

SPORT

Borough, Stones at home

IN the draw for the second qualifying round of the FA Cup on October 3, both Harrow Borough and Wealdstone have received home ties. Borough play host to

Thamesmead Town, who play in the Winstonleed Kent League. Stones will entertain former Beazer Homes League rivals, Newport Isle of Wight.

Away day joy for Borough

Dulwich Hamlet 0 Harrow Borough 2
BOROUGH followed up Saturday's first league win of the season with their first away victory after an excellent all round team performance at Dulwich on Tuesday, and an added bonus for player/manager Alan Paris, was the first clean sheet of the season, writes **Lawrie Harris**.

Borough's victory came through goals by Paul Adolphe and Pat Gavin, the second a superbly crafted effort. Starting in confident style, Borough had early chances through Otis Roberts and Frank McCormack and went on to dominate the first half with inventive approach play, with Roberts and Paul Adolphe prominent.

Their best chance came a minute before the break when a McCormack cross was headed down to John Lawford but he failed to make a good contact.

After the break Borough continued to pass the ball well and this

led to their opening goal after 51 minutes. A good build up set McCormack free, his deep cross forced defender Edwards to head against his own bar and Adolphe bravely headed in the rebound.

Substitutions lined up the Dulwich attack but the Borough defence looked assured with Paris leading by example and Danny Nwaokolo giving excellent support.

Borough sealed victory with a second goal after 80 minutes of the highest quality. After the ball was twice worked across field to turn the home defence inside out, Roberts burst in from the right and found Gavin whose finish from eight yards was clinical.

The result lifted Borough out of the bottom three, and while successive wins do not make a season, they are clearly heading in the right direction.

Harrow Borough: Hook, O'Brien, James, Roberts, Nwaokolo, Paris, Adolphe, Bates, Gavin, Lawford (Kumah), McCormack. Other subs: Lord, Dodds.

Golden Audley

Games glory takes just 63 seconds

AUDLEY Harrison destroyed Michael Macaque of Mauritius in just 63 stunning seconds to land the super heavyweight gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur and then declared that he was going on to win the Olympic crown in Sydney in 2000 and would then take the World professional title.

The 6ft 6ins, 18 stone powerhouse from Kingsbury said: "I am going to stay amateur because I will win Olympic gold without a doubt."

"My phone will be red hot when I get home. I've had offers to turn pro, big offers, and I'm not frightened of moving up there.

"But I intend to turn pro late and clean up quick."

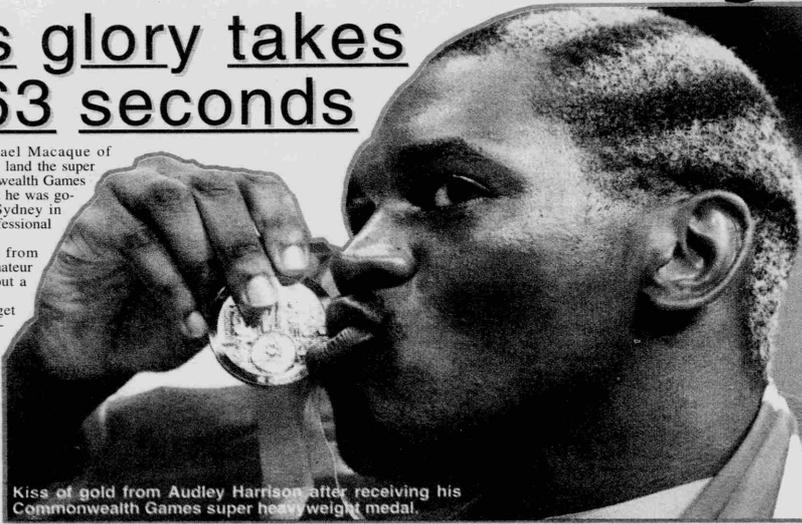
Harrison's sensational victory was the most emphatic of the Commonwealth Games boxing finals and completed a superb England haul of four golds.

A crushing left cross exploded on Macaque's chin and he dropped to his knees with no chance of beating the count.

"I was looking for a clean shot," said Harrison, a member of the famous Repton Boxing Club. "It couldn't have ended in a better way."

Before the bout Harrison had been forced to change his gloves to comply with Games regulations and the replacements were too small.

"I wasn't happy about that, especially as they left it



Kiss of gold from Audley Harrison after receiving his Commonwealth Games super heavyweight medal.

to the last minute. But it worked to my advantage because it meant that I entered the ring with bad, bad intentions."

The Commonwealth gold medal has completed a magnificent 1998 for 26 year old Harrison, a student at Brunel University.

A superlative string of performances have included

the successful defence of his ABA crown and winning gold in the prestigious International Festival of Amateur Boxing.

He is already widely regarded as the best super heavyweight of his generation, and as such has all the credentials for succeeding in his double aim of Olympic gold and World professional no 1.

Super silver for Andrea

PARKSIDE (Harrow) AC's Andrea Whitcombe celebrated the finest moment of her athletics career last Thursday when she won the silver medal in the 5000 metres final at the Commonwealth Games in Kuala Lumpur, a brilliant achievement and a much deserved one.

