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Championship records go crashing

Harrow's girls show potential

HARROW gymnasts did themselves proud at the British Open Team Championships at Bognor by improving on last year's total of 13 marks against the best teams in the country.

The Harrow team consisted of two 10 year olds, Clare Robinson and Nikky Enright, three 12 years olds, Emma Arnold, Gabby Fuchs and Denise Jenkins, with Alison Wood, 15, completing the team of six.

Harrow coach Len Arnold said: "I was really pleased with the girls determined performance. It would have been easy for the younger members of the team to have been over-awed at such a prestigious event."

"We were just over six marks behind third place and this team has a lot of potential for the future. We are looking to be in the top six next year and in a medal position the year after."

"The short time we have been in our new facility has already seem improvements. By next year the standard of not only the team, but all our gymnasts will have risen greatly."

The girls are now looking forward to a period of learning new skills before their next competition.

For full details of gymnastics from pre-school to elite levels, contact the Harrow School of Gymnastics on 081-427-5611.

County game at Harrow

HARROW CC stage the three day Rapid Cricket 2nd XI County Championship match between Middlesex and Hampshire at their Paynes Folly ground from Tuesday. Play commences at 11am each day and admission is free.

Both counties are expected to field strong sides.

Home finish

RAYNERS Lane finish their Hellenic League season with two home matches at Lucas Avenue, against Almondsbury Picksons on Sunday, kick off 12 noon, and against Diddcot Town on Tuesday, kick off 7pm.

OLD Gaytonians celebrated his 21st anniversary in British athletics, the only athlete to compete in every League match for Gayts, by winning the B string with a good clearance of 4m.

Malcolm Croad had a splendid day in only his second British League meeting. He improved his best with the senior hammer by almost 10m to record 52.30, less than a metre behind Steve Angell's club record.

Gayts were particularly strong in the jumps, recording three wins and three second places. Mark Roach was second in the high jump with 1.95 while Harvey Griffiths cleared the same height to win the B string.

Gary McCullough shrugged off a winter of injury to place second in the long jump and won the B triple jump with good leaps of 6.87 and 14.55 respectively. Ray Smith was second in the triple jump while the long serving Denzil Nicholson won the B string long jump.

Gayts missed the injured Dave Messon, Philip Parry and Guy Perryman in the shot and javelin but still scored useful points through Rafer Joseph, Howard Lamb and Stuart Bartlett.

The standard was very high on the track and a depleted Gayts team scored less well here. Best performance came from Joe Okafor who won the B 400m hurdles and finished

third in the 400m. Alan Wray ran an excellent tactical race in the B 800m, finishing third in a new personal best 1:55.8. Terry Mackin improved his 1500m best by six seconds to clock 4:02.6 but could only finish fifth in a strong field.

Gayts should be much stronger for the second round fixture at Bannister on Saturday June 22 when they will be seeking to maintain their 15 year unbeaten record in home league matches.

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4 x 100m 4 Gayts (Wudu, Okafor, Philip, Samuel) 43.0; 4 x 400m 6 Gayts (K White, I White, Wray, Okafor) 3:24.1.

A 3 Joe Okafor 50.2; B 6 Keith White 53.0; 800m A 6 Nigel Flint 2:05.6; B 3 Alan Wray 1:55.8 pb; 1500m A 5 Terry Mackin; B 4 Nigel Flint 4:10.6; 5000m A 4 Phil O'Brien 14.51.4; B 2 Jason Rawlings; 10m hurdle A 5 Trevor Murray 15.0; B 3 Mike Bartlett 15.5; 400m hurdle A 5 Mike Bartlett 57.0; B 1 Joe Okafor 55.7; 3000m stc A 3 Mark Cursons 9.26.7; B 3 Chris Finlay 9.41.1.

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Stones move could be settled this week

Watford deal on brink of completion

WEALDSTONE are expecting their £2.5 million deal to ground share with Watford to be completed this week.

Said club chairman Alan Clifton: "It's now just a question of finalising everything and the contract between the two clubs being tied up."

"It's now in the hands of the solicitors and it's got to be done this week sometime. We're just keeping our fingers, our legs and everything else crossed."

"The contracts between the two clubs were actually exchanged on March 27 but were subject to certain clauses and it is this which has taken some time to put into place."

The biggest problem Wealdstone have had over completing the deal has been the question of the club's trustees and their liability for Capital Gains Tax over the sale of Lower Mead and relocation at Watford's Vicarage Road ground. It could have resulted in the loss of a hefty slice of the profit from the £6million sale of Lower Mead to the Tesco supermarket chain.

However, a special dispensation from the Inland Revenue last week granted a transfer of the tax liability from the trustees to Wealdstone FC Ltd, thus giving the club a huge cash saving.

