

# SPORT

## Silver success is a surprise for Andrea

ANDREA Whitcombe returned to Harrow after her superb silver medal performance in the 5000m in the Commonwealth Games in

Kuala Lumpur and modestly claimed "I didn't expect to do so well."

She was only sixth fastest of those in the final but finished strongly, passing England teammate Sarah Young on the final lap to take second place behind Australia's Kate Anderson.

And Andrea felt that she might even have caught the Australia if she had been in Sarah Young's position in the latter stages.

"I think I'd have given her a run for her money," she said.

But while Andrea exceeded her expectations, her magnificent achievement came as no surprise to her Parkside AC coach Bob Parker. "I've had her for 12 years and she's just failed to qualify each time," he said.

"In the last three years she could have done all the majors. She's certainly capable of it but it hasn't happened, until now.

"It was a really good run, and I'm well chuffed for her."

Andrea was at Parkside AC's Bannister Sports Centre headquarters on Tuesday, proudly showing off silver medal.

But this weekend she's back in action in the Great North Run in Newcastle and will then be preparing for the cross country season.



Super silver medalist Andrea Whitcombe. Picture by Celia Pentead



With proud mum Judy (second left) watching, Andrea Whitcombe shows her Commonwealth silver medal to Parkside AC clubmates Barbara Bell and Alex Docherty.

## Borough on FA Cup trail

HARROW Borough join the FA Cup trail on Saturday with a home tie against little known Winstonleed Kent League club, Thamesmead Town, in the second qualifying round.

After a run of three good results, Borough are in confident mood and will be expected to see off their opponents with some ease. They should be boosted by the return of Darren Coleman who has recovered from injury.

If a replay is required it will be at Thamesmead on Tuesday evening, kick off 7.45pm.

Wealdstone have something of an injury crisis for their Cup clash with former Southern League adversaries, Newport IOW at the White Lion ground.

Mick Swaysland, Paul Lamb and Chris Walton are all doubtful while Steve Bircham is definitely out. However, Dominic Sterling and Stuart Kent are expected to be fit after recovering from injuries. Stones will be hoping to

avoid a replay, which will take place on Tuesday.

Ferry times dictate that after the game the team would not be able to leave the Isle of Wight before midnight with a return to Harrow unlikely before 3am on Wednesday morning.

Stones striker Mario Celeira has gone on loan to Aveley while Richard Horner is currently being loaned to Ruislip Manor and Roy Marshall is likely to join him.

Still looking for their first win, Wembley have a rearranged league game at home to Barton Rovers and will again be without both Jason McKoy and Wayne Walters who are suspended.

Lee Smart, Marvin Hall, Danny Gallagher and Tony Millard are all doubtful through injury.

Edgware have no game on Saturday but return to action at Windsor on Tuesday subject to the Royals getting a result in their weekend FA Cup match.

# McGleish steps down ..but it's only temporary



Jock McGleish

JOCK McGleish has stepped down as manager of Wembley FC - but it has nothing to do with the club's poor start to the season, and is only a temporary measure.

He is taking time off to address "a personal problem" and is expected to return when it is resolved.

The Lions have yet to win this season and club chairman Brian Gumm was noticeably displeased at their performance in Saturday's 1-1 draw with Moseley at Vale Farm.

When he and manager McGleish went into a 'behind closed doors meeting' after the game, rumours of a split quickly began to circulate

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around the club.

But McGleish later dispelled all talk of a row, or that he had been sacked.

"The meeting was instigated by me and there was no argument."

"I offered to resign because of a personal problem that is pressing and may take two, three or four weeks to resolve."

"There really is nothing else to it. It's as simple as that."

"Mr Gumm refused to accept my resignation and told me to get things sorted out,

hopefully sooner rather than later. He told me that after the problem is addressed I can then come back, and if I don't he'll then look for another manager."

Mr Gumm confirmed events. "People have been ringing me up for his job and they've all got the wrong end of the stick."

"As far as I'm concerned he is on leave and if he decides to come back after a month the job will be open for him."

During McGleish's absence his assistant, Paul McCluskey, with reserve team boss, Errol Dyer, and coach Robert Dale, will take charge of team affairs.

