Rigby.

New favourites get home date with Orrell

WASPS, the new favourites for the Pilkington Cup after their win over Leicester, have been drawn at home to Orrell in the quarter-finals. The match is scheduled to take place at Sudbury on Saturday February 23.

The game provides Wasps' centre Fran Clough with a date against former colleagues. He played for Orrell's junior sides some 15 years ago.

Andrea retains Southern crown

PARKSIDE Athletic Club's Andrea Whitcombe retained her senior ladies Southern Counties Womens Crown title at Oxford on Saturday.

Taking the lead from the 300 strong field on the first half of the tough 6,000 metres course and then approaching the bottom of the steep hill, that went on for more than a mile, she started to pull clear.

By the time she'd reached the top she was 50 metres ahead, and she came home unchallenged.

Parkside also took the senior team title with Andrea, Sharon Dixon 7th, Sally Ann Cox 9th and Michelle Harries 41st giving Parkside 58 points, ahead of Shaftesbury Barnet with 78.

Parkside's other placings: 47 H. Kaminski; 52 H. Wilkinson; 76 G. Seaton; 78 M. Hunsinker; 97 J. Southwell; 102 N. Keene; 146 H. Bowers; 153 K. Hutchison.

The intermediates ran well to take the bronze team medals through 21 L. Sydney; 23 A. Coleman; 33 T. Bestonso; 78 L. Bennett.

Girls' placings: 55 C. Browne; 100 S. Burns; 128 E. Bowers.

In the minor girls race Kathryn Dullely did well to take 14th place after losing a shoe. Twin sister Louise was 50th. Other placings: 99 A. Coulbert; 142 L. Cusack; 162 L. Brooks.

Public meeting vital to club's future

Stones' destiny in balance

THE very future of Wealdstone Football Club could hinge on the outcome of Sunday's public meeting, called by Brent Council to gauge the feeling of local residents to the club's proposed move to Willesden Stadium.

Lower Mead has become a financial millstone to the club, which is over a million pounds in debt, and their security can only be assured by the sale of Lower Mead and relocation to another site.

However, Wealdstone's efforts to find a new home in Harrow have proved fruitless and the controversial move to Willesden, some seven miles from Lower Mead, could well be the club's final hope of salvation.

Wealdstone chairman Alan Clifton agreed that Sunday's meeting was extremely critical



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and would have a great bearing on the club's future.

"We want to measure the depth of public opinion on a possible move and the meeting will give the residents of Willesden the chance to air their views," he said.

"After that we'll then sit down and start talking with Brent Council."

Mr Clifton said he "hadn't got the faintest idea" whether there would be a hard core of

opposition among residents to any move.

Certainly there was only luke warm local disapproval when Wealdstone originally planned to move to the stadium 18 months ago.

But as Mr Clifton pointed out: "That was on the basis that this was a temporary move. It is now we're talking about something more permanent."

Prior to Sunday's meeting, Wealdstone be staging a short exhibition match at the Stadium at 2pm involving sides made up from the first team and reserves. The public meeting will take place immediately afterwards.

Mr Clifton emphasised that the meeting is purely for Brent residents and not for Wealdstone supporters.

They get their chance to voice their opinions at an extraordinary general meeting called for Monday February 25 when a final decision on whether the club moves to Willesden or not is likely to be made.

Emphatically out - that's Wembley

Wembley 0 Enfield 3

WEMBLEY'S Middlesex Senior Cup replay defeat on Tuesday night was as emphatic as the final scoreline suggests, writes John Comfort.

An inability to concede goals at crucial stages contributed significantly to their downfall, with the first coming after just eight minutes before the Lions had even warmed up. Erskine Smart's penetrating pass from the right caught the home defence helplessly square and Gary Brinell raced through to fire past the helpless Jeff Fanner.

Wembley had hardly recovered before Enfield got a second three minutes later. Referee Bill Jordan got it all wrong when he penalised Paul Fitzgerald just outside the area for a nudge on Salmon when the Wembley defender had clearly been fouled first. And while Wembley were still organising their defensive wall, Mark Kane quickly took the kick and sent a perfect shot into the far corner of the net.

A rout looked on the cards but to their credit Wembley kept plugging away and went close through Lance Cadogan, Frank Foley and the impressive Eric Waugh before Enfield hit them again with a killer third goal right on half time when Salmon drove home from the edge of the area.

With the game over as a contest the second half was a limp affair. Steve Graham could have pulled one back for Wembley when McCutcheon dropped a Paul Lelliott cross, but he shot weakly from just two yards. At the other end only superb goalkeeping from Jeff Fanner denied Furlong when he got clear.

Wembley: Fanner, Larkin, Fitzgerald, E. Waugh, Shields, Foley, Cadogan, Flaherty, Graham, Lelliott, Gullifer (H. Hutchinson). Other subs: Strachan, Rogers, B. Hutchinson.

Borough go down

HARROW Borough lost 2-1 in a friendly at First Division Chalfont St Peter on Tuesday night. Paul Ripley scored the Borough goal.

Five National senior qualifiers were Harrow and Wealdstone Swimming Club's haul from a great weekend's swimming at the Leicester Grand Prix Meet.

Guy Bullett collected a silver and a bronze medal in the 50m and 100m respectively in 23.81 and 52.06, both National Senior qualifying times, and also made several other consolation finals.

Helen Williamson broke the minute for the first time in the 100m free with 59.73 and swam NSQT's in the 50m free with 27.79, the 100m free in 1.09.36 and the 200m free with 2.26.93.

