

# SPORT



## Carol makes history



**Carol Ford.**  
CAROL Ford, who is the head coach of the boys elite section at the Harrow School of Gymnastics, and chairman of the London Gymnastics Federation men's technical committee, has just made British gymnastics history by becoming the first female coach appointed to be Coach in Charge of a team of men's artistic gymnasts at an international competition.

A special announcement in the LGF regional newsletter for January congratulated her on her achievement.

It said "Carol very ably looked after the five lads who represented Great Britain at the Tulip Peter competition. Kamaki Jackson, who is coached by Carol, had a quite remarkable competition, winning the overall bronze medal and then adding to that gold on the floor, pommel and rings and a further two bronze medals. In addition, he was awarded a special award for his original vault - a hand-spring double front.

"It has been the norm to see men coaching girls artistic gymnastics, but it is still a rarity to see women coaching the boys. Carol has shown that not only is it possible, but it can be a winning combination."

Steve Tucker, chairman of the Harrow School of Gymnastics, said: "Everyone at the club is absolutely delighted on Carol's achievement. Our boys' section is now going from strength to strength which reflects Carol Ford's ability in this technically difficult field."

# Trophy trauma

## Two up Borough hoist white flag and crash out

WORCESTER City 5 Harrow Borough 3  
BOROUGH'S FA Trophy dreams faded and died at St George's Lane on Monday night as they dramatically capitulated to their Beazer Homes League Premier Division opponents in the last 25 minutes of this action packed first round replay.

By **John Comfort**

For the second time in three days Harry Manoe's side held a two goal advantage and for the second time they wastefully allowed it to slip from their grasp.

But unlike in their first meeting at Earlsmead, on this occasion there was no second chance for Borough as they were mercifully despatched from the competition.

On Saturday the 3-3 result bore no reflection on a game that Borough had dominated. On Monday it was a similar story, only in reverse, as the first half ended with Borough having remarkably built up a 2-0 lead after somehow surviving an almost non-stop assault by the home side.

A defence that was storn of the services of Graham Pearce, through illness, and the unavailable Jason Court, had weathered the storm, with Dave Bensted being particularly outstanding, but it seemed only a matter of time before their luck ran out and the floodgates opened. Amazingly, however, it was at the other end that first blood was drawn in the 38th minute.

Jason Shaw's snap shot

from 30 yards forced keeper Kemp into a flying save but from the resultant corner, taken by Ramon O'Connor, Bensted swooped in to powerfully head home.

Five minutes later Borough stunned the home crowd again. Shaw's determination saw him block a clearance attempt by Davidson and when the loose ball fell kindly for Neil Fraser, he stormed into the area and was brought down by Muckleberg. Graham Westley slammed in the penalty kick and all was looking decidedly rosey for the visitors.

Borough did well to deny Worcester an early response in the second half but just when it seemed they had got over the worst of the pressure, the home side finally reduced the arrears after 65 minutes, Green forcing Daly's cross past Hook with his knee.

Seven minutes later the elusive Gary Smith crossed for Steve Rutter to blast in the equaliser and from then on there was only going to be one

winner - and sadly it wasn't Borough.

Green set up Dave Benton to curl a low shot into the corner of the net to put City in front after 76 minutes and six minutes later Rutter scored again, although Smith appeared to foul Darren Brown before putting over the cross that set it up.

Within two minutes Bob Booker hooked in the loose ball after Kemp failed to hold a good effort from Paul Ripley, but any hopes of a Borough recovery were killed off three minutes later when Smith crossed and Green effortfully turned Emmanuel and fired in City's fifth goal.

At the final whistle Worcester were left to savour the prospect of a second round tie with Macclesfield. Borough were left to reflect on what might have been - and not for the first time this season.

Harrow Borough: Hook, O'Connor (Preston), Muckleberg, Bensted, Brown, Emmanuel, Green, Westley, Fraser (Pithey), Muckle.



Who'd be a goalkeeper? Harrow Borough striker Neil Fraser, who took over from the sent off David Hook, in Saturday's game against Worcester clearly isn't too enamoured with it after seeing the visitors score their third goal. Match report - page 99. Pictures by Gareth Board.

## Manoe - 'We just folded'

BOROUGH boss Harry Manoe described his side's capitulation at Worcester as "the most disappointing result for as long as I can remember."

He added: "The game was there to be won but we just folded. We rode our luck in the first half and then got into it and took our goals well and we had a reasonable spell in the second half. But when they scored their tails were up we just went."

