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**County medal haul for Gayts**

## Probyn is back for Wasps

JEFF Probyn, England's World Cup prop, is back in the Wasps first team on Saturday for the first time since his return from a short spell at Askeans, writes Alan Bodenham.

He will join Alan Buzza and Graham Childs, two of the six Wasps players, selected earlier this week for England's development squad, for the club match against Bedford which kicks off at 3pm at Sudbury.

It should be an interesting clash between the much improved Childs and New Zealand All Black centre Craig Innes who is currently turning out for Bedford.

The other Wasps players in the development squad are props Gary Holmes and Ian Dunston, centre Damian Hopley and back row forward Dean Ryan.

Wasps' fourth round Pilkington Cup clash against Harlequins on January 25 has been made all ticket and tickets for the game will go on sale at Sudbury this Saturday.

The gate for the game will be limited to 5,000.

## Extra time goals put Stones through

**Wealdstone 4 Dunstable 1**

WEALDSTONE won a dramatic Barclays Challenge Cup tie against Dunstable on Monday, but it was a real marathon that required extra time before they went through by 5-3 on aggregate, writes Steve Marshall.

2-1 down from the first leg, Stones might have gone further behind had not both Revell and Wheeler shot wide after excellent runs.

But they hit back and Payne fired just wide while Hippolyte and Browne both went close.

Stones eventually broke the deadlock in the 67th minute. Goyette broke forward from his own half and found Hippolyte who touched it on to Payne and he jinked into the box before chipping over keeper Hunt for an excellent goal.

With five minutes to go Wealdstone seemed to have settled the tie when Browne coolly slotted home a penalty after Hunt had dropped the ball from a Watson free kick and then grabbed Wilson from behind as he shaped to shoot. A minute later Stones had a

lucky escape when Roach pushed a Mullins header onto the bar and Archell somehow contrived to miss the ball as it came down to the goal line.

However, two minutes into injury time, Bartlett's attempted clearance went high into the air and Neil Cordice handled as he jumped for it. Horgan fired home the resultant penalty and Dunstable were level on aggregate.

Seven minutes into extra time Wilson found Payne who fired low into the right hand corner to put Stones back in front.

And with six minutes to go in the second period Stones put the issue beyond doubt when Watson found Wilson down the line and he passed into to Pearson who beat off a defender's challenge before firing past the advancing Hunt.

Wealdstone: Roach, Watson, Richards, Drummy, Bartlett, Cordice, Payne, Goyette (Pearson), Hippolyte, Wilson, Browne. Other sub: Donnelly.

### Wembley away

WEMBLEY have been drawn away to Chesham in the next round of the Middlesex Charity Cup.

## Borough pose no cup threat

**Harrow Borough 0 Carshalton Ath. 1**  
"WE badly need a striker," was manager Peter Lawrence's after-match observation as Borough slipped out of the Isthmian League Cup on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

True, but he forgot to mention they could also do with someone capable of setting up chances for a would-be striker, which Borough palpably failed to do in this game.

By contrast, Carshalton were always threatening and the only real surprise was that it took them as long as 85 minutes to net what proved to be the match winner.

Strangely, it wasn't scored by ex-Borough favourite

Jimmy Bolton, who has made an unpleasant habit of netting in his returns to Earlsmead. He had however blasted wide of an open goal just a minute earlier and Borough were seemingly still congratulating themselves on their good fortune when a Bowyer corner found Fitzgerald on the edge of the area and his fiercely struck shot was helped into the roof of the net by Colin Payne's goalline clearance attempt.

Borough never managed as much as a shot in anger throughout. Many moves promised much only to fizzle out longer before danger threatened.

Harrow Borough: Crompton, Johnstone, Barnard, Payne, Powell, Henry, O'Shea, Fye, Ripley, Smide (Henstock), Stewart. Other sub: Ford.

# Resign call is defeated

## Stones trustee gets short shrift for criticism of chairman at agm

By **John Comfort**

A CALL for club chairman David Pollock to resign was soundly defeated at Wealdstone Football Club's annual general meeting at Vicarage Road on Saturday.

Club trustee Les Hobbs was critical of Mr Pollock and his fellow directors, notably for not putting money into the troubled club, and said he thought he should resign.

But his criticism found no support. Mr Pollock - chairman for just three months - and his board were re-elected en bloc with Mr Hobbs the only one against the proposal.

The tables were later turned on Mr Hobbs. Although he declined an invitation from the floor to resign himself if he was unhappy, the meeting later voted in favour of a proposal to give the go ahead for the board to authorise proper and appropriate action to phase out the club trustees, with the limited company taking over their role on behalf of the members.

Answering the criticism of him, Mr Pollock said: "I wish I had the money to put half a million pounds into the club and say don't worry, everything's fine. That's not the way businesses are run any more and that's not the way football clubs are run."

"Football clubs where people spend money wildly nilly, that's out of the window. I'm not interested in that. I'm interested in building this club on a

sound financial, commercial foot and time is what we have to give.

"There isn't a sugar daddy, we don't have hundreds of thousands of pounds to put into Wealdstone football Club. But I'll tell you this, we're going to make this club successful and this club is going to stand on its own feet financially."

Taking up the point, fellow director Michael Green, Mr Pollock's business partner, said: "We are never going to make enough money through the turnstiles to keep this club going, no club does."

"But moving to Watford has brought its benefits and when we came here we were well aware that there was the potential for further leisure activities."

This potential and various other fund raising schemes are now being investigated by Mr Green.

"Quite simply, unless we can find substantial income for the club, the club doesn't have a future," was his bleak warning.

"We are aware of the problems and the sooner others are aware of the same problems the sooner we can go forward together."

