

Davis blasts Harrow to victory

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Tracey lands hat-trick on Finals Day

Borough clinch £20,000 sponsorship deal

HARROW Borough FC have reached agreement with Rowan Erection Ltd of Stoke Newington for that company to become the club's main sponsors.

The sponsorship package is expected to be worth a minimum of £20,000 to the club over a four year period (reviewable annually) and

contains provisions for index-linking to the inflation rate and increases in the event of the club obtaining promotion to the GM Vauxhall Conference.

Rowan Erection Ltd, and its sister company, GR Construction Ltd, have been involved in football at various levels for 11 years.

Borough chairman, Martin Murphy, is delighted with the deal. He said he wished to thank company managing director Marc Rowan for giving the club his support and for his tremendous enthusiasm.

He said that the appointment of George Borg as team manager in January had heralded a new era for

the club and that the partnership with Rowan Erection Ltd would help to ensure a successful future for the club on the football field.

Marc Rowan said that he was "delighted to be involved with such a progressive club." He is looking forward to enjoying a mutually successful partnership.

National title double for Max



● Max Belcourt with his National medals.

MAX Belcourt rounded off a tremendous season by taking two titles at the Esso National Age Group Swimming Championships at Crystal Palace.

The Harrow and Wealdstone SC member won both the 100m and 200m breast events in the 17 years age group. The talented Finer student recorded an excellent new personal best time of 66.87 in the 100m, which gives him an improvement of over 2 seconds since May. The 200m event saw him go 2.25.46, just off his recently achieved personal best but still a clear winner.

Max was unlucky to miss selection for the GB European Junior team but has now posted his intent to break into the top 10 British breaststroke group.

To complete a good week's swimming, Max also picked up bronze in the 400m IM with another best ever time of 4.50.98.

Emma Shearsby also performed well at Crystal Palace. Swimming in her first National Age Group Championships, she recorded 2.55.70 in the 200m breast and 1.22.12 in the 100m breast. Both swimmers were very close to her personal best times and places her well inside the National top 15 for the 14 years age group.

Brother Matthew Shearsby swam in the 17 years age group and went 2.38.79 in the 200m breast, despite missing nearly eight week's training since May, recovering from an operation.

William Stokes qualified for his second National Age Groups in a row and swam in the 15 years 200m back, recording 2.25.30. In the same age group, Morgan Whorwood clocked 1.15.87 in the 100m breast, a good personal best.

Claire Payne was another new qualifier for the Nationals in the 13 years age group and swam well to record 3.03.22 in the 200m breast and made a personal best 1.24.45 in the 100m event.

Tomoko Matsushita was Harrow's youngest qualifier and she performed well to swim 1.27.89 in the 100m breast in the 12 years age group.

The Harrow Leisure Centre based team now take a break from competition until September 12 when the new season starts with the Harrow Borough Championships.

A hard act for Borg to follow

MANAGER George Borg has a hard act to follow when he returns from holiday in Cyprus this week to take charge of Harrow Borough.

For in his absence coach Dave Anderson has steered the side through an unbeaten run in pre-season friendlies.

Borg takes back the reins for Borough's home game with Beazer Homes League Waterlooville and for Tuesday's clash with Wycombe Wanderers at Earlsmead.

Building work at Vale Farm could effect the staging of Wembley's final pre-season friendly against Paul Janaway's Herford team, but the game is expected to go ahead.

Wealdstone are away to Diadora League Leyton on Saturday and on Monday they stage their only home pre-season friendly when they take on Wycombe Wanderers at Vicarage Road.

Edgware round off their friendlies with a clash at neighbours Kingsbury on Saturday and a visit to Stevenage on Monday. Kingsbury follow the Edgware clash with a home game against Sandridge Rovers on Tuesday.

Rayners Lane have a difficult opener for the new Hellenic League season with a home game against Champions Shortwood. They will be without both Paul Abell (on holiday) and Tony Verni (chest injury). On Wednesday Lane are away to Headington Amateurs, kick off 6.45pm.

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Top of the list of clubs linked with Stones are Harrow Borough who opened the way for a possible ground share by ditching their reserve side this season.

Borough football director Peter Rogers confirmed that Wealdstone had spoken to them on the subject "but not recently."

He also denied that the dropping of the reserve side was to accommodate Wealdstone. "People no doubt thought there was an ulterior motive behind it, but it was done because George Borg didn't think there was any benefit in a reserve side and he wanted to adopt a squad system."

