

SPORT

Sweeney makes his mark for London

TROJAN Boxing Club's Jim Sweeney clearly earned his London vest with a magnificent performance in Friday's London v Kent match at St George's Hotel, Rochester. He was pitted against Eddie Ives of

Medway, an opponent he had beaten two weeks earlier, and Ives was clearly determined to gain revenge, coming out with all guns blazing. But Sweeney competently weathered the storm and hit back to take the 2nd and

3rd rounds and earned a unanimous verdict from the judges. It was Sweeney's sixth win from six fights. By contrast, Ives has lost only two bouts, both against Sweeney, having stopped all his other opponents.

Stones see red over change kit

FOLLOWING Manchester United's recent decision to ditch their controversial grey kit due to players claiming they were unable to pick each other out, Wealdstone have also decided to dump their current change kit.

The reason, however, has nothing to do with the inability of Gordon Bartlett's men to see each other - but because they can't seem to win in their less than popular red change strip.

"For some reason the supporters don't seem to like the red kit," said Stones director Layne Patterson, "and to be fair, it hasn't been our luckiest of strips. But speaking to the players, they will tell you that they certainly don't regard this as an unlucky omen."

"But in an attempt to appease our followers, it has been decided that we will not play any competitive matches in red during the 1996/97 season. Fan power has won the day, coupled with the fact that we will receive a free strip from League sponsors ICIS - of course!"

In an attempt to satisfy everybody, the club are urging their supporters to contact them with their choice of colour for a new change strip.

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QPR move planned for Wasps

Sudbury club consider £2.7m offer

WASPS could be playing their home games at Loftus Road, the home of Queens Park Rangers FC, if they accept an offer from Chris Wright, chairman of the Chrysalis media group.

Wright, who is currently negotiating to buy Rangers, wants to inject £2.7 million into Wasps.

The offer was revealed by Wasps president, Bill Treadwell, at an extraordinary general meeting on Tuesday night at which members were due to vote through the club's plans to raise funds for players' contracts by floating itself on the Alternative Investment Market for Smaller Companies.

The flotation was put on hold and the meeting adjourned to enable both sides to enter into detailed discussions. It will be reconvened on June 17 when acceptance of the Wright plan appears likely.

Wright proposes to pay £1.7 million for a new issue of shares in Wasps in return for a 49.9 per cent stake in the club, plus £1 million secured on the club's assets to provide working capital. The money could be used for the contracts of key players such as Lawrence Dallaglio, recent international signings Mike Gri-

fiths, Glyn Llewellyn and Gareth Rees; and rising youngsters, Andy Gomarsall and Alex King.

Mr Treadwell said that Wright's offer had only been made verbally at the weekend. "It was only received in writing, literally an hour before the egm. As it wasn't on the agenda it prevented it from being discussed so the meeting has been adjourned for 21 days.

"We could still go ahead with our original plans for flotation but when an offer like this comes in you have to give it due consideration.

"It will give us a ready built stadium which seats 19,000, a beautiful playing surface, plus the attraction of a hospitality area.

"But whatever we decide to do it will be in the best interests of Wasps, to enable us to retain our players and provide them with the best possible facilities." If the offer goes through, Wasps will still retain Sudbury as their home, but with only junior matches being played there, the £2.5 million ground redevelopment which was recently passed by Brent Council will be considerably scaled down. However, if Wright fails in his bid

for Rangers, the financing improvements at Sudbury might be a consideration.

Repton Avenue resident Robert Fu, who had led a campaign against now-dropped elements of Wasps rebuilding plans at Sudbury, said of the possibility of a Wasps move: "The biggest problem for residents is the congestion on first team match days.

"But I know Brent Council did not want to lose the prestige of having such a big club in the borough."

"This way, everyone wins - the club is still here, but the main problem is not. Also it would be groundsharing with an established club on an already-built ground with much more seating than they have now.

"This would be fantastic for the club and residents." Wasps start their Courage League matches next season away to Sale on August 31, with their first home game scheduled for September 7 against Saracens. They then face Bridgind in midweek in the Anglo Welsh competition.

Their European sortie begins at home to Cardiff on October 12, followed by a visit to Munster on October 19.

Harrow seek entrants for Youth Games

THE Harrow team for the Heathrow Youth Games in July urgently requires managers and team members in a number of key sports.

Harrow has entered the Games every year since its inception in 1978 and every year they try to field teams in each of the 33 sports. But competitors for angling, karate, weightlifting, fencing, diving and cycling have always proved a problem.

Anglers, aged under-14, under-16 and under-18 are required, along with a team manager. Karate players, for kumite and kata, who must hold a current EKGB licence, are needed from over 10 to under 18, as well as a team manager.

Juvenile under 16 and junior under 15 cyclists, who must be on a full with competitive cycling, are required, as are junior boy and girl under 15 divers and senior boy under 19 competitors who must be able to execute four different dives from either the one metre or three metre boards.

Harrow also require two male and one female weightlifters, aged over 13 and under 19, plus a team manager. Olympic lifts are used - the snatch and clean and jerk. Lifters should be members of the British Amateur Weight Lifting Association.

In fencing a team manager and three under 19 fencers, male or female, are required.

