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Emma in gymnast of year final



Emma Arnold

THE Harrow School of Gymnastics received a great boost when 12 year old Emma Arnold became the London representative at the Weetabix sponsored Junior Gymnast of the Year finals.

This is the only national televised event and is to be held on Sunday April 5 at the Birmingham Nation Indoor Arena.

The London qualifying competition was held within the British Schools National Finals last weekend. This competition was also used to pre-select members for the National under-15 squad. Despite a couple of uncharacteristic mistakes, Emma's score of 35.05 was enough to leave her top London scorer and 5th overall.

Only five girls were pre-selected for this year's National under-15 squad from this competition. Emma was one.

Emma commented: "There was a lot of pressure on this competition with so much at stake but I was very pleased to make the Weetabix Finals and I hope to do as well as ex-Harrow gymnast Nicki Drury who won in 1985."

Chief coaches Len and Yvonne Arnold said: "We were very proud of her achievements and it sent a real buzz around the club."

Two other Harrow girls were involved in the British Schools finals, 13 year old Gabby Fuchs and 13 year old Denise Jenkins.

Len added "This is the most girls Harrow has had at this National Final and all three did a marvellous job. We all wish Emma luck in the finals."

Selectors looking for some Power play from Pinner ace

England call up Graeme



Graeme Power, proudly wearing his England Schools strip.

HATCH End schoolboy Graeme Power makes his debut for England tomorrow (Friday) when he plays in the under-15 international against Wales at Burnley's Turf Moor ground.

For 14 year old Graeme, who lives in Evelyns Drive and is a pupil at Nower Hill School, Pinner, it will be the highlight of a soccer career which began with the Hatch End based Parkfield Youth FC when he was just eight.

Honours followed for Harrow Schools and Middlesex, a team which he captained, and with his star qualities being instantly recognised, he earned selection for the England trials at Lilleshall. Success there saw him win a place in the National squad.

For Graeme, a left back, his appearance against Wales will be the first of two England matches that he has been selected for.

On Saturday week, March 7, he will celebrate his 15th birthday by stepping out on the hallowed turf of Wembley Stadium to face Holland as England bid to retain the Smiths Crisps International Challenge Cup, won in the corresponding fixture last year against Scotland.

As well as his parents, Dick and Jackie, and sister Emily, a large contingent of Graeme's Parkfield clubmates will be there to cheer him on.

Graeme's ambition is to become a professional footballer and he is already halfway to achieving that goal, being currently on associate schoolboy forms at Queens Park Rangers.

Tickets for the England v Holland match are now on sale at the Wembley box office (081-900-1234) priced £4, £5, £5.50 and £7. Tickets will also be on sale at the turnstiles on the day.

Shields off as Wembley flop

Wembley 1 Maidenhead Utd 2
WEMBLEY had defender Paul Shields end their four match unbeaten run on Tuesday night, writes John Comfort.

Shields was given his marching orders in the 71st minute following an off the ball confrontation with Maidenhead striker Craig Gill who was left flat out in the Wembley penalty area.

Fortunately for the Lions the ball was out of play for a throw in at the time otherwise a spot kick would have resulted. But nevertheless, the blow of being reduced to 10 men as they strived hard to recover from a two goal half time deficit was punished enough.

They pulled one back a minute from time when Andy O'Brien's overhead kick set up the chance for Paul Reynolds to head home - but it was too little, too late.

Wembley were rarely in it in a first half which saw Maidenhead open the scoring in the 23rd minute when Gill flicked on Micky Floyd's corner for Benny Laryea to head home. Maidenhead's second goal after 36 minutes had a double element of good fortune about it as a clearance attempt deflected off Laryea and curled wickedly into the Wembley area where the unmarked



Sent off - Paul Shields

Gill's mishit shot deceived Jeff Fanner and found the net. Wembley's only strikes at goal came in injury time with Graham putting Reynolds clear only for Rackley to save superbly. And when Maidenhead failed to get the ball away, Witter set up Reynolds for another crack and this time his effort cannoned back off the bar.

Wembley dominated the second half with O'Brien twice being denied by Rackley, but the loss of Shields spelt the beginning of the end of their hopes of salvaging a point.

Wembley: Fanner, Fishery, Clark, O'Brien, Shields, Graham, Adrian Smith, Reynolds, Page, Lawrence, Witter (Headline). Other sub: Biele.

Edgware injury crisis deepens

Tilbury 2 Edgware Town 1
TWO more injuries to add to an already lengthy list of sidelined players, compounded manager Brian Rider's misery on Tuesday as Edgware lost to title rivals Tilbury.

An ankle injury for Joe Sheridan will keep him out for a month while John Mangan suffered a broken nose.