Wealdstone's crisis meeting takes place in the Rous Stand at Vicarage Road on Tuesday, starting at 7pm. The meeting will be open. Said Mr Pollock: "We as a board wish everyone to know the exact position of the club and the series of events which has led us to where we are today."

However, while all supporters are welcome to attend, he emphasised that only paid up club members will be entitled to a vote.

American Bowl winners

FOUR lucky Observer readers have won tickets for the American '92 match between reigning Superbowl Champions Washington Redskins and the San Francisco 49ers at Wembley Stadium on Sunday in our recent competition.

Patricia Moran of Finer Road, North Harrow, Mr A. R. Ibrahim of John Perrin Place, Kenton, Mr T. Dillon of Napier Road, Wembley, and Miss B. Shah of Cecil Road, Wealdstone, gave the correct answers in our recent competition and each win a pair of tickets for this clash of gridiron giants.

A bumper crowd is expected for the game, which kicks off at 6pm, but Wembley still has some tickets remaining, priced £35, £25, £20 and £15. Call the Wembley box office on 081-900-1234.

Thunder fail in glory bid

LONDON Thunder's bid for glory in the British National Gridiron League came to an end on Sunday when they lost 19-13 to Hereford Chargers in the first round of the play-offs.

The Stanmore based club, who are sponsored by Cloisters Wood, scored two touchdowns through Simon Burke, who recovered a fumble in the end zone, and Tim Jackson with a quarterback sneak.

Such has been the club's success in their first year that they are now planning to start a junior section next season.

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Wembley get green light

WEMBLEY'S race against time to get their new stand put up at Vale Farm in time for the start of the season on Saturday August 22 is hotting up.

The foundation holes for the stand have now been passed by Brent Council and

with the preparatory work now complete, erection of the building is set to start.

Only poor weather can now hinder their efforts to be ready for the big kick off against Molesey. But said club chairman Brian Gumm: "I'm still confident

we can do it."

Wembley Stadium is staging a charity greyhound meeting tomorrow (Friday) evening to aid the club's building fund.

Tickets for the event are available from the club, phone 904-8169.

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Ton-up Pape is Borough hero

Harrow Borough 1 Brentford 0

KEEPER Andy Pape, in his 100th appearance for the club, was Borough's hero in Monday night's victory over last season's Football League Third Division Champions, writes John Comfort.

Pape, on loan to Borough from Barnet, made 98 appearances in a two year spell at Earlsmead up to 1985 before joining Enfield and then moving on to Barnet. He returned as cover for the unavailable Steve Crompton at Finchley on Saturday for his 99th Borough game and clocked up the ton in great style against Brentford.

In the first half he twice saved superbly at the feet of Murray Jones and kept out rasping efforts from Lee Luscombe and Gary Blissett. Borough's best effort came with a curling shot from Craig Johnstone which Ashley Bayes turned away for a corner.

Pape again saved bravely at the feet of Jones early in the second half but at the other end Paul Ripley missed two good chances before Borough scored what was to be the deciding goal in the 59th minute.



● Mayor of Harrow, Cllr Gerry Harsant, and Borough chairman Martin Murphy make a presentation to Andy Pape to mark his 100th appearance for the club against Brentford.

Ripley got through and shot past Bayes only to see Billy Manual clear off the line, but the loose ball found Carlton Thomas and his cross was headed

down into the net at the far post by Steve Conroy. Conroy should have made it more emphatic when put clear by Thomas but Bayes deflected

his shot away for a corner.

Harrow Borough: Pape, Johnstone (Payne), Barnard, May, Byrne, Shea, Pye, Ryan, Fraser (Conroy), Gipp (Ripley), Cooper (Thomas).

Clark is a winner for Wembley

Wembley 1 Dagenham & Redbridge 0
WEMBLEY'S promising build up to the new season continued on Tuesday with this success against GM Vauxhall Conference opposition, writes John Comfort.

The only goal of the game came five minutes before the break. Charlie Flaherty's perfectly flighted free kick found Henry Clark racing in undetected at the far post and Dagenham keeper Lloyd Scott could only help his powerful, close range header into the net.

Adrian Smith had been unlucky not to open the scoring 10 minutes earlier. His superb 25 yard shot on the run cannoned back off the crossbar with Scott well beaten.

The visitors looked more dangerous in the second half but sound defending by Wembley ensured that keeper Jeff Fanner was rarely troubled.

Wembley: Fanner, Flaherty, Clark, Headlam, Shields, Adrian Smith (Alday), Onye, Page (Bennett), Shodeinde (Antwi), Witter. On Saturday Wembley were beaten 1-0 by Chelmsford City.