## Another Wembley grays day

Grays Ath 4 Wembley 1 WEMBLEY'S winless start to the start was extended to ten matches following this latest reverse at Grays on Tuesday night, writes Richard Markiewicz.

The makeshift Lions line up was further depleted by the withdrawal through injury of Marvin Hall and the non-appearance of Dave Vincent, who missed the bus.

The visitors' preparations were also hampered by their very late arrival at the ground and in an attempt to catch the Lions cold, Grays went for the jocular straight from the kick off.

A combination of resolute defending and excellent goalkeeping by Kevin Beckles successfully absorbed the home side's thrusts, but Grays eventually broke the deadlock with a fortuitous 20th minute goal from Graham Daly, whose harmless strike took a wicked deflection past the wrong footed Beckles.

Leon Callender almost redressed the balance shortly before the interval with a neat shot on the turn which produced a fine save from the Grays keeper.

But with a couple of goals at the start of the second half, Grays re-asserted their authority. After making two stunning saves, Beckles' heroics failed to prevent Vinny John netting the rebound to make it 2-0 in the 47th minute.

John scored again six minutes later after Jason Walker had opened up the Wembley defence with a powerful run down the right flank.

A Steve Dickinson own goal in the 59th minute following a Davis Haule centre provided the Lions with a lifeline. But their hopes were soon diminished in the 73rd minute when Danny Snowhill's low, long range strike flew through the crowded goal area and past the unsuspecting Beckles to wrap up the contest.

Wembley: Beckles, Kirwan, Wise (J.Hall), McCluskey, Brennan, Allday, Haule, Bates, Callender, Hicks, Levene. Other sub: Schwartz.

## Hollingdale sale boost for Lions

WEMBLEY are set to get a £1,500 windfall following the sale by Boreham Wood of winger Rob Hollingdale to Woking for £15,000.

Wembley sold Hollingdale to Boreham Wood two years ago for £3,000 but put a clause in the deal which gives them 10 per cent of any ongoing sale.

## Grim stuff as Stones hang on



Noel Imber - crucial late saves.

WEALDSTONE 2 Whyteleaf 1 WEALDSTONE manager, Gordon Bartlett, adequately summed up his team's performance on Wednesday night with his singular after match comment of "Well, we got three points," writes John Comfort.

Certainly, other than the final outcome, there was little else to enthuse over as Stones made exceedingly hard work of winning this dire affair.

They began brightly enough and threatened to overwhelm the visitors in the early stages.

Only a great save by keeper Michael Lidbury kept out Fergus Moore's bullet header that was heading for the top corner of the net before Stones deservedly took the lead in the 19th minute. Carl Holmes cutting in from the right and driving home a powerful shot with the aid of a deflection off defender Danny Arkwright.

Lidbury denied both Mick Swaysland and Brian Jones soon after but then Wealdstone sadly lost the script and in the 36th minute Lee

Cormack equalised for Whyteleaf with a peach of a goal, cleverly lofting the ball over the stranded Noel Imber from 35 yards.

Following the loss of Paul Lamb and Swaysland through injury, Stones were never able to recapture their earlier style, despite regaining the lead in the 65th minute when Holmes scored at the second attempt after Lidbury had parried his initial shot.

Wealdstone were little more than a shambles in the closing stages but Whyteleaf were unable to cash in on some particularly inept defending by the home side.

With the woodwork keeping out Duncan Alger's rising drive and Imber playing a significant role by saving superbly when first Paul Scott and then Bobby George broke clear, Wealdstone somehow survived to the final whistle - much to the relief of their manager and the disappointment of the unlucky visitors.

Wealdstone: Imber, Dell, Waugh, Moore, Benning, McKay, Jones, Swaysland (Yaku), Holmes, Lamb (Sterling). Other sub: Dale.

## Wares pay for indiscipline

Marlow 4 Edgware Town 2 EDGWARE had four players booked and their assistant manager, Joe Sheridan, sent from the dugout, for remarks made to the referee, as they allowed their frustrations to get the better of them on Tuesday night.

The end result was that they suffered a shock defeat at the hands of lowly Marlow.

