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## Ramps set to make debut for England



STAR Middlesex batsman Mark Ramprakash is set to make his England debut against the might of the West Indies touring team.

The 21 year old former Stanmore and Bessborough player, who lives in Hatch End, has already played for England under-21s and England B. Now he has been selected in the 13-man senior England squad which will contest the one-day internationals which start today (Thursday) at Edgbaston.

## Lane match called off

RAYNERS Lane's Hellenic League game with Almsbury Picksons was cancelled on Sunday because the visitors were unable to raise a team but the League has insisted that the fixture be rearranged.

The match, Lane's last of the season, will now be played this Saturday at Lucas Avenue, kick off 3pm.

Lane boss Don Durkin has selection problems as G. Hynes, D. Clements, K. Langston and S. Howard are all on holiday. He is likely to draft in K. Griggs, M. Hedge, N. Hanlon and J. Jardine.

## Duo selected

STANMORE batsman Peter Edwards and Wembley captain Peter Waterman have both been selected for the Barnard Marcus Middlesex County League team to play the Murrant Essex League in the CCC Inter-League KO competition at Finchley CC on Wednesday May 29.

## Monarchs surge to title - now only Dragons need slaying

THE London Monarchs are the Champions of the World League of American Football's European Division.

A 45-21 victory over the Sacramento Surge on Saturday left the Monarchs with a 9 and 0 record that only the Barcelona Dragons could upset. But their rivals lost 10-3 to Frankfurt Galaxy on Sunday and ensured that the title will come to London.

Now only the Dragons stand in the

way of Monarchs completing a regular season whitewash when they come to Wembley on Monday for a match that is likely to attract a league record 50,000 crowd.

The Monarchs' win over the Surge completed a successful 13,500 mile North American trip in which San Antonio Riders and New York Knights were also humbled.

Quarterback Stan Gelbaugh gave another superb display, completing

18 of 26 passes for a total of 325 yards. Eight of them found wide receiver Jon Horton who opened the Monarchs account from a 30 yard pass in the first quarter. Phil Alexander added the extra point.

Runs of 40 yards and 1 yard from Jeff Alexander added further touchdowns and Phil Alexander extended the lead with the extra points and a 25 yard field goal.

The Monarchs' defense got in on

the act when Dedrick Dodge intercepted an Elkins pass and returned it 60 yards for a touchdown in the second quarter but just before half time the Surge reduced the deficit to 31-7 when Elkins put Summer in from 41 yards.

Jeff Alexander completed a hat-trick of touchdowns in the third quarter with a 3 yard run but the Surge responded when Elkins threw a 32 yards touchdown pass to Farr.

John Witkowski took over from Galbaugh in the final quarter and picked up Dana Brinson with a 10 yard pass before the Surge completed the scoring with a touchdown from Parker.

Tickets for the Monarchs' game with Barcelona, which kicks off at 6pm, are available from the Wembley box office on 900-1234.

Prices are £20, £15, £12, £8 and £25 for the Olympic Gallery.

# Dafforn back in Wembley hot seat



BY JOHN COMFORT

ALAN Dafforn is to return to Vale Farm for his second spell as manager of Wembley Football Club.

Dafforn was appointed to the post on Wednesday after being selected from a list of 15 applicants looking to take over the job which was vacated by Tony Waugh two months from the end of last season.

The list included a top name manager as well as Marcel Pinto, the man who took over as caretaker boss when Waugh quit. But both were discarded in favour of Dafforn whose wide experience and knowledge of Wembley swung the verdict in his favour.

Said Wembley chairman Brian Gumm: "After giving the matter a lot of thought, Alan seemed the perfect choice."

In his first spell at Vale Farm, Dafforn spent 10 years

"I didn't know him when he was with us before but after speaking to him I was impressed. I think he'll do a good job for Wembley Football Club."

Dafforn was unavailable for comment on his appointment. He was getting married yesterday (Wednesday) and will be away on honeymoon for two weeks. He will start work on formulating his squad of players for the new season when he returns.

with the club as player and then manager and led them to their most successful season in 1987-88 when Wembley just missed out on promotion to the Premier Division but won both the Middlesex Senior Cup and the Middlesex Charity Cup.

The following season he was lured away by neighbours Kingsbury Town with whom he came close to repeating the County Cup double in 1989. But Town lost to Enfield in the Senior Cup Final and to

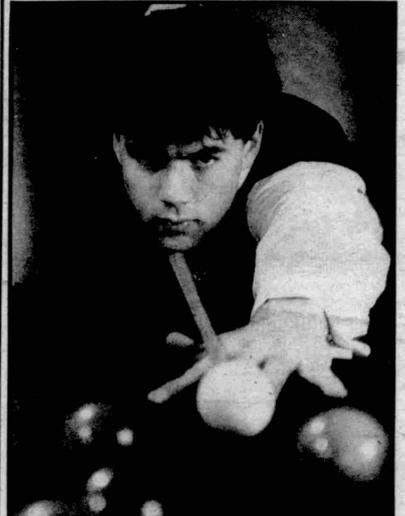
Chelsea in the final of the Middlesex Charity Cup. His spell at Silver Jubilee Park ended in controversy midway through the 1989-90 season. He quit after Kingsbury were fined £1,000 and had nine league points deducted after being found guilty of falsifying the transfer form of Solomon Eriemo from Croydun.

Dafforn spent last season as a scout and assistant to John Still at Redbridge Forest who won the Vauxhall League championship.



Alan Dafforn.

## John is on cue to join professionals



John Leahy - on cue to make it as a professional.

THE Harrow and District League's Singles Champion, John Leahy, has joined the ranks of the professionals.