Team members are provided with kit by the Harrow Sports Council. Anyone interested in competing for the Borough should contact the leisure department on 424-1727 and ask to speak to either Steve Rodgers or Robin Curl.

Andrea the star as Parkside come third

AGAINST stiff opposition from host club Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers and Team Solent, Parkside A.C. finished third in their second Southern League Division One match of the season on Saturday at Barnet Copthall.

Parkside had an impressive clean sweep in the senior 1500m with Andrea Whitcombe a clear winner of the A string race in an excellent 4:31.9 while Alice Hansen took the B event in 4:42.2.

Nandy Avling won the B 800m in 2:19.8 and there were good wins in the field for Caroline Stead in the triple jump and Lesley Lavers in the javelin.

Parkside results
 Seniors: 100m A 1 Michelle Turner 12.8, B 3 Caroline Stead 13.2, 200m A 5 Michelle Turner 26.5, B 5 Nicki Soper 29.6, 400m A 5 Nicki Soper 66.6, B 3 Jackie Ripley 62.3, 800m A 2 Andrea Whitcombe 2:10.7, B 1 Nandy Avling 2:19.8, 1500m A 1 Andrea Whitcombe 4:31.9, B 1 Alice Hansen 4:42.2, 3000m A 2 Vandy Milne 13:06.0, B 3 Liz Bowers 12:15.3, 800m hurd A 3 Elissa Williamson 19.3, B 2 Anna Guthrie 13.8, 1500m hurd A 2 Alison McDonnell 15.1, 400m hurd A 2 Alison McDon-

nell 62.7, B 4 Hanna Bowers 77.8, 4 x 100m Parkside (K Soper 18.8, Ripley 17.1, M Turner 17.1, McDonnell) 52.5, 4 x 400m 3 Parkside (K Soper 1:25, Ripley 1:25, A Whitcombe 63.6, A McDonnell 59.3) 4:09.6, high jump A 4 Eleanor Cave 1.55, B 5 Stephanie Kosis 1.35, pole vault A 5 Clare Thomas 1.40, long jump A 2 Caroline Stead 5.14, B 2 Eleanor Cave 5.02, triple jump A 1 Caroline Stead 12.19, B 5 Vandy Milne 10.25, shot A 3 Wendy Dunford 10.52, B 2 Argeia Mitchell 9.59, discus A 2 Kate Semus 36.88, B 3 Argeia Mitchell 30.24, hammer A 4 Wendy Dunford 32.12, B 2 Kate Semus 30.12, javelin A 1 Lesley Lavers 39.58, B 2 Kate Semus 22.58, Juniors: 100m A 1 Laura Turner 13.3, B 1 Janine Colley 13.8, 200m A 1 Laura Turner 27.6, B 3 Stephanie Mitchell 28.5, 800m A 4 Stephanie Mitchell 2:34.0, B 2 Sarah Bell 2:34.0, 1500m A 2 Lorna King 5:03.6, B 3 Frances Vosper 5:27.3, 75m hurd A 1 Laura Turner 12.2, B 4 Kelly Coughlan 13.4, 4 x 100m Parkside (J. Colley 15.5, Mitchell 14.1, Turner 15.0, high jump A 5 Kelly Coughlan 1.25, B 5 E Talbury 1.10, long jump A 4 Lorna King 4.56, B 3 Janine Colley 4.20, shot A 3 Janine Colley 7.70, B 5 Ruth Coughlan 5.92, Argeia Mitchell 5.92, Georgia Gaiety 14.32, B 5 Heather Turner 12.44, javelin A 5 Heather Turner 16.62, B 3 Heather Turner 12.72.

Match result: 1 Shaftesbury Barnet 210.5, 2 Team Solent 180.3, 3 Parkside 164, 4 Windsor 156.5, 5 Shaftesdon 119.

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Hendry on cue at Riley's

MEMBERS at Riley's Snooker Club in Wealdstone got a close up view of the sport at its very best last Wednesday when World Champion Stephen Hendry paid them a visit.

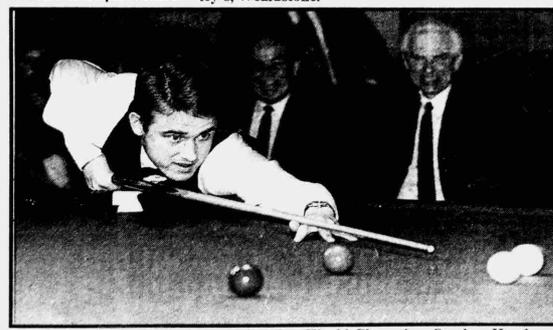
The six times winner of snooker's top prize spent three hours at the club, signing autographs, talking to members and playing six exhibition matches against local players from the Harrow and District League.

The visit was the culmination of a Euro 96 promotion which has taken place at Riley's clubs throughout the country. Riley's, who are one of the game's leading table and cue suppliers, are one of Hendry's sponsors.

Riley's Wealdstone has had a number of successful visits by star players. Willie Thorne was there only last week, while Neal Foulds and former World Champion Steve Davis are past visitors.



● Stephen Hendry with Bob Tester, manager of Riley's, Wealdstone.



● The perfect potting action from Snooker World Champion, Stephen Hendry, at Riley's. Pictures by Sophie Powell.

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