

SPORT

Kelly is England golden girl

KELLY Holmes of Southall, Ealing and Middlesex Ladies AC grabbed gold with a superb performance in the Commonwealth Games 1500m final in Victoria. With Canadians Paula Schurb and Gwen Griffiths seemingly set to pounce

in the last 200m, Kelly suddenly found another gear and powered away to win the gold in a time of 4.08.87. Earlier this month she took silver in the European Championships in Helsinki and she said after Sunday's race in Victoria: "I was

pleased with the silver at the Europeans but I wanted gold this time." Kelly maintained a British tradition in the Commonwealth Games women's 1500m. She is the 5th British winner in the last seven Games.

Depleted Stones are out of luck

Baldock Town 2 Wealdstone 1
DEPLETED Stones, hit by injury and illness, lost by the odd goal against title contenders Baldock on Monday, writes Graham Smith.
With Roddy Braithwaite, Mark Hill and Tommy Mason all injured and Tyrone Kent ill, Wealdstone had to reshuffle their line up and play Steve Griffiths in midfield.
Baldock took an early lead when a Kevin Phillips header was placed just beyond Barry Gartell's reach in the 11th minute but the goal was controversial as Gerry Elward was clearly pushed before the ball got to Phillips.
Wealdstone equalised 13 minutes later. Ian Parkinson won a header in midfield and found Paul Goodison who turned and shot past Jones.
Stones were hit by another injury after 27 minutes when John Shanahan limped off with a pulled hamstring to be replaced by Mark Wilson.
Stones might have taken the lead when Ian Parkinson put Goodison clear again but he overran the ball and keeper Jones gathered.
Four minutes into the second half Steve Mattis had a shot well saved by Jones then Parkinson's shot from the rebound was blocked and cleared.
From then on Stones defence was under constant pressure but Gartell kept them in contention, saving well from Penton and then superbly keeping out a Phillips shot.
The bar denied Debanon but with 77 minutes gone the winning goal that Baldock had threatened finally came when the unchallenged Debanon fired home a good shot from 30 yards out.
Wealdstone: Gartell, Anglin, Bloch, Finlay, Shanahan (Wilson), Schwartz, Gilman, Elward, Parkinson, Goodison, Mattis, Hudson.

Full back returns after completing ban

Pilgrim is back for the Wasps

By Alan Bodenham

STEVE Pilgrim, who sat out a 12 month ban for playing in a rugby league trial at Leeds, returns to the Wasps side at full back for the opening match of the season against Belfast side Instonians at Sudbury on Saturday, kick off 2.30pm.
The game, very much a dress rehearsal for next week's Courage League opener against Gloucester, also sees the reappearance of another player who suffered enforced absence - Canadian Norman Hasleby. He suffered a broken leg while serving the 120 qualification period last Autumn and took no further part in Wasps campaign. The second row forward is now back to full fitness and training reports describe him as being in awesome form.

Club captain Dean Ryan, now recovered from a hand injury he suffered in South Africa, leads the side and Rob Andrew partners Steve Bates at half back.
In a pre-season statement, Wasps coach Rob Smith makes a plea for more attacking rugby and suggests borrowing a device from other sports to help - notably the sin bin.
"It would be brought in to discourage the cynics who kill the ball in the ruck and maul situation in order to stop the game flowing," says Smith. "Constant technical offences are often committed intention-

ally to stop the other side scoring and have become a real issue in the game. It was at its worst in Wasps match against Bath last season when 48 penalties were awarded in a game ruined by cynicism. A 10 minute spell in the sin bin would definitely cause habitual offenders to think twice."
Smith also tackled the thorny problem of professionalism. "We have a choice" said Smith "opt in or opt out now. If we opt in then there is a need for restructuring in order to have control and achieve better results."
"Any form of remuneration must be for achievement and to enable players to dedicate more time to rugby. The club may improve for paying for a

player, a player does not." This thorny problem is sure to emerge again as the long season makes its way towards the World Cup.
There are several new faces at Sudbury this season. They are: Nick Poppelwell, the Ireland and British Lions prop forward; Guy Gregory, England under-21 and England Students fly half, a former Wasp colt who has been playing for Nottingham; Shane Rosier, a speedy winger, formerly of Rosslyn Park and a member of the England under-21 squad; Aaron James, a tough Kiwi centre who has represented Southland in New Zealand and played against both the British Lions and England in recent seasons.

Bronze for Alison

ALISON Wyeth of Parkside Ladies AC took the bronze medal in the 3000 metres at the Commonwealth Games in Victoria. Representing England, she finished with a time of 8 mins 47.98 secs in a race won by Angela Chalmers of Canada.
This was a much deserved reward for the Parkside athlete who has run at international level for a number of years. Earlier this month she finished a good sixth in the European Championships 3000 metres in Helsinki.
Fellow Parkside athlete, Laura Adam, was also in the Commonwealth 3000m final. Running for Scotland she had a good race and finished eighth in 9 mins 6.63 secs.

Britannic award for Thacker



BRITANNIC Award for the month of August was presented to Mark Thacker (right) by Chairman of the Britannic Assurance Club, Peter (left) and the month award for July from Britannic Assurance, Keith Curry.

Report Thacker won an award after a succession of four seasons. One of the most accomplished local players in recent seasons, he has frustratingly been piped to the post on numerous occasions.
But on the final weekend of the month he snatched the honours with a century double, scoring a superb 136 against Fleet followed by a magnificent sub-century 137 against Knarley.