Hazel Alder swam a personal best 34.34 in the 50m breast and had NSQT's in the 100m breast (74.18) and the 200m breast (2.38.77).

Darren Shearsby swam excellent pbs in all three

Five qualify for Nationals

breaststroke events, the 50m in 32.04, the 100m in 66.95 and the 200m in 2.23.13, the latter two being NSQT's. Duncan Belcourt's 16.52.63 for the 1500m free was a NSQT and he produced a pb of 4.40.79 in the 400m IM, well inside the National qualifying standard.

In the age group section Max Belcourt collected bronze in the 15/16yrs 100m breast in 69.32 which was a personal best and a National Age Group qualifying time. He also swam pbs in the 100m fly in 65.45 and the 300m IM in 2.22.49.

Leigh Santals lowered his best times in the 200m IM to 2.25.94, the 100m back to 72.46 and the 100m free to 57.59. William Stokes swam a personal best of 75.02 in the 13.14yrs 100m back.

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Lions face 'Old Boys' Salmons leap at victory chance

WEMBLEY will be taking on 'Wembley old boys' when the Lions meet Chalfont St Peter on Saturday.

The Chalfont side, managed by former Wembley players Tony O'Driscoll and Don Lucas, is likely to include former Vale Farm favourites Steve Lucas, Mick Devane, Chris Balls and Tony Simpson.

Wembley hope to have striker Bobby Hutchinson fit for the match following a thigh strain injury which caused him to miss the win over Met Police.

A knee injury kept Paul Goyette out of last night's (Wednesday's) game at Rugby, but he has an outside chance of playing in Wealdstone's match at Atherton on Saturday. Ian Ferguson, who broke his leg against Ruislip Manor back in October, is called into the squad.

Stones were hoping to sign striker Michael Spencer from Yeovil this week, but the move has gone on ice.

Harrow Borough boss Peter Lawrence has a squad free of injuries to select from for Saturday's vital home game with Staines from which Borough will be desperate to secure three points to aid their bid to avoid relegation.

Borough have signed midfielder Robert Thorpe from Wycombe Wanderers and have released striker Darren Colwill.

Edgware look to continue their run of recent good form at Collier Row on Saturday but they will be without centre back Ray Mangan who is unavailable. Reserve team defender Paul Ricketts will be drafted in by manager Brian Rider to take his place.

After lengthy spells out through injury, Gerald Mulhern and Jason Dale are both in contention for places in Kingsbury's team at Rainham. But Robbie James is still doubtful with a foot injury.

Rayners Lane have a difficult game against title chasers Fairford but after their excellent win over Abingdon they will be full of confidence.

Manager Don Durkin hopes to have both Karl Briggs and skipper Paul Arrell available for selection after work commitments forced them to miss the Abingdon game.

VERY happy with 'Stringendo', which they recently bought from Jim Park, Duncan and Katrina Salmon led from the start to easily win the first Wembley Sailing Club Merlin Rocket race on the Welsh Harp.

The O'Neill brothers retired after finishing 2nd, accepting responsibility for an earlier minor collision, thereby lifting David Bland and Ken Lawton to 2nd and 3rd place.

There was a close contest in the second race between Bland and Alex Craker's 'Grand Cru', the O'Neills' 'Predator' and Lawton and David Liah's 'Loafer', but the boats ultimately finished in that order.

Graham Ireland continued his successful run by winning the first Lasers race. Julian Bradley came 2nd ahead of Class Captain Roger Whitney, Ray Flynn won the second race with Roger Whitney holding off Richard Gale in his new boat to take 2nd place.

From a small fleet of only five Fireflies, both races were won by the efficient 'Sapphire' team of David Evans and Pat Gordon. Racing was close behind them with Guy English and Ros Campbell coming 2nd in 'Fate', ahead of Doug Maxwell and Bob Dabell's 'Aquarius'. At midway Trevor Goodman and Colette Hayden came 2nd in front of Mike Manuel and Liz Hall.

Johnny Martin and Greg Bryant in 'Runamok' beat old rivals Stan Marks and Mike Cavendish's 'Marksmanship' to win the first GP14 race with Adrian Fox and Alan Selwyn's 'Sly Sam' 3rd. At midway it was 'Sly Sam' that was first home ahead of 'Runamok' with Richard Knowlden and Julia Earmshaw's 'Aye Aye' 3rd.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday February 2

Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Atherton v Wealdstone, Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Staines Town (Earlmead, 3pm).

Vauxhall League Division One: Chalfont St Peter v Wembley.

Vauxhall League Division Two North: Collier Row v Edgware Town, Rainham v Kingsbury Town.

Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Fairford (Lucas Ave, 3pm).

Middx Premier Cup: CAV v Harrow Borough Res. (Armenian

Com. Centre, 2pm), Wembley Res. v Harefield Utd Res. (Vale Farm, 3pm).

Suburban League: Ruislip Man. Res. v Wealdstone Res.

Monday February 4

Capital League: Barnet v Wealdstone.

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Middx Charity Cup: Clapton v Edgware Town.

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New Stones dates

WEALDSTONE'S scheduled Beazer Homes League Premier Division match at Chelmsford on Monday has been postponed because of Chelmsford's involvement in the Larching Cup. The game has been rearranged for Monday April 29.

Stones will now be playing at Barnet on Monday in a Capital League match brought forward from Wednesday.