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Golden World double for Nigel

NIGEL Bourne of Alperton has landed a golden double in the World Para-Olympics Championships in Berlin. In the learning disabled class he won the long jump with superb leap of 6.94m and also took gold medal in the 200m with speedy 22.5 secs. Both performances were new world records.

In the 200m, Neaden's Kenny Colaine took the silver medal in 22.7 secs. Both athletes are members of the Queen Park Harriers Athletics Club.

Stern is on target

HARROW Rifle Club's Jon Stern has won Britain's first Olympic quota place at the World Championships in Milan.

The former British and English Champion, whose chances of an Olympic medal in the prone small-bore event are rated highly, finished 6th in the English match (60 shots prone), scoring 594 out of 600 and adding 103-7 in the final for a total of 697-7, only 2.8 behind top winner, Wenjie Li of China.

Stern had one of the higher totals in the Olympic final, scoring a fraction over 10 with each of his last nine shots.

At a recent award ceremony, Harrow Rifle Club, which is based at Bilsley House, North Harrow, presented its Rifle Championship award to Esther Tremayne and the Pistol Championship award to Malcolm Harvey. A watch was presented to Roy Miller to mark his 40 years as the club secretary.

Trustee relents and ends another potential crisis

Cash release is a boost for Stones

WEALDSTONE FC clawed their way out of another potential crisis this week when club trustee Les Hobbs agreed to the release of cash needed to keep the ailing club alive.

Litigation against the club's former solicitors Minet Ferring had resulted in an out of court settlement of £987,500 almost three months ago, but Mr Hobbs had adamantly declined to hand over the cash, despite the unanimous vote by club members at a recent extraordinary general meeting which called for the release of £80,000 to enable football activities to function this coming season.

Wealdstone chairman Paul Rumens

By John Comfort

indicated two weeks ago that the club's future would again be put in jeopardy if the money was not forthcoming. The club were prepared to go to court to get a judge's ruling on the matter but an anticipated 10 weeks wait before the case could be heard could have had fatal consequences.

However, the dispute was settled on Saturday. Mr Rumens and Mr Hobbs had a meeting before Wealdstone's game against Tring and Mr Hobbs finally relented and agreed to release the cash.

Said Mr Rumens: "The bottom line

is that he has been told by the members what they wish him to do, he has been told by me, he has been told by the other trustee and he has been told by the administrators that he would have to foot the bill if it went against him in court. He was in a corner and he had no chance.

"He has now agreed, in accordance with the members' wishes, to release £80,000 to the club to enable the footballing activities to function, and to pay the balance to the administrators."

With their finances back in order, Wealdstone will now turn their attention to relocation, a task which is in the hands of Kip Hewitt who has just been taken on as the club's second full time employee. "We have been held back

because of a lack of funds but now we've got to be brave and move forward and if Kip can get the right deals we will show people that we are serious about moving back to Harrow," said Mr Rumens.

Although a site has already been earmarked and talks are currently ongoing to conclude a deal, it is unlikely that Stones will be back in operation in Harrow before 1996 which will mean another year of ground sharing after this current season.

Stones underlined their commitment to improving matters on the field when they signed striker Roddy Braithwaite on contract this week.

Further top name signings are expected before the big kick off.

Britannic award is Thacker's

A SUCCESSION of near misses finally came to an end for Bessborough Cricket Club all-rounder Rupert Thacker this week when he was named as the Observer's Britannic Assurance Player of the Month for July.

Rupert has been one of the most consistent local players in recent seasons but has frustratingly been piped to the post for an award on numerous occasions.

It could well have occurred again in July, for there were many outstanding performances in the month with Mark Dymon of Kenyon, S. Kaur of Lohana N. Sheikh of LNER and Dave Smith of Old Manorist all having valid claims.

But on the final weekend of the month Rupert snatched the honours away from his rivals with a century double, scoring a superb 136 against Fleet on Saturday followed by a magnificent unbeaten 137 against Kenyon on Sunday.

Rupert landed two other tons during the month, an unbeaten 105 against Lydney and 115 against Tiddington, and there were also five knocks against North Middlesex (98) and Chalfont St Peter (53 not out).

Rupert's Britannic award consists of a trophy, tickets to a Britannic Assurance Championship match of his choice plus a Britannic Assurance sponsorship item, including a track suit.