The board received strong support from those present and in particular the Wealdstone Supporters Club. Said secretary Layne Patterson: "They are doing a good job, but we've got to give them our support as well."



David Pollock.

## Parkside strike County gold

PARKSIDE Athletes were in magnificent form at the Middlesex Cross Country Championships at Ruslip on Saturday, winning the individual titles in the senior and girls races and taking the team gold in the seniors, intermediates and girls events.

Andrea Whitcombe retained her senior title on the 6000 metres course, leading from the start to win in a time of 20 mins 55 secs.

Teammate Sharon Dixon took the silver medal in a time of 21.22 and with Sally Ann Cox coming 4th, Michelle Harries 5th and Verity Miller 6th, the team gold was inevitable as Parkside took five out of the first six places.

Other Parkside finishers were Niamh Keene 22nd, Geraldine Keene 29th, Thalia Beston 40th and Hannah Bowers 51st.

The girls race saw Alison Outram easily taking the title, winning by a minute. Louise Duley was 5th, Kathryn Duley 7th and Amanda Coulbert 19th to clinch the team gold.

In the minors race, Larissa Beston ran her best race to date to take the bronze medal. Laura Brooks came 29th.

Alice Braham ran a good race to take the individual silver in the intermediate race. With Caroline Brown 6th, Lee Sydney 8th and Liz Bowers 12th, Parkside claimed the team gold.

## Gayts have twelve in UK rankings

OLD Gaytonians AC have twelve athletes included in the recently published official 1990 United Kingdom senior track and field rankings, writes Tony Bush.

International decathlete Rafer Joseph appears in three events. He is 24th in the pole vault with his Club Record height of 4.70 metres and 26th in the discus with 50.10 metres. Rafer also ranks 8th in the decathlon with his personal best of 7300 points.

Malcolm Croad appears in the rankings for the first time, taking 27th spot in the hammer with his Club Record of 55.24 metres. At 17, he is the youngest athlete in the top 50. Steve Angell is 31st with 54.38 metres.

Philip Parry is 28th in the javelin with 65.04 metres. David Messom, restricted by injury to only two competitions, is placed 36th with 64.00 metres.

Mark Roach is 18th in the high jump with 2.10 metres while 16 year old Mark Smith is 30th with his Club youth and junior record of 2.07 metres. Ray Smith and Gary McCullough are 22nd and 44th respectively in the triple jump lists while new signing Simon Beck is 49th in the long jump.

Brush League captain Mark Phills is 19th in the 100 metres with his personal best of 10.55 while Alan Tapscott is 33rd in the sprint hurdles.

Mark Collins, Andy Hart and Nigel Flint are among the many athletes just outside the top 50.

## Big match cancellation does Edgware a favour

THE frostbound White Lion ground pitch which caused the cancellation of the FA Vase clash with Hinckley Athletic did Edgware Town a favour.

Key midfielder Laurence Murphy wouldn't have been fit to play if the tie had gone ahead, and neither would Colin Chance, who has a groin injury. Steve Newing, who was suffering from a bout of flu, would also have been very doubtful.

But with the game rescheduled for this Saturday, Edgware boss Brian Rider is hopeful that both will now be fit for the big match. "The cancellation has certainly done us a favour," he said. "It's given us an extra chance to get a few more bodies fit."

Murphy, who is due to have a small operation on his injured knee in January,

will play if he is not in too much discomfort. This week he will be undergoing extensive treatment in an effort to ease his problems.

If a replay is required it will take place at Hinckley on Saturday week. The winners are at home to either Welton or Malden Vale in the next round.

Harrow Borough hope to have Mark Kelly fit after a bout of flu for their tough league game at Aylesbury. Keith Cooper and Steve Shea both return to action with a run out in the reserves.

If no knocks were picked up from last night's Capital League game at Southend, Wealdstone boss Brian Hall will have a full squad to select from for Saturday's visit to bottom of the table Burton - a game, from which three points will be fully anticipated.

Wembley go to Hitchin with on loan Kevin Foster still deputising for Keeper Jeff Fanner who has a broken finger.

Goalkeeper Mark Gower has finished his suspension and is available for selection for Kingsbury's match at Collier Row on Saturday. But John Cheeswright has been impressive as his stand-in and he could well retain his place. Manager Frank O'Brien has no injury problems.

Rayners Lane have an intriguing game against a Cirencester Town side who will be thirsting for revenge. They were top of the league a few weeks ago when Lane knocked them out of the League Cup.

The postponement of last Saturday's game eased Lane's injury problems. Roland Matthews, Neil Owen, Darrell Clements, Ian Woodward and Mark Harewood are all now likely to be fit.

## Soccer fixtures

**Saturday December 21**  
FA Vase third round: Edgware Town v Hinckley Athletic (White Lion ground, 3pm).  
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Burton Albion v Wealdstone.  
Diadora League Premier Division: Aylesbury Utd v Harrow Borough.  
Diadora League Division One: Hitchin Town v Wembley.  
Diadora League Division Three: Collier Row v Kingsbury.  
Heliclic League: Rayners Lane v Cirencester Town (Lucas Ave, 2.30pm).

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**20th year in charge for Pauncefort**

GRAHAM Pauncefort has been re-elected as captain of Stanmore Cricket Club to serve his 20th successive season in the post.

Other captain elected at the club's recent annual general meeting were: 2nd XI Saturdays, J. E. Connelly; 2nd XI Sundays, J. S. Devine; 3rd XI Saturdays, M. R. Reeve; 3rd XI Sundays, P. D. Mullan.

Adrian Jones was elected as colts manager and John Davies as treasurer.

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