In the draining heat and humidity of the Malaysian capital, she ran a superb race to finish in 15 minutes 56.85 secs, just 13 seconds off her personal best time - a great performance in such conditions.

Running in the red and white kit of the England team, Andrea was lying in fifth position with

two laps remaining, with teammate Sarah Young leading the field. When Australian Kate Anderson of Australia struck her home at the bell, Andrea moved up into fourth place and then went past Zimbabwe's S.Mayo with 300 metres to go.

Running a blistering last lap, she then stormed past Young on the final bend and finished strongly to take the silver medal, 4.11 seconds behind Anderson.

Speaking afterwards, Andrea said: "I'm so pleased. I came here at first thinking just to get in the final would be an achievement and found out it was a straight final and I thought, I've just got to

go for a medal now."

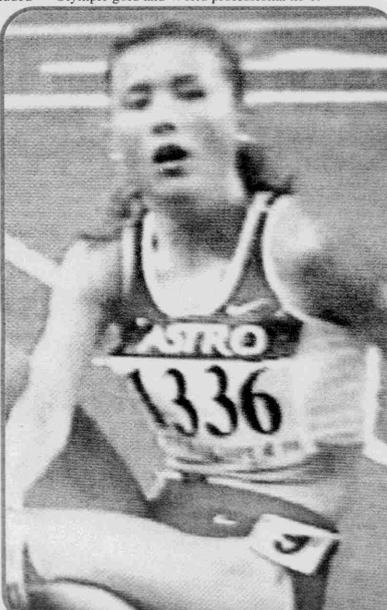
Commenting on conditions, she said: "I was thinking nobody wants to take on water and I thought, I've got to, I'm gasping. So I did and it obviously paid off."

Andrea, who trains at the Roger Bannister Track in Hatch End, began running with Parkside as a teenager, being coached by Bob Parker, with assistance from Judy Whitcombe and Bob's late wife, Sylvia.

An extremely supportive club athlete, she achieved her first major success by winning the senior Womens English National Cross Country Championships in 1990 at the age of just 18.

She retained the title the following year and came back six years later to take the title for an amazing third time in 1997.

Andrea qualified for the Commonwealth Games in style, winning the 5000m at the AAA



Andrea Whitcombe - exhausted after her great 5000 metres silver medal run in Kuala Lumpur.

Mandy claims hockey silver

HATCH End's Mandy Nicholson claimed a silver medal in the Commonwealth Games as part of the England Ladies Hockey team which finished runners up to Australia.

In the final England lost 8-1 to the current Olympic and World Champions, Mandy is a member of Slough Hockey Club.

Stanmore are County knockout champions

STANMORE have won the Middlesex 20 Knockout Cricket competition for the second year running - and this time they are keeping the Trophy.

Last year they beat Eastcote in the final at Uxbridge CC but their victory was declared void after it was found that they had played an ineligible player.

But on this occasion everything was all above board.

Skipper Alastair Fraser was the star of an emphatic semi-final win over Middlesex Tamils, cracking an incredible 108 in just 57 balls and sharing a stand of 92 with Rob Hesketh (24) that saw Stanmore to a massive 191-6 from their 20 overs.

The task was way beyond the Tamils

who were dismissed for 74 in their reply with Dave Dunn (3-27) taking the bowling honours.

The final against Enfield was a somewhat closer affair with Stanmore again batting first and making 125-2, thanks mainly to Richard Brooker (54 not out) and Hesketh (40) who put on 92 for the second wicket.

In their reply Enfield made steady progress towards the target and needed seven off the last over to win.

But young bowler Nick Goh, in a repeat performance of his efforts in the Harrow Final, kept remarkably cool and only conceded a single run as Enfield finished on 120-6 to leave Stanmore winners by five runs.

Celaire heading for Wembley?

WEMBLEY are likely to take Wealdstone striker Mario Celaire on loan and he could make his debut for the Lions on Saturday against Molesey.

Stones visit Barton and will be without Steve Bircham, while Dominic Sterling and Stuart Kent are also injury doubts.

Harrow Borough bid to make it three wins in a row when they take on Enfield. Darren Coleman is their only injury absentee.

Borough are seeking a new coach following the departure of Robyn Jones. The club have released centre back John Mutch.

Steve Evans returns after suspension for Edgware's game with Barking, but Craig Elliott is serving a ban and will be absent.

Fixtures

Saturday September 26
Ryman League Premier Div One: Harrow Borough v Enfield (Earlsmead, 3pm).

Ryman League Div One: Barton v Wealdstone, Wembley v Molesey (Vale Farm, 3pm).

Ryman League Div Two: Edgware Town v Barking (White Lion ground, 3pm).

Ryman League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Ware (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).

Tuesday September 29
Ryman League Div One: Wealdstone v Whiteleyale (White Lion ground, 7.45pm); Grays Ath v Wembley (7.45pm).

Ryman League Div Two: Marlow v Edgware Town.
Wednesday September 30
Capital League: Harrow Borough v Rushden & Diamonds (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

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