Old Gayts' target is Division Two survival

OLD Gaytonians Athletics Club will be looking to ensure their Guardian British Athletics League Division Two status on Saturday when they travel to Waverley Stadium, Liverpool for the final fixture of the season.

To achieve that goal, team manager Trevor Male will be expecting a performance from his squad on a par to that at Bannister last month when they finished a fine 3rd behind leading clubs Woodford Green and Blackheath, whose success clinched their promotion to Division One.

A mirror of that result, a mere 15 points adrift of the winners, would rubber stamp Gayts' survival - so long as fellow strugglers Liverpool and Edinburgh are behind.

The multi-eventers could again hold the key for Gayts, though Brian Taylor is not available. European Championships selection Rafer Joseph goes in the pole vault and 110 hurdles while Eric Hollingsworth continues his rehabilitation and tentative return by concentrating on throws.

The improved Livio Salvador-Ayloft will complete a strong trio and, with the match point situation between the bottom three clubs very tight - only 12 points separate them - every last centimetre or lunge at the line will be critical.

Wealdstone go tumbling

WEALDSTONE lost 2-0 in their friendly at Ruislip Manor on Monday.

Paul Waites came closest to scoring for Stones when he hit the crossbar in the 3rd minute. Manor took the lead after 56 minutes following a foul in the area by Graham Meakin. Substitute keeper Danny Hill saved the spot kick but Kuhne hit the rebound into the net.

A goalbound shot from Waites hit Vic Schwartz and went clear and Mark Wilson had a terrific 25 yard shot tipped over but Manor clinched victory when Flaherty scored six minutes from time.

Wealdstone: Garsell (Danny Hill), Shanahan, Birch, Finsley, Jashek, Anglin, McGrath, Webb, Brown, Schwartz, Waites. Subs: Meakin, Dean Hill, Augustine, Wilson, Lindo, Owers.

Wembley cup date

IN the first round of the Dadora League's Carlsberg Cup, Wembley have been drawn away to Yeading. Harrow Borough have a bye into the second round.

It's Bessborough again!



CLUB captain Steve Johns (left) receives the Mayor of Harrow's Knockout from Harrow Cricket Association chairman Mike Smith after Bessborough's victory over Harrow Town in the final on Friday.

Bessborough have monopolized the competition in recent seasons. Friday's success was their fifth in the last six years. Full match report and more pictures on page 100.

Lions wallop Wares

WEMBLEY gave injury hit neighbours Edgware Town a 4-0 wallop on Tuesday night - and but for poor finishing the defeat could have decidedly heavier.

Lions striker Youseff Sakharou missed four open goals in the first half which ended with the visitors 1-0 up, scored by Gavin Hughes from

Charlie Flaherty's kick in. While Edgware continued to struggle in the second half, Wembley finally found the goal touch and netted three more times. Paul Ferry deflected an Adrian Smith cross into his own net for the first and further goals followed from Steve Lawrence and the slimline Bobby Hutchinson.

Borough coast in

HARROW Borough had an easy 4-1 win at Windsor and Eton on Tuesday night.

Dave Bensted opened their account with a far post header from Lawford's 21st minute corner and Paul Ripley fired in a second after being put through by Pineda in the 34th minute.

Friel pulled one back from the penalty spot in the second half but Ripley netted his second for Borough after being set up by Davies and Neil Fraser completed the scoring in the 82nd minute after a determined run past three defenders.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Masial, Bensted, Brown, Smith, Pineda, Hurlock, Lawford, Ripley, Woods, Seabrook. Subs: Davies, Fraser, Hart, Metcalf, O'Connor.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday August 4
 Friendlies: Harrow Borough v OPR (Earlsmead, 7.30pm); Wembley v Aylesbury Utd (Vale Farm, 7.30pm); Hillingdon Borough v Wealdstone (7pm).
 Saturday August 6
 Aldershot tournament: Wealdstone v Farnborough (12 noon).
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 Friendlies: Northwood v Wembley; Shillington v Edgware Town; Rayners Lane v Halesowen Harriers (Lucas Ave, 3pm).
 Sunday August 7
 Aldershot tournament: Wealdstone v Aldershot or Camberley.
 Tuesday August 9
 Friendlies: Chalfont St Peter v Wembley; Rayners Lane v Harrow Borough (Lucas Ave, 7pm); Viking Sports v Wealdstone.

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