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Olympic 9th for Alison

HARROW'S Alison Wyeth finished a creditable 9th in the Olympic Games 3000m final in Barcelona on Sunday.

The 28 year old Parkside AC athlete, who lives in Al-gar Close, qualified for the final as a fastest loser, clocking a personal best 4.43.93 in finishing 4th in her heat behind France's M. Duros.

But although she led for much of the way in the final she faded in the closing stages to finish in 9.06.23 in a race won by Elena Romanova of the CIS.

It's tough for Town

KINGSBURY Town start their new Diadora League Division Three campaign with a tough away game at Thame on Saturday August 22, followed by an FA Cup preliminary round tie at home to Unijet Sussex League club Oakwood on Saturday August 29.

In the FA Vase Kingsbury are at home to the winners of the preliminary round tie between Amersham and Langford. They have drawn Willenden Hawkeye in both the Middlesex Senior and Middlesex Charity Cups and have an attractive tie away to Hendon in the London Senior Cup.

Town's full fixture list for the season is as follows:

- August 8 Hornchurch (a) 9; 15 Edgware Town (h) 1; 18 Sandridge Rovers (h) 1; 22 Thame (a) DL; 29 Oakwood (h) FVC; September 1 Hornchurch (a) DL; 5 Bracknell (a) DL; 12 Farnham (a) DL; 19 Tring (a) DL; 26 East Thurrock Utd (a) DL; 28 Peterborough (a) DL; October 3 Amersham/Langford (h) FAV; 6 Royton (a) DL; 13 Leighton Town (a) DL; 13 Farnham (a) DL; 17 Hornchurch (a) DL; 20 Camberley (a) DL; 26 Collier Row (a) DL; November 7 Cove (a) DL; 14 Clapton (a) DL; 21 Hornham (a) DL; 28 Aldenot Town (a) DL; December 5 Bracknell (a) DL; 12 Farnham (a) DL; 19 Collier Row (a) DL; 26 Northwood (a) DL; 28 Farnham (a) DL; January 7 Thame (h) DL; 9 Epsom (a) DL; 20 Hornchurch (a) DL; 26 East Thurrock Utd (a) DL; February 6 Tring (a) DL; 13 Farnham (a) DL; 21 Leighton Town (a) DL; 27 Royton (a) DL; March 6 Peterborough (a) DL; 13 Camberley (a) DL; 20 Hornchurch (a) DL; 27 Cove (a) DL; April 3 Farnham (a) DL; 10 Clapton (a) DL; 12 Northwood (a) DL; 17 Hornham (a) DL; 24 Aldenot Town (a) DL; May 1 Epsom (a) DL.

Cash boost for troubled Stones

Trustee to release £50,000

By John Comfort

WEALDSTONE FC trustee Les Hobbs, who has been widely criticised for withholding cash from the sale of the Lower Mead ground, is to release £50,000 to the club.

Wealdstone went into administration last month and their administrators, Bucher Phillips, claimed that unless almost £3m was released immediately, the 93 year old club would be forced to close.

Mr Hobbs, who with fellow trustee Toby Jackson has control of the cash from the sale, claimed that since they took over, the administrators had made no contact with him about releasing money. But following recent correspondence with the club's solicitors, he has now decided to hand over £50,000.

Club chairman David Pollock declined to comment on Mr Hobbs' turnaround. "I don't wish to discuss the club's finances in public. As I have said before, I want to speak to members and supporters first."

His chance to do that will come on

Tuesday August 18, the date which he has set for the special meeting in the Rous Stand at Vicarage Road at which he plans to put members in the picture over the current situation at the troubled club.

"It is very important that every shareholder, supporter, member or follower of Wealdstone attends," said Mr Pollock. "I intend to have this as a very open meeting because this board has kept a diplomatic silence on what's been going on at the club as far as the press are concerned because we felt that we should let the members and supporters know first before doing anything else. We as a board wish everyone to know the exact position and the series of events which has led us to where we are today."

Only club members will get a vote at the meeting and in order to assist anyone who cannot afford a season ticket and membership, the club is offering member-

ship for the club only, for £10. "This is a decision by the board taken to urge the grass root supporter to have a say in the club," said Mr Pollock.

Wealdstone Supporters Club have issued letters to members and other supporters, urging their support for the club.

The letter says: "Whether we are past or present followers of Wealdstone FC we are sure that none of us wish to see the demise of this great old club of ours."

"You will be aware that despite the sale of the freehold of Lower Mead in December 1990, which should have finally secured Wealdstone's future, there are still major financial problems which unless resolved will kill the club.

"The present chairman of the Football Club, David Pollock, recently announced a meeting of all interested parties to discuss the club's current position, during which time you will be able to ask questions and hopefully demonstrate your support for the continued existence of Wealdstone FC."

Britannic award for Wembley's Paul



WEMBLEY'S Paul Cole has been named as the Player of the Month for the month of July. Paul was in outstanding form with the bat during the month. He twice scored centuries, with a fine 107 against Sunbury and 163 against the Middlesex Cricket Union. Paul also scored an excellent knock of 82 against Stones. Paul's award includes a trophy, tickets for a Britannic County Cricket Championship match of his choice, plus a Britannic Assurance sponsorship item of leisure jacket, rugby shirt or golf umbrella.

