# SPORT

## Kelly takes European silver

**KELLY Holmes of Ealing Southall and Middlesex Ladies Athletic Club took the silver medal in the European Championships 1500m in Helsinki on Sunday.**

**She is the first British women to win a medal in the event.**

**In a thrilling finish. Kelly's devastating finishing burst saw her catch Russian Yekaterina Podkopayeva right on the line to finish second in a time of 4.19.30 behind Lyudmila Rogachova, also of Russia.**

**Parkside AC's Alison Wyeth came 6th in a time of 8.45.76 in the 3000m won by Ireland's Sonia O'Sullivan.**

### Beazer travelling thwarts boss's signings

# Callaghan in a quandary

WITH the start of their new season just a few days away, Wealdstone FC boss Fred Callaghan was this week bemoaning the lack of attraction in Beazer Homes League soccer which has thwarted his efforts at making a succession of new signings.

Although he has secured striker Rod Brathwaite, who joined Stones from Kingstonian last season, on a two year contract, and has also captured defenders Tommy Mason and Mark Hill from Hendon, all other attempts to make significant additions to have squad have been met with an all too familiar rebuff.

"I've slightly improved things from last season," said Callaghan "but I've spoken to about 14 players and they all say the same - they don't want all the travelling that's involved in the Beazer Homes League. They want to play more local football."

Several top name players have appeared for Stones in pre-season friendlies but the Stones boss hasn't been able to talk them into staying.

He added: "I'm very disappointed about it all. Some clubs haven't got the financial resources to meet the demands of some players. That's not necessarily the case with me, the players I've tried to sign just don't want the travelling we do.

"It's been driving me mad. I'm a cabbie, but this is more like my full time job. It's a real headache and I can understand why some managers just pack it in."

A move to the Diadora League of which Stones were members from 1964 until 1971 when they turned professional and joined the Southern League, would end the problem. They would love to return - but in the right circumstances.

"We'd definitely be interested in moving over," said Wealdstone director Layne Patterson, "but it's likely that we'd be put into Division Three which would virtually be instant relegation. If they offered us a place in Division One tomorrow, we'd almost certainly take it."

Stones start their campaign away to Fareham Town on Saturday. A few seats for supporters are available, price £10, on the coach which leaves the Warren at 11am. Call the club office on 813-7800 to book. On Wednesday Stones are at home to Margate.

Wealdstone FC Supporters Club will be running a coach service from Harrow Civic Centre to Yeading FC for home matches, departing at 2pm for Saturday games and 6.45pm for midweek matches. There will also be a pick up point at South Harrow Station at 2.10pm and 6.55pm respectively. The price is £2.50 return and for regular users a season ticket, priced £40 is available. Further details from the club office on 813-7800.

## O'Brien on target to give Lions a point

**Billericay 1 Wembley 1**

WEMBLEY had to be satisfied with a point following their long trip to Billericay on Tuesday night, **writes Richard Markiewicz.**

With Ian Bates and Steve Lawrence taking immediate control of midfield, the Lions dominated the early proceedings of this contest.

Lawrence almost scored in the 8th minute, scooping the ball over the bar from close range after Youssef Sakhraoui had split the home defence open with a brilliant solo run.

But in the 22nd minute, Billericay, with their first attack of the game, took an undeserved lead, Greg Allen's free kick from the right being slotted home by Micky Hall.

The visitors, however, hit back and Andy O'Brien knocked in Andy Smith's rebound following a Charlie Flaherty corner to level the scores five minutes later.

Wembley maintained control until the interval. But after the break, apart from a firm header by Steve Daly which keeper Craig Tucker did well to hold, the Lions gradually lost their grip on the game and they were put under pressure by the home side.

Smith's timely interception and a couple of fine saves by Jeff Fanner prevented Billericay re-establishing the lead.

Town continued to press forward, although Wembley almost claimed three points shortly before the end, but the back pedalling Tucker managed to claw clear Kenny Page's long looping header.

**Wembley:** Fanner, Flaherty, Hollingdale, O'Brien, Grazioli, Daly, Bates, Lawrence, Smith, Page, Sakhraoui. Subs: Doyle, Ahmed.

● Steve Lawrence beats Gerry Crawford of Uxbridge to the ball in Saturday's match at Vale Farm.

