

SPORT

SOCCKER

Champs end the season like chumps

Rayners Lane 0
Pitshanger 3

LANE began the season with a defeat and ended it on Saturday in similar fashion, writes John Comfort.

In between there were a sufficient number of more inspired performance to give Fergus Meaney's team the Middlesex County League Premier Division Championship, which was just as well, for had they been relying on the outcome of this dire offering, they would surely have finished amongst the also-rans.

Lane began well enough but were unable to turn their superiority into goals and after 20 minutes were stunned by conceding an own goal from Wayne Coakley's back pass.

Keeper Peter Randall showed all the skills of a demented can-can dancer in his efforts to control the ball and it bounced agonisingly past him and into the net.



Champions Rayners Lane with the Middlesex League Premier Division trophy.

Lane had the chances to level before the break, the best of which fell to Junior Smith after Danny Mills had headed down a Darrell Clements free kick, but he shot straight at keeper Chris Green.

Lane pressed at the start of the second half, Mills having

an inswinging corner headed off the line and Steve Cott and Smith having followed up shots blocked. Steve Bird was then put clear by Tony Verni but a woeful square pass failed to find Tom Metcalfe who was in front of an open goal.

With 58 minutes gone Lane

were made to pay a high price for their misses.

Pat Lewis broke clear and although Randall came out to block, Dennis Fuller blasted in the loose ball to put Pitshanger two up.

Chances were then missed at both ends, skipper Verni fir-

ing over an open goal being the most notable for Lane, before Pitshanger completed the embarrassment of the champions with four minutes to go. Jessie Hall breaking clear to round Randall and net.

If Lane needed confirmation that it was not to be their day,

it arrived right on full time when Metcalfe netted just a split second after referee Skinner blew the final whistle and the goal was ruled out.

Rayners Lane: Randall, Clements (Creagan), Rice, Verni, Smith, Bird, Cott, Coakley, Mills, Stewart (Kinsey), Metcalfe. Other sub-

PETANQUE

Chantal's Channel Islands triumph

TOP Harrow Petanque Club lady player Chantal Wingrove has won the prestigious Jersey Doubles Open with Andre Nicole from Jersey Petanque Club.

This is the third year that the duo have paired up for the event and the second time they have won it. This year there were 68 entries.

In the London Regional Doubles event at Shadwell Basin on Sunday, Harrow's Sebastian Barrat and his veteran partner Rene Guano lost 13-9 in a close fought final to Marcus Hilton and Val Hugo from East London's Unity PC.

This Sunday at Old Lyoniens Sports and Social Club, starting at 2pm, Harrow PC face their annual match against twin town Douai for the Challenge Shield. Harrow captain Brian Brazier is confident his team can double their tally of only one win from seven contests.

SWIMMING

Sponsored swim time

80 Harrow and Wealdstone members took part in a sponsored swim on Saturday morning, swimmers as young as 8 years completing 50 lengths of the Harrow Leisure Centre pool. It is hoped that the event will raise £500 towards new equipment for the club and a donation will also be made to the MacMillan Fund.

GOLF

STANMORE GOLF CLUB

Ladies Section

Extra Medal

Div I: Mrs A Futeran, r/u Mrs P Middleton; Div II: Mrs M Quick, r/u Mrs M Sticher; Div III: Mrs R Pritchard, r/u Mrs J Coles.

Coronation Fourfomes: Mrs T Cox & Mrs S Walton, r/u Mrs M Jessett & Mrs J Whittaker.

Ladies Medal Ainsley Qualifier

Div I: Mrs A Futeran, r/u Miss D Cook; Div II: Mrs T Cox, r/u Mrs S Giddis; Div III: Mrs R Pritchard, r/u Mrs B Turner.

Four Ball better ball: Mrs J Whittaker & Mrs S O'Sullivan, r/u Mrs M Hunt & Mrs M Sticher.

Outside honours

London Ladies Captains (A: Royal Blackheath): Mrs M Hunt & Mrs J Turner 3rd aggregate.

Middx Ladies Div 5 (at Finchley): Mrs R Cane best back 9.

Middx Ladies Div 4 (at Grimsdyke): Mrs C Cox & Mrs R Pritchard 2nd prize pm.

Stones trophy double for Roy



Wealdstone trophy double - Roy Marshall.

ROY Marshall scooped both the top awards as Wealdstone celebrated their ICIS Division Three Championship triumph at the supporters club dinner at Wasps.

The star defender took both the Players' Player of the Year Trophy and the Jock Law Trophy for the supporters player of the year. He has also won the Carlton Television Wealdstone Player of the Season award.

Stones skipper Fergus Moore received an award for completing 100 appearances for the club and special presentations were made to club manager Gordon Bartlett, his assistant Leo Morris, coach Frank O'Brien and physiotherapist Alan Wharton.

Paul Frun was named as the Supporter of the Year and the Chairman's Award for services to the club went to Roger Slater.

'We're too nice' says Boro' boss

But Dowie is going to change all that

HARROW Borough FC are too nice a club for their own good, but the days of them being a soft touch for opponents are coming to an end, says manager Bob Dowie.

"I'm going to change all that," he said at the club's presentation dinner on Saturday.

"On the field I want to create an atmosphere like the Enfields of the league. I don't want us to be liked. I want us to be detested. I want teams to respect us because they know what we're capable of."

Dowie took over from Harry Manoe when Borough were bottom of the table in November and staring relegation in the face. He was adamant that the club would not go down and was proved right when a string of good results in the run in lifted them to a final 17th place with 50 points - a full 12 clear of the relegation zone.

"We came a long way" said Dowie "but it would be wrong for me to say I'm satisfied. Our discipline improved, we played good football, but we need a little bit more application."

With the departure of some players and the introduction of others, Dowie will not be expecting another relegation bat-

tle next season. "I'll be disappointed if we don't finish in the top ten," he said.

Dowie will have a new No 2 next season in the shape of former Berkhamsted boss Roy Butler, the father of the club's midfielder, Steve Butler.

At the dinner, a special

award was made to Dowie by the Borough board of directors in recognition of his efforts.

The club's main award,

the Player of the Year Trophy, was won by defender Jason Court. Mark Xavier won both the Vice-President's Player of the Year award and the

Golden Boot award for leading goalscorer, with 21.

The Players' Player of the

Year was Ian Rutherford. Keeper David Hook received a 200 appearances award and there were 100 appearance awards for John Hurlock, Sean James and Mark Xavier.

Don Bruce Bookmakers,

who were represented at the dinner by directors Jamie and Mack Bruce, are to extend their sponsorship of Borough into a third year next season.



Bob Dowie receives his special award from Borough chairman, Jim Ripley.

GYMNASTICS

Tina makes it a hat-trick of regional gold medals

TINA Shah of Harrow School of Gymnastics took the gold medal at Club Grade level 1 in the Regional Grades competi-

tion held recently at Heathrow Gym Club. This completed a unique hat-trick for Tina who over the last two years has been Regional Champion at levels 2 and 3.

She also went on to become National Champion and those levels and will be hoping to complete a National hat-trick as well when she competes in the finals later this month in Birmingham.

Joining her in the London Region team at Birmingham will be clubmates Jo Goodman, who took silver in the Regional finals, and Lucy Hale, who secured a 4th place.

Pictured right, Harrow's competitors at the Regional grades competition.



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