The visitors made a good start to the match and they took the lead on 23 minutes when Alan Murray pivoted well on the ball and drove a fine shot into the top corner of the net.

But Edgware's joy turned to anger 11 minutes later after a linesman flagged for offside when the ball was played through their defence.

A defender handled in the area and referee Casey chose to ignore the offside offence and awarded a penalty from which Robert Anson controversially equalised for Marlow.

The visitors were still seething at the start of the second half. But after Matt McDonnell had put the home side ahead in the 57th minute, Edgware hit back and on 73 minutes they drew level when

Steve Hurd netted with a powerful header from a corner.

But battling Marlow clearly wanted a result more than the visitors whose discipline went and they were all over the shop in the closing stages.

Frankie Brennan put Marlow back in front in the 80th minute and Ian Manley completed an unhappy night for the Wares by scoring the home side side's fourth six minutes later.

Edgware: Carter, Valenti, Murray, Makaman, Evans, Newing, Ash, Hurd, Glynn, Roche (Elliot), Sutton (House). Other sub: Harmer.

## Soccer fixtures

Saturday October 3  
FA Cup 2nd qual round: Harrow Borough v Thamesmead Town (Earlsmead, 3pm); Wealdstone v Newport IOW (White Lion ground, 3pm).

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

Ryman League Div Three: Tring Town v Kingsbury Town.

Chiltonian League: Rayners Lane v Binfield (Lucas Ave, 3pm).

Isthmian League Cup: Wealdstone v Berkhamstead Town (White Lion ground, 7.45pm); Hampton v Wembley (7.45pm).

Ryman League Div Two: Windsor & Eton v Edgware Town (7.45pm).

Wednesday October 7  
Capital League President's Cup: Harrow Borough v Rushden & Diamonds (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

## League tables

RYMAN LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts			
Sutton Utd.	10	7	2	1	21	9	23			
Aylesbury	10	5	4	1	17	8	19			
Bilcorey	10	5	4	1	14	9	19			
Basingstoke	10	3	2	22	14	18	11			
St Albans	10	5	3	2	19	13	16			
Purfleet	10	5	3	2	16	12	18			
Chesham	10	2	3	14	12	17	9			
Aldershot	10	4	2	25	10	16	8			
Slough	10	3	6	11	15	15	9			
Boreham	10	4	2	4	18	14	14			
Dagenham	10	4	2	4	20	15	14			
Enfield	10	4	2	4	17	14	14			
Boreham W	10	2	6	2	13	12	12			
Grays	10	2	3	15	10	12	8			
Hampton	10	3	4	18	21	12	7			
Walton	10	3	2	5	12	13	11			
Hampton	10	2	3	15	23	9	9			
Hoddeston	10	2	3	5	16	9	9			
Harrow B.	10	2	3	5	10	19	9			
Canterbury	10	2	2	11	22	17	8			
Hayes	10	1	3	6	8	20	6			
Stamps St.	10	0	5	13	27	19	5			
Division One										
Bramley	9	6	1	2	20	10	19			
Chesham	10	5	4	1	19	11	19			
Bognor	8	6	0	2	18	5	18			
Canvey	8	3	2	3	19	18	13			
Canvey	8	5	2	1	7	17	17			
Hitchin	8	5	2	1	6	17	17			
Croydon	8	5	2	1	8	12	17			
Deford C.	8	2	2	1	11	8	17			
Grays	7	5	0	2	17	9	15			
Malden	7	3	0	4	0	13	13			
Wealdstone	8	4	1	3	9	13	13			
Maidenhead	8	4	0	5	14	12	12			
Staines	8	3	2	3	8	11	11			
Romford	10	2	4	4	18	10	10			
Canvey	8	3	2	3	8	11	10			
Uxbridge	10	2	3	5	14	9	9			
Wokingham	10	2	3	5	14	9	9			
Leatherhead	9	2	4	3	10	10	10			
Weymouth	9	2	2	6	11	9	9			
Barton	8	2	4	2	5	6	10			
Lepton P.	8	1	4	3	8	7	7			
Yeading	10	1	8	9	21	7	7			