After two games against Worcester where they failed to win after looking the second-best and record matches against Hayes and Basingstoke that followed a similar pattern, it is a situation that Manoe

has become all too familiar with this season.

"We had a long chat about it afterwards and said we can't keep going on like this," he said. "We're always getting into good positions but then let our opponents off the hook. We need a lot more stomach for the battle in these situations."

Manoe hopes to rectify that with several new signings, both defenders and forwards. "Obviously we're looking to improve and I have an offer in for a player at the moment," said Manoe. "Other clubs are also in for him but I hope to have something sorted out within seven days."

## Cup derby rearranged

TUESDAY night's Midlands Senior Cup local derby clash between Edgware and Wembley was called off and has been rearranged for this Tuesday at the White Lion ground.



WASPS make the long trip to the north east this Saturday for a Courage League encounter with Newcastle Gosforth, writes Alan Rodenhams.

Back in October Wasps cruised to a 38-21 victory over the Geordies at Sudbury and it is hard to imagine them losing to a side who are relegation certainties, having only avoided defeat just once in the League so far this season.

Wasps coach Rob Smith, as good as his word as regards blooding inexperienced players, is using this opportunity to further the League experience of young new Darren Molloy. The England under-21 international, who is a highly promising prospect, plays alongside Paddy Dunston in the front row. Dunston retains his place in the League side at the expense of Jeff Probyn.

Kevin Dunn has recovered from injury that forced his retirement from the Harlequins game and will resume hooking duties.

In the back division Alan Buzza's injury hit season continues. The full back is still recovering from a knee injury and Hew Davies fills his spot.

There is better news in the centre where Damien Hopley proved his fitness against Nottingham on Saturday after an injury lay off and plays alongside Graham Childs.

Wasps' League game at London Irish, postponed in November, has now been rearranged to take place on February 26.

## FA recognition for the Elms

THE Elms Club in Stanmore is now officially recognised as an FA mini soccer centre.

Coaching takes place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4.30-5.30pm and on Saturday mornings from 10am-12 noon. The cost is £3 per hour.

Toddlers soccer is also being staged at the Elms. This exciting introduction to the sport for 3-4 year olds is held on Saturday mornings to teach the basic skills and pleasure of soccer. Sessions run from 9.45-10.30am.

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## Page ready for recall

WEMBLEY have re-signed striker Kenny Page from Hitchin and he is in line for a place in Glen Charles' team to play Maidenhead away on Saturday.

Bobby Hutchinson came through a reserve team game well, following his long injury lay-off, and he is also included in the squad.

Former Harrow Borough boss George Borg returns to Earlsmead on Saturday with Enfield who will be looking to complete a double over Harry Manoe's side.

Manoe has no injury problems and both Jason Court and Graham Pearce, who missed the defeat against Worcester, are expected to return.

Mick Keane, who has a grazed leg, and John Shanahan, who has a back injury, are both doubtful for Wembley's visit to Margate on Saturday, while Dermot Drummy is unavailable.

Tony Frankland has returned to America and that

means a likely return for Mick Garratt. Richard Mellor returns after a week's holiday.

Edgware Town are at home to Tilbury and have Scott McGleish suffering from a rib injury and a bruised thigh sustained against Witham. But he is expected to be fit to play.

Dave Wallace and Steve Surridge both had run outs in the reserves following injury lay offs and could be in line for recalls to the first team for

Kingsbury Town's home game with Hornham.

Rayners Lane visit North Leigh, who are just above them in the Hellenic League table, for the first time at senior level.

Skipper Gerry Hynes is now fully fit while Darrell Clements hopes to resume training this week. Both Paul Abel and Greg Rice came through a reserve team game without any ill effects.

### Soccer fixtures

Saturday January 29

Districts League Premier Div: Harrow Borough v Enfield (Earlsmead, 3pm)
Districts League Div One: Maidenhead Ltd v Wembley
Districts League Div Two: Edgware Town v Tilbury (White Lion ground, 3pm)
Districts League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Hornham (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm)
Beazer Homes League Southern Div: Margate v Wembley
Hellenic League: North Leigh v Rayners Lane (2.30pm)
Middlesex Senior Cup: Edgware Town v Wembley (White Lion ground, 7.30pm)
Carlsberg Cup: Harrow Borough v Aylesbury Utd (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)

Wednesday February 2

Middlesex Senior Cup: Wembley v Hayes (The Warren, 7.30pm)
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