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Harrow RFC celebrate Centenary

Young Gaytonians go for glory in National League final.

OLD Gaytonians Athletic Club's youngsters travel to Birmingham on Sunday to compete in the National Final of the Woolworths National Young Athletes League, writes Tony Bush.

This event is for the top eight clubs from the 250 teams who take part in this competition nationwide.

Gayts' opponents on Sunday are defending champions Blackheath and Enfield from the south, Midland League clubs Birchfield and Cardiff, and Middlesbrough, Sale and Liverpool from the north.

The Harrow club have reached these finals for nine consecutive years and team manager Bob Hopson believes he has his best squad since finishing second in 1985.

Gayts have several gold medal prospects headed by Harrow's Tony Lashley who has won every competition this year in the 80 metres hurdles, including the English Schools title. He also has a good chance of gold in the long jump.

Mark Smith stands on the threshold of a unique achievement as he competes in the fi-



Old Gaytonians star Stuart Taylor (right) and brother Bruce (left) get a few tips from Olympic silver medalist Peter Elliott.

nal event of a distinguished young athletes career. He has won the high jump at these finals for the past three years and is poised to complete a quartet of victories at Birmingham.

Mark Weekes broke his own Gayts junior javelin re-

cord on Saturday and he could win at Birmingham as he did two years ago. Scott Hewett could make it a javelin double by taking the boys (under-15) event.

Pinner's Leigh Sandals has a great chance of victory in the 800 metres while David

Williams should take the B event. They should team up with Robert Hayes and Savan Patel to strike gold in the boys 4 x 400 metres relay where Gayts top the British rankings.

Other medal prospects in the boys events include Fraser Young and Stuart Back in the

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high jump, Luke Hunt and Stuart McLuskey in the 3000 metres and Sadat Naderi in the hammer and discus.

In the youths 800 metres Pinner's Stuart Taylor will be gunning for National Champion Adams from Sale while Andy Reilly will take a medal

in the pole vault if he can strike his best form.

Stanmore's Craig McGill is returning to good form after injury and he could gain the silver medal in the 400 metres hurdles behind Blackheath's English Schools champion Noel Levy. McGill and Mi-

Dismal Lions need kick up backside

WEMBLEY 0 Molesey 2. WEMBLEY somehow got away with a dismal showing in Saturday's FA Cup tie at Egham, but Tuesday's efforts at a repeat performance against Molesey met with decisive and fully deserved failure, writes John Comfort.

The Wembley line up may look impressive on paper, but on the pitch it tells a completely different story and manager Alan Dafforn badly needs to kick a few buds or worse sides than Molesey are going to find the Lions easy pickings this season.

Wembley couldn't have made a much worse start, going behind after only five minutes. Their defence seemed totally disinterested as the unchallenged Robert Winterhalter headed home Steve Latuske's corner.

It could have been worse had Sean Griffiths not turned Vidal's effort onto the bar five minutes later.

Shellshocked Lions were hardly in it but they almost levelled midway through the half when Paul Shields fired onto the bar following a half cleared Paul Bhatia corner.

There was no semblance of a fightback from Wembley after the break but they generously settled the issue for Molesey in the 63rd minute when Tony Headlam's half-hearted back pass attempt led to Hughie Mann to fire past Griffiths.

Wembley: Griffiths, Flaherty (Smith), H. Hutchinson, O'Brien, Shields, Sha-a, B. Hutchinson, Headlam (Page), Brock, Lawrence, Graham.

Edgware off

EDGWARE'S scheduled Diadora League match at Epsom on Tuesday night was postponed when the League ordered the Surrey club to play their League Cup tie at Rainham instead.

Kingsbury Town had their League game with Chertsey called off because their rivals were involved in an FA Cup replay.

Time to end animosity say Clifton critics

Supporters look to end Stones feud

THE Wealdstone FC Supporters Club is ready to bury the hatchet and end its long running feud with the Football Club's chairman Alan Clifton.