Thunder in play-offs

STANMORE based London Thunder bid for a place in the semi-finals of the British National Gridiron League on Sunday when they take on the Hereford Chargers in the first round of the play-offs.

In their first ever season the Thunder team have done remarkably well to reach this stage. Against vastly more experienced teams they won their place in the play-offs by finishing runners-up in their Conference to Enfield.

London Thunder, who are sponsored by Cloisters Wood County Club, play their home matches at Harrow Rugby Club's Grove Field ground.

Harrow pair so close to an upset

ANITA de Meza and Jan Stern of Harrow Bowls Club almost caused a major upset in the English Womens National Championships at Royal Leamington Spa.

As County finalists, they represented Middlesex in the pairs and fought their way through five tough rounds to the final on somewhat tricky greens, overcoming opposition from Dorset, Durham, Oxford, Norfolk and Essex, whose teams contrained current and former England internationals.

The final, against Joyce Morgan and June Larter of the Cambridge Chesterton club, started disappointingly for the Harrow duo as they struggled on another erratic green and their rivals built up what seemed an impregnable 17-4 lead.

However, they in a dramatic comeback they closed the gap and by the 20th end had narrowed the deficit to two shots at 20-18.

In the final end Harrow held two shots which would have forced the match to an extra end but Larter then produced the shot of the Championship to draw the shot and give the Cambridge duo the title at 21-18.

Although denied the ultimate accolade, it was a great achievement by the Harrow ladies. For two unbagged players to reach the County Finals was a notable feat; to go on and become the second best pair in England is spectacular.

Trophy on a Plate for Bessborough



Bessborough skipper Richard Swynny (right) receives the Mayor of Harrow's Plate from Roy Davis of sponsors China Presentations after their final win over Old Lyonians. Match report on page 89.

Borough set to take on Bees

HARROW Borough expect to face a full strength Brentford first team on Monday in their first ever clash against the Bees.

Borough who warm up for that game with a match away to South Midlands League Wingate-Finchley on Saturday, have signed Hayes striker Neil Fraser and former Orient midfielder John Ridout.

Wealdstone face former players Gary and Leo Donnellan and Barry Blackman on Satur-

day in a friendly at old rivals Hendon. Stones have a home friendly against Wycombe Wanderers on Monday August 17.

Edgware are at home to Staines on Saturday, while Kingsbury visit Hornchurch. Wembley are at home to Chelmsford and on Tuesday face a tough game against Conference club Redbridge and Dagenham, also at Vale Farm.

Rayners Lane have a friendly at home against Uxbridge Town on Saturday.

Stones up then down

WEALDSTONE lost 4-3 in a topsy-turvy game at Hitchin Town, who are managed by former Stones ace Robin Wainwright.

Two goals from Paul Coleman put them two down within in eight minutes by half time they had recovered to lead 3-2 thanks to goals from Colin Tate, Martin Blackler and Neil Cortice.

Jonathan Bone levelled for the home side two minutes into the second half and Hitchin snatched the winner through Mark McGonigle.

Wealdstone: Hudson, Watson, Pearson, Bartlett, Tapley, Blackler, Venables, Cordica, Tate, Hippolyte, Gallagher. Subs: Hopson, Hedge.

Set piece pays off

A SET piece corner routine paid dividends for Edgware as they won 2-1 in their friendly at Leyton.

Both goals came from Martyn Kidd corner kicks which were flicked on at the near post by Eugene Flynn for first Les Thompson and then John Mangano to score.

Edgware: Hourhan (Beckles), Elliott, Finney (Foley), J. Mangano, Sheridan, Kidd, Dorrie, Flynn, Murphy, Newing (Dale), Thompson (Guller).

Easy for Lions

WEMBLEY had an easy 4-1 win at Southall on Tuesday.

Tony Headlam scored their opener and other goals came from Charlie Flaherty (penalty), Frank Omere and Mark Witter.

Lane in final

RAYNERS Lane are in the final of the Middlesex Summer Cup following the 3-2 win by Town in the last group match. The final will be played at Bedford FC on Tuesday, kick off 7.30pm, but Lane are still waiting to discover who their opponents will be.

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WEMBLEY FC's fears that Vale Farm was set to be closed proved unfounded when Diadora officials, led by secretary Nick Robinson, carried out an inspection of the ground and gave it the thumbs up on Saturday. The officials were said to be very pleased with the work carried out by the club in the aftermath of the fire which burnt down the main stand and also caused damage to the clubhouse and dressing rooms. Wembley chairman, Brian Gumm: "They said they were well pleased with what we had done and saw no reason to close the ground. That was a relief as they have closed two others.

"I'm absolutely delighted. Provided we can get the stand up, there is no reason why we can't play football here." Now it's a race against time to get the proposed 450-seater stand up on the far side of the ground. Wembley's first league game is at home to Molesey on Saturday August 22 and the League officials will be back two days earlier to see that work has been completed. Erection of the stand will commence as soon as foundation holes have been tested and passed by Brent Council. "We're well up on course," said Mr Gumm. "I think we'll do it, no problem." Much of the preparatory work on the ground has been done by club members