Tilbury dominated the first half with their long ball game and they took the lead after 20 minutes in a goalmouth scramble.

An angled drive beat Kevin Beckles to make it 2-0 15 minutes into the second half but Edgware hit back and reduced the arrears five minutes later when Darren Coleman headed Martyn Kidd's corner against the crossbar and Leslie Thompson nodded in the rebound.

Seamus Finnerty hit a post in a frantic last 20 minutes of heavy Edgware pressure but that was the nearest they came to snatching an equaliser.

Edgware: Beckles, Brennan, Evans, Coleman, Sheridan (Wash), Kidd, Flynn, Finnerty, J. Mangan, Thompson, Guller. Other sub: Elliott.

Wasps look to restore pride

WASPS travel to Sunbury on Thames on Saturday, looking to restore some pride after their unhappy defeat by Saracens with a Courage League success over London Irish.

The lowly placed Exiles are without a league win this season, but this will be no easy task for the Sudbury outfit who will be facing an Irish side that is likely to include three former Wasps - former skipper David Pegler, Paddy Young and Mick McCormack.

A chance to meet new man

WEALDSTONE FC's new commercial manager Ian Crossley will be holding an open meeting for supporters and other interested parties to discuss his ideas for the club in the Aldenham Suite at Vicarage Road on Thursday March 5 at 7.30pm.

Hat-tricks galore in nine goal feast

Wieldstone 3 Brentford 6
AN exciting Capital League match on Monday saw nine goals and an unbelievable three hat-tricks as Stones went down to a strong Brentford side at Harrow Borough, writes Graham Smith.

Johnston Hippolyte hit a post within 2 minutes but Stones took the lead after five minutes when Steve Tapley's free kick was headed in by Sean Adams.

Brentford equalised in the 8th minute from Luscombe's free kick and Luscombe's 20 yarder put the Bees ahead 11 minutes later. Luscombe completed his hat-trick in the 27th minute from Buckle's cross. Tony Sealy made it 4-1

after Hudson could only parry Gayle's shot, and Sealy grabbed his side's fifth just before the break.

Stones hit back in the first minute of the second half when Adamson lobbed over Byles from 18 yards and he completed his hat-trick two minutes later when he intercepted a back pass and slotted home.

The goals then dried up until the last minute when Jim Watson was ruled to have pulled back King and Sealy stepped up to complete his hat-trick from the dubiously awarded penalty.

Wieldstone: Hudson, Watson, Goyette, Tapley, Gayle, Blackler, Hippolyte, McCullin, Adamson, Hopson (Richards), McShannon (Boys).

Steve looks to add to his tally against former club

FIT again striker Steve Conroy will be looking to add to the two goal haul he notched against Windsor when Harrow Borough face his former club, Kingstonian on Saturday.

The Surrey side's fortunes have plummeted dramatically in recent months and with Borough boss Georg Borg having a full squad to select from Borough will be looking for at least a point in their bid to avoid relegation.

Bobby Hutchinson missed Wembley's midweek defeat by Maidenhead with a thigh strain but should be fit for Saturday's visit to bottom of the table Aveley. Wembley have signed midfielder Marcos Veiga from Ruislip Manor.

Steve Newing is still suspended and misses Edgware Town's game at Bracknell. Desperate manager Brian Rider hopes John Mangan will play, despite having a broken nose, but definitely out injured are

Joe Sheridan, Colin Chance and Vince Denis.

Laurence Murphy is added to the squad after he came through a midweek reserve team game unscathed in his first full match since November.

Martin Latham returns after suspension for Kingsbury Town's tough home game against promotion chasing Horsham. Steve Surridge should be fit for selection after injury but Barry Coleman, with an ankle injury and Andy Ferguson, who has a chipped bone in the knee, are definitely out of the reckoning.

Rayners Lane get their last chance of honours on Saturday when they take on Didcot in the quarter finals of the Hellenic League Cup in what is likely to be a close game. Wieldstone have no game team unscathed on Saturday as scheduled opponents VS Rugby are involved in a Birmingham Senior Cup match.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday February 28
Didcot League Premier Division: Kingstonian v Harrow Borough.
Didcot League Division One: Aveley v Wembley.
Didcot League Division Three: Bracknell Town v Edgware Town; Kingsbury Town v Horsham (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Hellenic League Cup: Rayners Lane v Didcot Town (Lucas Ave, 2.30pm).

Sunday March 1
Capital League: Wieldstone v Southern Utd (Harrow Borough FC, 7.30pm).
Tuesday March 3
Midx Senior Cup semi-final: Northwood v Wembley.
Didcot League Division Three: Thame v Edgware Town.
Wednesday March 4
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Atherstone v Wieldstone.

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