He landed two other tons during the month, an unbeaten 105 against Lydney and 115 against Tl

Defeat leaves Rider disillusioned

Saffron Walden 3 Edgware Town 0
EDGWARE boss Brian Rider was left 'disillusioned by the game' on Tuesday as his side lost to yet another outfit that placed considerable emphasis on route one football.
The visitors played all the football in the opening stages and Dave Sue went close with two headers, but Saffron soaked up the pressure and caught Edgware cold in the 25th minute when a long

ball across the area was mishit into the corner of the net by Shuttleworth.
Steve Newing should have levelled for Edgware when he was put through by Ted John but he slipped as he was about to shoot, and soon after John had a close effort blocked.
However, right on half time Saffron scored again when a lob over the defence caught out Paul Ferry and Walker nipped past him and slotted past Mark Gover.

Saffron started strongly in the second half and within five minutes had made it 3-0 through Walker.
Edgware hit back with Sue heading against the crossbar from a Newing cross and both John and Les Thompson missing good chances of scoring, but the visitors ended the game goalless and pointless.
Edgware: Gover, O'Leary, Sue, Ferry, Shuttleworth, Coleman, Flynn, Thompson, Easton, Salaman, Newing, John. Over sub: Dale.

Hamstring injury rules out Shanahan

A HAMSTRING injury sustained against Baldock will keep defender John Shanahan out of the Wealdstone side for at least two weeks and he misses Saturday's Beazer Homes League game at home to League new boys Yale Town.
Both Roddy Braithwaite and Mark Hill are still sidelined with injuries but Tommy Mason should have recovered from a foot injury.
Andy Smith is on holiday, while Matthew Catlin is suspended and both miss Wembley's League match with Newbury on Saturday which

is being played at Chesham United. Paul Shields is still recovering from a knee injury.
Manager Harry Manoe will be looking to build on last week's good win over Walton on Saturday when Harrow Borough visit Enfield, managed by former Borough boss George Borg.
Edgware will be without the unavailable Steve Newing for Saturday's visit to Ware. Seamie Finnerty is still on holiday and Paul McIntosh is sidelined with an ankle injury but both Eugene Flynn and Dave Sue should get over

niggling minor injuries.
Rayners Lane entertain Eton Wick in an FA Vase Preliminary round tie on Saturday. They will definitely be without the holidaying Danny Mills, Ciaran Creegan and Fergus Meany, while Steve Bird is extremely doubtful with a knee injury.
Saturday September 3
FA Vase Extra preliminary round: Rayners Lane v Eton Wick (Lucas Ave, 3pm).
Diadora League Premier Div: Enfield v Harrow Borough.
Diadora League Div One: Newbury Town v Wembley (at Chesham Utd FC).
Diadora League Div Two: Ware v Edgware Town.
Diadora League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Hornchurch (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Beazer Homes League Southern Div: Wealdstone v Yale Town (The Warren, 3pm).
Tuesday September 6
Diadora League Cup: Edgware Town v Enfield (White Lion ground, 7.20pm); Egham Town v Wembley; St Albans City v Harrow Borough.
Beazer Homes League Southern Div: Bury Town v Wealdstone.
Football Combination: QPR v Crystal Palace (Earlsmead, 7pm).

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Lane make hard work of winning

Rayners Lane 3 Didcot Town 1
LANE made extremely hard work of beating lowly Didcot on Monday, writes John Comfort.
They had the visitors under the cob for most of the first half but their finishing was decidedly poor and they only had a solitary goal to show for their efforts, Tony Verni sweeping home a Tony Scally cross in the 28th minute.
The atrocious Lane finish-

ing was still much in evidence after the break and it was perhaps inevitable that in a rare Didcot attack after 53 minutes, Lee Newport fired past the hapless Peter Randall to put the visitors level.
Clearly deflated by that blow, Lane could have been forgiven for thinking it was not to be their day, particularly when a Steve Hedge shot was deflected onto a post by Verni and then the same player had a header turned onto an

upright by keeper Key.
However, with 12 minutes remaining Lane restored their lead when Haigh put Scally away on the right and Wilf Wildson turned home his cross at the far post. Two minutes into injury time Scally put the result beyond doubt, sweeping home Haigh's cross for Lane's third goal.
Rayners Lane: Randall, Creegan, Coleman, Mills, Matthews, Dickell, S. Hedge, Bird (Haigh), Verni, Scally, Wildson (Edmunds).

Bonfield's brilliance takes Town to an

Kingsbury Town 2 Canvey Island 1
VICTORY over Canvey on Tuesday night took Town to the top of the Diadora Division Three table - and it was due in no small way to a superb performance by keeper Darren Bonfield, writes John Comfort.
In the last 20 minutes as Kingsbury desperately defended a 2-1 lead, Bonfield was simply unbeatable. A great double save denied first Mahoney and then Pennyfather, and the same two players both had point blank range headers kept out by amazing stops. And much to Canvey's frustration, when Bonfield was beaten by Brimell, his effort crashed onto the bar.
Although Mahoney headed onto the bar for

the visitors in the first half, it was Kingsbury who had the better of the opening period and they took the lead after 22 minutes when Kevin Stewart's header from a Louch free kick was blocked and Vernon Nelson followed up to net.
Canvey levelled 11 minutes after the break when John Kenny lost possession to Pizzey who set up Brimell to fire past Bonfield, but Kenny made amends in the 69th minute, blasting Kingsbury back in front from 20 yards after being put through by Nelson.
After that it required all Bonfield's brilliance to keep the points intact.
Kingsbury: Bonfield, Moore, Ash, Evans, Stewart, Elliott, Brennan, Kenny, Nelson, Brown-Peterside (Kingsbury). Over sub: Egan.

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