Ray Kemp, the chairman of the Supporters Club committee which has been the severest critic of Mr Clifton's handling of the sale of the club's Lower Mead ground and their £2.5m relocation at Vicarage Road, Watford, said on Tuesday that it was time to call a halt to the animosity and that both sides should get together and find common ground for the benefit of the club.

"A lot of animosity has gone on," he said. "We want to sit round a table and see if we can discuss this rationally."

"Now it is time to act positively and with this in mind we will be writing to Alan Clifton with our proposals on the basis of establishing common

ground for the future."



COMFORT

It was the Supporters Club committee's persistent and vociferous demands for information on the Watford deal that forced last week's club EGM at which details were finally revealed to club members and shareholders. But their efforts to unseat Mr Clifton met with

failure when the meeting overwhelmingly rejected a vote of no confidence in the chairman.

But the Supporters Club has not been disheartened by that defeat, said Mr Kemp.

"Contrary to the opinion of Alan Clifton, the Supporters Club committee are in an extremely positive frame of mind following the recent football club EGM.

"It is our belief that having forced the EGM many crucial questions were at last answered. Unfortunately a number of major issues remain the subject of ongoing legal activity.

"Certain football club members have questioned the timing of the proposed, but ultimately defeated, vote of no confidence in the chairman. The committee were aware that the motion would be defeated by virtue of two key issues.

1) the clubs new solicitors, whom we fully support, indicated to the members that they should back the chairman.

2) there was no other candidate for the chairman's position.

"Why then propose the vote of no confidence? Bearing in mind the unanimous views of the Supporters Club committee, together with the revelations at the meeting, we felt it was time for those people who had criticised Alan Clifton both publicly and, perhaps more importantly, behind the scenes, to be counted.

"To allow the situation to drag on for even longer would in the long term have been damaging to the club."

After the EGM Mr Clifton called for reunification for the wellbeing of the club and held out the olive branch to his critics. Now it would seem they are ready to grasp it.

Banned Cooper misses derby

KEITH Cooper starts a three match ban for being sent off at Hendon and misses Harrow Borough's derby match at Hayes on Saturday.

With no injury problems, manager Peter Lawrence otherwise has a full squad to select from.

Keeper Wayne Roach performed well against Halesowen and is likely to keep his place in the Wealdstone side to meet Corby at the expense of out of form Dave Hudson. Steve Smart is still suffering from an ankle injury and is again a doubtful starter. Charles Turluch has still not recovered from the injury received against Heybridge and will miss Wembley's League match with Dulwich Hamlet on Saturday which is being played at Tooting Sandy Lane ground.

Keeper Jeff Fanner's back injury has been diagnosed as a slipped disc and he will be out for two to three weeks. Sean Griffith continues to deputise.

Defender Joe Sheridan is unavailable and misses Edgware's match at Collier Row. Also out is Eamon Walsh who is still struggling with back and leg injuries.

Groin injuries will keep both Gerald Mulhern and Phil Williams out of the Kingsbury team to face bottom of the table Hornchurch on Saturday. Steve Surridge is available after completing his suspension and both Mark Wielebnowski and

Dean Ross are in contention for places after shrugging off injuries.

Rayners Lane start their FA Vase campaign with a visit to South Midlands League club Winslow Town. Manager Don Durkin hopes to have Wayne Coakley fit after injury and Ian Woodward back from holiday but has selection problems as Harewood is injured and both Clements and Langston are unavailable.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday September 7
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Corby Town v Wealdstone.
Diadora League Premier Division: Hayes v Harrow Borough.
Diadora League Division One: Dulwich Hamlet v Wembley (at Sandy Lane, Tooting).
Diadora League Division Three: Collier Row v Edgware Town; Kingsbury Town v Hornchurch (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
FA Vase preliminary round:

Winslow Town v Rayners Lane.
Suburban League: Harrow Borough v Watton & Hersham (Earlsmead, 7.30pm); Windsor & Eton v Wembley.

Tuesday September 10
Diadora League Cup: Harrow Borough v Watton & Hersham (Earlsmead, 7.30pm); Windsor & Eton v Wembley.