## Kingsbury hold the new boys to a draw

**Bedford Town 1**
**Kingsbury Town 1**

KINGSBURY did well to hold league new boys Bedford to a draw in front of a good crowd at the New Eyrie on Tuesday.

The lively home side had Town under the cosh but they gradually worked their way back into the game and Gerry Brennan had a good effort well saved after a great move down the right involving Ian Brown-Peterside, Craig Elliott and Lee Richards.

Another good move led to Kingsbury taking the lead after 20 minutes. Richards and Brown-Peterside were again involved and although Craig Elliott's shot hit a defender, he followed up and crashed the ball into the top right hand corner of the net.

However, Kingsbury were caught napping five minutes later. Slack defending allowed Bedford to equalise and then it took a couple of superb saves from Darren Bonfield to keep the visitors level.

Bedford were on top at the start of the second half but Kingsbury then hit back with Brennan firing a free kick just wide and Richards volleying just over.

However, the visitors lost their way in the latter stages and finished the game hanging on for a hard earned point.

**Kingsbury:** Bonfield, Brown-Peterside, Simpson, Evans, Stuart, Kenny, Brenna, Elliott, Richards, Nelson, Louch. Subs: Gower, Ash.

**● Kingsbury made a fine start to the season on Saturday with a 2-0 win over Lewes.**

**They opened the scoring with a goal from Ian Brown-Peterside in the first half but it required a superb penalty save from Darren Bonfield to keep them in front.**

**Kingsbury settled the issue after the break when Lee Richards scored their second goal after a fine run by Chris Simpson.**

## Borough selection problems start to ease

SELECTION problems for **Harrow Borough** boss Harry Manoe are starting to ease and he expects to field a stronger side for the visit on Saturday of Dulwich Hamlet.

Dave Bennsted is back after suspension and Andy Prutton returns after being unavailable for the opener at Wokingham. But Graham Pearce still has two more matches of his ban to serve and Ben Maskell one. Kevin Davies is doubtful with a foot injury.

Borough are away to Bromley on Tuesday and a coach leaves Earlsmead for Bromley at 4.30pm for the game.

With most of his new signings injured, Wembley boss Glen Charles will be relying on familiar faces for Saturday's journey to the south coast to face Bognor Regis.

However, Gavin Hughes should be available, while Paul Shields hopes to be fit after damaging his knee in a pre-season game.

**Edgware Town** are at home to newly promoted Bracknell Town on Saturday and will again be without Les Thompson who completes a three match ban. He and the back from holiday Joe Sheridan will both be available for selection for Tuesday's League Cup visit to Hampton.

Edgware boss Brian Rider has signed striker Alan Kerr who was a prolific scorer last season with Bridgenorth in the Beazer Homes League.

**Kingsbury Town** have no injury problems and will be at full strength for Saturday's visit to Horsham.

**Rayners Lane** start their season in Division One of the Hellenic League with a attractive fixture against Lambourn Sports who are managed by former Swindon Town and Queens Park Rangers star Don Rodgers. On Tuesday Lane meet Wallingford, who were relegated from the Premier Division two seasons ago.

**Saturday August 20**
**Diadora League Premier Div:** Harrow Borough v Dulwich Hamlet (Earlsmead, 3pm).
**Diadora League Div One:** Bognor Regis v Wembley.
**Diadora League Div Two:** Edgware Town v Bracknell Town (White Lion ground, 3pm).
**Diadora League Div Three:** Horsham v Kingsbury Town.
**Beazer Homes League Southern Div:** Fareham Town v Wealdstone.
**Hellenic League Div One:** Rayners Lane v Lambourn Sports (Lucas Avenue, 3pm).

**Tuesday August 23**
**Diadora League Premier Div:** Bromley v Harrow Borough.
**Diadora League Div One:** Wembley v Boreham Wood (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).
**Diadora League Cup:** Chalfont St Peter v Kingsbury Town; Hampton v Edgware Town.
**Hellenic League Div One:** Rayners Lane v Wallingford (Lucas Ave, 6.30pm).