"Certainly we've saved a considerable sum," said Mr Clifton. "I would say it was at least £2million."

"What we wanted to do was not to evade paying the tax, but to legally avoid paying some of it, which we had every right to do."

"Thankfully the Inland Revenue did not give us a hard time and were very sympathetic to our case."



BY JOHN COMFORT

Monarchs other touchdown came from a 41 yard run from Jeff Alexander. Phil Alexander had his attempt to convert that score blocked, but landed a 29 yard field goal and converted Dodge's touchdown. Wilkerson scored a touchdown for Knights with Trainor adding the extra point.

This Saturday Monarchs are in Sacramento to play the Surge before returning to Wembley for the final game of the regular season against the Barcelona Dragons on Monday May 27.

Record breakers



NOWER Hill's Stuart Taylor powers to victory in a new record time in the intermediate 800m at the Harrow Schools Athletics Championships.

It was one of five records that were smashed at the Championships. Full report and more pictures on page 47.

Final dates

THE Harrow Youth League's Supplementary Cup Finals are being staged at Southall FC on Sunday. The line up is: 10am u-10s Belmont v Watling; 11.15am u-18s Brentford St G v Parkside; 1pm u-15s Pitchanger v Finstars; 2.30pm u-14s AZ v Watling; 4pm u-16s Northwood v Viking.

Steve scores Wembley award double

STEVE Graham scored a double at Wembley FC's awards presentation night on Friday when he won both the Player of the Year Trophy and the Players' Player of the Year Trophy.

The Most Improved Player award went to Mark Bryan and Gursel Gulfer and Paul Rogers jointly won the Supporters Club Personality of the Year award.

Skipper Clive McLeod was Player of the Year for the reserves, who were third in the Suburban League and reached the Middlesex Premier Cup Final.

Under-16 award winners were: Player of the Year, Jason McCarthy; Players' Player, Alan Cumberbatch; Most Improved Player, Anselus Alder; Clubman, Robert Toll.

Weald savour sports success

WEALD College have been celebrating recent sporting successes with their 1st XI soccer side achieving a fine double.

They won the Harrow Senior Shield by beating St Dominics 1-0 in the final of a close game with a goal from Danny Omisore. In the final of the Middlesex Top Cup, Weald beat Southgate School of Enfield 4-1 with Omisore notching a hat-trick and their other goal coming from Kevin Smith.

The College squash team has also notched up a double, winning both the London Schools League and the London Schools Championship with their team of Nils Awwar, Danny Rogers, Achul Desai and Richard Murphy.

The final of the League saw them beat Enfield Grammar 3-1 and in the three way final of the Championship they defeated Enfield Grammar and Langley Park School, Essex.

Wembley wait on Ventour case

WEMBLEY FC are still waiting to hear their fate in the case over suspended player Tim Ventour.

The Lions played Ventour in six Vauxhall League matches this season, unaware that he was banned by the Middlesex County FA for failing to pay money owed to them over the demise of a Sunday club that he formerly played for.

The case was due to have been heard by the County FA on Tuesday but was postponed because the chairman of the commission of enquiry was unable to attend. It will now be heard this Tuesday.

Wembley could lose League points and possibly be relegated if the case goes against them.

Monarchs concede play-off advantage

THE London Monarchs clinched their place in the WFLAF play-offs with their 22-7 win over the New York Knights in the Giants Stadium on Saturday but London fans will miss out on the action as they bid to make it to the World Bowl.

Wembley Stadium is being used for the Football League play-offs and as there is no suitable alternative venue in Britain, Monarchs will have to concede home advantage and stage their play-off in North America.

Saturday's success over the Knights in front of a 41,219 crowd, was Monarchs eighth straight win and again owed much to their deadly defense which sacked New York quarterback Jeff Bell a league record 14 times.

Free safety Dedrick Dodge returned an interception 32 yards for a touchdown and linebacker Danny Lockett scored on a 65 yard run after recovering a fumble caused by a sack.

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Young Gayts are on course for National finals

OLD Gayts youngsters continued their unbeaten run in the Woolworths National Young Athletes League by winning the second round fixture at Cophall on Sunday. They defeated Shaftesbury for the first time in six years with Haringley and Crawley well behind.

Three club records and 42 personal bests were set as the Harrow club put on a demonstration of high class athletics.

Stanmore's Craig McGill set the pace by winning the opening track event, the youths 400m hurdles in a new record time of 57.5, more than a second faster than the previous mark. He later ran the 100m hurdles in 14.2 to erase Robert Croke's record set in 1988.