Wednesday September 11
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Crawley Town (Vicarage Road, 7.45pm).

League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
VS Rugby	5	4	1	0	9	313	
Dorchester	6	4	0	112	813		
Gloucester	6	4	0	214	812		
Cambridge	6	4	0	212	712		
Dover	5	1	1	8	211		
Halesowen	6	3	2	10	611		
Gravesend	6	3	1	2	1810		
Bashley	5	3	0	8	814		
Corby	5	3	0	2	1319		
Crawley	6	2	2	2	978		
Burton	5	2	1	2	587		
Bromsgrove	6	2	1	2	587		
Worcester	5	1	2	2	1095		
Fisher	6	1	2	3	910		
Donford	5	1	1	8	511		
Wealdstone	5	1	2	2	785		
Moortown	6	1	2	3	785		
Chelmsford	5	1	2	3	785		
Trowbridge	5	1	1	3	714		
Poole	5	1	1	3	3124		
Atherstone	5	0	6	11	3		
Waterlooville	6	0	2	4	172		

DIADORA LEAGUE

Premier Division	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sutton	5	4	1	0	14	713	
Enfield	5	4	1	0	8	313	
Kingsbury	6	3	0	7	2	9	
Chesham	5	3	2	0	9	511	
Hendon	5	3	1	1	14	710	
Bromley	5	3	1	1	8	511	
Woking	5	3	1	1	9	410	
Bognor	5	3	1	1	9	410	
Wingfield	5	2	2	0	9	28	
Hayes	5	2	2	1	7	8	
Harrow B	5	2	2	1	7	8	
Basingstoke	5	2	1	2	9	7	
Widley	5	2	1	2	7	17	
Dagenham	4	2	2	0	9	6	
St Albans	5	1	1	3	10	4	
Wokingham	5	1	1	3	10	4	
Windsor	4	1	0	3	5	7	
Grays	4	1	0	3	4	10	
Albion	5	0	1	4	10	2	
Bishops C	5	0	0	5	3	9	
Carshalton	5	0	0	5	3	10	
Wivenhoe	4	0	0	4	11	0	

Division One

Heybridge	6	4	1	6	213		
Yeading	5	3	1	1	14	410	
Watton	4	3	1	0	12	210	
Hitchin	3	3	0	0	7	2	9
Abingdon	3	3	0	0	5	2	9
Boreham Wood	5	2	2	1	7	6	8
Whitstable	4	2	1	1	3	4	
Barking	4	2	1	1	10	5	7
Dorking	5	2	0	3	7	8	6
Stevenage	3	1	1	1	2	4	
Tooting	4	1	2	1	3	3	5
Dulwich	5	1	2	2	3	7	5
Wembley	4	0	1	3	7	4	
Maldenhead	4	1	1	2	6	5	4
Croydon	4	1	2	9	11	4	
Stevens	5	1	1	3	2	5	4
Molesey	5	1	1	3	2	5	4
Aveley	3	1	0	2	3	7	3
Chalfont	5	0	1	4	6	13	3
Harrow	4	0	1	3	7	4	
Leyton-W	5	1	4	1	3	10	1

Division Three

Petersfield	4	3	1	0	6	210	
Horsham	3	3	0	0	6	0	9
Chertsey	2	2	0	1	11	2	6
Cove	1	1	1	5	1	6	
Flackwell	2	2	0	0	5	4	6
Epsom	3	2	0	1	4	2	6
Bury	3	1	2	0	9	6	5
Eastleigh	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Bracknell	3	1	1	1	7	6	4
Thame	3	1	1	1	2	1	4
Tring	3	1	1	1	2	4	
Hartford	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Roydon	3	1	1	1	2	3	4
Stamford	3	1	1	1	2	4	
Hampton	3	1	0	2	4	3	
Edgware	3	1	0	2	5	3	
Clapton	3	1	0	2	5	3	
Chalfont	4	1	0	3	4	3	
Kingsbury	2	0	2	0	3	0	
Fulham	2	0	2	0	2	6	
Hornchurch	3	0	3	0	7	0	

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