23 year old John, of Rusland Park Road, Harrow, has come on in leaps and bounds since he first picked up a cue 13 years ago and started playing on a table bought for him as a Christmas present.

Now he reckons he can live with the best and this week he starts out on the long ladder to the top of the sport when he takes part in the preliminary round matches for the Rothmans Grand Prix at Aldershot.

Said John, who two years ago was a National semi-finalist: "It's always been my ambition to turn professional. I love the game and I've always wanted to make a living out of it."

John, who has played all his snooker as an amateur for the Harrow Weald Memorial Club, has faced several of the top players in exhibition and pro-am events, including the man he would like to emulate, Jimmy White, as well as John Virgo and Tony Meo. He came close to beating Virgo, losing a tight game on the black.

## Wembley in clear over Ventour

NO charges are to be levied against Wembley FC 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.

But after a lengthy and cordial meeting with County officials on Tuesday evening, Wembley breathed a sigh of relief. No charges are to be preferred although the club has been asked to accept a letter of guidance over their future conduct.

Ventour and two other players also involved

will still appear before the Middlesex disciplinary committee concerning their suspensions.

Said Wembley chairman Brian Gumm: "We are naturally delighted that this matter has been resolved and are pleased to say that the Middlesex officials gave us a very fair hearing."

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## Wasps' league fixtures increase

WASPS are to have their fixtures in the Courage Championship doubled.

England's senior clubs voted this week by a 29-6 majority to extend the league programme to include both home and away matches.

At present the 13 clubs in each of the top three national divisions play each other only once, a system which has been criticised because with so few games, a couple of early defeats can effectively rule a club out of the hunt for honours before the season has even warmed up.

The RFU competition's sub-committee still has to approve the change but it would seem a formality and the new format is expected to be introduced the season after next.

## Pinner Park are the Champs of England

PINNER Park Girls under-16 five-a-side Brent League Champions are now the Champions of England.

At Woking Leisure Centre, Pinner competed against the 12 best teams in England and were convincing winners.

In their league, Pinner won against Havant, Hull and Reading, scoring 10 goals and conceding just 1. In the quarter final they thrashed a team from Rotherham 8-0.

The semi against Bradford City was Pinner's toughest game of the day. They scored an early goal but in the second half Bradford equalised and the game went to a penalty shoot out which Pinner won 4-2.

The final against a big Droitwich side was a lot easier and Pinner played their best football of the day to win 6-0.

Pinner's team included three 12 year old girls, Kelly Smith, Debbie Garvey and Erica Abi-Karam. The rest of the team were: captain Donna Burns, keeper Orla Harrell, player of the day Paula Shortland, and Sara Jackson.

## Nicholson's award double

RAY Nicholson picked up two awards at the Hatch End FC presentation dinner.

The Harrow Challenge League club's striker won the First Team Players' Player award and coupled it with the Top Scorer Trophy.

Steve Mowle won the Player of the Year award, with the Second Team equivalent going to full back Graham Batchelor.

The Second Team top scorer was Steve Goldsch and the Players' Player was defender Hugh Shovelin.

Wally McCarthy collected both the Clubman of the Year and the President's Award.

The club's Chairman's Award was won by Jack Lake.

## Five County titles for Old Gaytonians

OLD Gaytonians Athletic Club enjoyed a successful weekend at the Middlesex Championships at Hayes, winning five county titles and a total of 14 championship medals, writes Tony Bush.

Hatch End's Malcolm Croad added to his rich haul of county medals by winning the junior shot, discus and hammer titles and he also took silver in the senior hammer.

Mark Phillips looked sharp in winning the senior 100m and he also ran a fast 21.9 for 4th in the 200m.

Pinner's Harvey Griffiths produced his best form for two years to win the high jump with a great leap of 2 metres while Stuart Bartlett took the silver in the javelin with a good throw of 51.40m.

Joe Okafor produced a personal best of 54.1 to take the silver in the 400m hurdles while Nigel Flint and Mark Cursons ran well for bronze in the 1500m and 5000m respectively.

Gavin Croud took the silver in the junior 800m with a good 1:57.5 while Richard Godden improved his best by

seven seconds to take the bronze in the 1500m with 4:10.3.

Tiro Bestonzo improved his best by 10 seconds to place 5th in the boys 1500m in 4:35.9 while Steve Jones improved to 4:32.4 in the youths event.

**Girls placings**  
Seniors: 100m 1 Mark Phillips 10.6, 5 Rohan Samuel 10.8, ht 4 Uche Wodu 11.5, 200m 4 Mark Phillips 21.9, ht 5 Joe Okafor 23.0, ht 6 Uche Wodu 23.8, 400m 8 Ian White 52.1, 800m 14.52, 1 pb; 400m hand 2 Joe Okafor 54.1 pb; 3000m w/c 4 Chris Finill 9.40.5; high jump 1 Harvey Griffiths 2.00; javelin 2 Stuart Bartlett 51.40 pb; hammer 2 Malcolm Croad 49.52.

Juniors: 100m 5 Mark Collins 11.3; 200m 2 Mark Collins 23.0; 800m 2 Gavin Crowe 1:57.5; 1500m 3 Richard Godden 4:10.3 pb; 3000m 3 Nigel Cowdery 8:01.1; shot 1 Malcolm Croad 13.80; discus 1 Malcolm Croad 40.54; hammer 1 Malcolm Croad 57.58.

Youths: 1500m 11 Steve Jones 4:32.4 pb. Boys: 1500m 5 Tiro Bestonzo 4:35.9 pb. At Watford, Trevor Munday of Old Gaytonians won the Hertfordshire 100m hurdles title in 15.5 while Mark Swales enjoyed a winning treble, taking the youths 100m, 200m and long jump. Graham Bush took silver in the boys 1500m with a personal best of 4:35.7.