Anthony Lashley faced tough opposition in the boys 80m hurdles but re-

sponded magnificently by winning in the fast time of 11.6 which equals the club record set by Adam Bernholt in 1985. The 14 year old was given the man of the match award for this superb run.

The boys team was particularly successful with 18 wins. Richard Skeete ran a fast 12.0 to take the 100m while Nikkai Mathew won both the long and triple jumps.

Pinner's Leigh Sandals again dominated the 800m, improving his best to 2:08.8 while Stuart Back and Stewart Wilson both reached new heights to win the high jump and pole vault respectively. Simon Howell and David Duru were clear winners of the shot and hammer.

In the youths competition, Mark Swales equalled his best of 6.27 to win

the long jump and also set personal bests in both sprints. Duncan Samuels improved his hammer best to 41.34 while David McGill again won the shot.

Paul Goodwin was an impressive winner of the colts 800m and all eight colts improved their personal best times.

Gayts now seem certain to reach the National finals of this major competition for the ninth consecutive year, a great tribute to the hard work of team manager Bob Hopson.

Gayts placings: Youths (under-17) 100m A 3 Mark Swales 11.3 pb; B 2 Richard Callender 12.0; 200m A 3 Mark Swales 23.2 pb; B 4 Shailesh Barks 25.1; 400m A 4 Craig O'Farrell 50.2; B 3 Mark Weeks 60.6; 800m A 2 Stuart Taylor 2:04.8; B 2 Paul Cohen 2:10.1 pb; 1500m A 3 Andy Noble 4:07.0 pb; B 2 Nathan Bance 4:31.8 pb; 3000m A 3 Steve Jones 9:30.3; B 2 Christian Leach 9:49.8; 1000m hurd A 1 Craig McGill 14.2 REC; B 1 Michael Francis 14.8 pb; 400m hurd A 1 Craig McGill 57.5 REC; B 1 Jerome DeGroot 63.4 pb; 1500m stc A 4 Dan Corner 5:11.3 pb; B 2 Justin Sandford 5:13.6 pb; 4 x 100m 2 Gayts

46.5; 4 x 400m 4 Gayts 3:46.2; high jump A 3 Ashley Bostwick 1.70; B 2 Andy Whitehead 1.65; pole vault A 2 Andy Raitly 3.35 pb; B 1 Mark Whitehead 2.95; long jump A 1 Mark Swales 6.87; B 2 Paul Cohen 6.16; triple jump A 2 Ben Hodson 12.30 pb; B 2 Michael Francis 11.45; shot A 1 David McGill 12.28; B 1 Yvonne Morgan 10.95; discus A 2 Mark Hayes 29.36; B 1 Len Hutchinson 26.92; javelin A 3 Richard Callender 31.20; B NT Mark Weeks; hammer A 1 Duncan Samuels 41.34 pb; B 1 Shailesh Barks 21.06 pb.

Boys (under-15): 100m A 1 Richard Skeete 12.0 pb; B 1 Chris Lennon 12.4; 200m A 2 Nikkai Mathew 25.0; B 1 Anthony Lashley 25.1; 400m A 3 Robert Hayes 57.3 pb; B 2 Shane Wierham 61.4; 800m A 1 David Swales 2:08.6 pb; B 1 David Williams 2:14.7 pb; 1500m A 3 Graham Bush 4:37.1 pb; B 1 Tim Bestoroso 4:47.5; 3000m A 2 Luke Hunt 9:50.0 pb; B 2 Jon Duffell 10:15.7 pb; 800m hurd A 1 Anthony Lashley 11.6 REC; B 4 Sean Jeremiah 15.7; 400m hurd A 1 Stuart Back 1.50 pb; B 1 Fraser Young 1.55 pb; pole vault A 1 Stewart Wilson 2.40 pb; B 2 Dwayne Stokes 2.00 pb; long jump A 1 Nikkai Mathew 5.42 pb; B 3 Alan Magnus 4.57; triple jump A 1 Nikkai Mathew 11.41; B 1 Steve Jones 10.25; discus A 1 Simon Howell 11.73 pb; B 2 James McCall 10.25; javelin A 3 Shrivesh Shah 29.00; B NT Paul Evans; hammer A 1 David Duru 31.70 pb; B 1 Nader Sadat 24.52 pb.

Colts (under-13): 100m A 2 Michael Chalmers 13.4 pb; B 1 Nick Thomas 13.5 pb; 200m A 2 Jon Stall-how 28.2 pb; B 2 Martin Carr 29.3 pb; 800m A 1 Paul Goodwin 2:24.7 pb; B 1 Lew Kerr 2:39.9 pb; 1500m A 3 Ben Bennett 5:19.9 pb; B 4 Sean Hunt 5:26.2 pb; 4 x 100m 2 Gayts 5:56.

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