**Wednesday August 24**
**Beazer Homes League Southern Div:** Wealdstone v Margate (The Warren, 7.45pm).

## Finishing lets Edgware down after Ferry goal

**Edgware Town 1 Witham Town 1**

MISSED chances again proved costly for Edgware on Tuesday night and they had to settle for a point when three should have been comfortably theirs, **writes John Comfort.**

Against a side for whom the kick in rule was tailor made as they monotonously pumped hopeful balls into the home goalmouth, Edgware had an early let off when Rick Hazle's point blank range header was well held by Mark Gower.

But they hit back and Ted John fired straight at Banks with only the keeper to beat before Edgware took a 43rd minute lead.

A cross from the right was knocked back across goal by Steve Newing and Paul Ferry sent a looping header into the top left hand corner of the net.

Edgware should have put the result beyond doubt in the second half but were unable to turn their superiority into goals. Stuart Crawford fired across goal with only Banks to beat while John dithered and lost the ball after a defender's poor clearance attempt had left him with the goal at his mercy. John was also off target with a glancing header and had a good volley well saved.

But a match clinching second goal would not come and the inevitable happened in the 68th minute when Mark Farmer, looking suspiciously offside, nodded past Gower to give the visitors a fortunate point.

**Edgware:** Gower, McIntosh, Sellman, Sue, Finnerty, O'Leary, Coleman, Ferry, John, Newing, Crawford. Subs: Dale, Bastien.

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**DIADORA LEAGUE**
**Premier Division**

| | p | w | d | l | f | a | pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kingstonian | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 4 |
| Aylesbury Utd | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Enfield | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Hitchin | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Slough T | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Rishton St | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Walton & H | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Hayes | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| Harrow Boro | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Molesey | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 |
| Yeading | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| Carshalton | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Grays Ath | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Hendon | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Chesham Utd | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| St Albans City | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Sutton Utd | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Bromley | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Dulwich Hamlet | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Maidenhead | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Purfleet | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 7 | 0 |
| Wokingham T | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 7 | 0 |

**Division One**

| | p | w | d | l | f | a | pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Boreham Wood | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 6 |
| Aldershot T | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 6 |
| Newbury T | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 4 |
| Barking | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 8 | 4 | 4 |
| Basingstoke | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Ruislip Man | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Wembley | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Chertsey T | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Abingdon Town | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Uxbridge | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Maidenhead | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Whyteleafe | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Worthing | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 2 |
| Staines | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 2 |
| Tooting & Mitch | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Bognor Regis | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 1 |
| Heybridge Sw | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Billericay | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Berkhamsted | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Leyton | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Dorking | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Wivenhoe | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 0 |

**Division Two**

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| Oxford C | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| Hampton | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 6 |
| Bracknell | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 4 |
| Windsor | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 4 |
| Witham | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Hemel Hemp | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Hungerford | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Saffron Walden | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Thame Utd | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Croydon | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Ware | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Barton Rovers | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| Aveley | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Leatherhead | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Edgware Town | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Met Police | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Tilbury | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Chalfont St P | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Cheshunt | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 1 |
| Maldon Vale | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| Egham Town | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| Banstead Ath | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 6 | 0 |

**Division Three**

| | p | w | d | l | f | a | pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Southall | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Hornchurch | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 6 |
| Horsham | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Hertford Town | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 4 |
| Collier R | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| Camberley T | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Kingsbury T | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Northwood | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 4 |
| Cove | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 3 |
| Rickmansw Hth | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 3 |
| Canvey Is | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Harefield Utd | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Leighton | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Bedford T | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Clapton | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 |
| Tring Town | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Epsom & Ewell | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 0 |
| East Thurrock | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 |
| Feltham & Hounsl | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 0 |
| Lewes | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0 |
| Harlow | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 |

## Stones fans to pay up for success

WEALDSTONE FC have announced a new initiative for ticket prices for the forthcoming season, based on the club's performances.

As most clubs have increased their entrance fees for the new campaign, Stones felt they had little option but to follow suit, however, Stones fans will only be asked for increased rate if the team produce the goods on the park.

If the club are in the top five in the Beazer Homes League Southern Division then admission prices will increase to £4 for adults and £2.50 for children and OAPs. But if Stones are below fifth spot then prices will remain at the old level of £3.50 and £2.50.

Club director Layne Patterson said: "Although we are due for an increase we felt it fair that the supporters are only asked to pay more for a successful team. We already have the best supporters in local football, let's hope our playing squad can soon join them."

The new charges will take effect from September 3 when Stones entertain Yate Town.


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