

SPORT

ATHLETICS Clean sweep for Harrow

A complete sweep of the under 13 medal positions was the highlight of a dominant start by Harrow Athletic Club to the defence of their Chiltern Cross-Country League title at Milton Keynes on Saturday, writes **Tony Bush**.

Pinner's Michael Smart, who won the 1500 metres in the National Final of the McDonald's League and set two club records in the summer is starting his winter programme in excellent form. He ran with his club colleagues Jon Hickman and Chris Lavey for the opening lap before moving away in the later stages for a clear victory. Jon and Chris took second and third, and with Sam Bradley in 17th, Harrow won this age group by 19 points from nearest rivals Aylesbury.

Mark Bryant made a spectacular debut for Harrow in the senior/junior event, taking fourth spot in the huge 175 strand field. Steve Jones returned from Loughborough to take 11th position.

Mark Cursons, Alan Wray, Steve Hartley and Mike Lepps all ran well to finish in the 20s while 18 year old Sean Hunt ran his best Chiltern League race to place 30th. Harrow welcomed back Stuart Penny after a three-year absence and he showed splendid form to round off the scoring in 42nd spot.

Adam Bowden continued his good start to the winter with a convincing victory in the under-17 race. He followed the Vauxhall A.C. leader for the first lap but moved ahead decisively to win by 100 metres. Mark McIntosh 9th, Peter Norris 13th and Mohammed Rahim 21st gave good support to give Harrow in second spot in a three-way battle.

Ryan O'Connor was Harrow's top runner in the under-15 race, taking 11th spot, just ahead of Robert Barton, Ludwig Wilson-Wolfe and Leon Saunders also had a close battle, with Ludwig finishing one place ahead in 18th to help Harrow to third place in this category.

Harrow are more than 200 points ahead in the overall competition. The next Chiltern League fixture is at Oxford on Saturday November 7.

Go-ahead for Stones stadium

WEALDSTONE supporters roared with delight when Harrow Council's Development and Planning Committee approved plans for their new stadium on Wednesday last week (Oct 14).

The approval, which gives the club the go-ahead to build a new 3,000-capacity stadium at the Prince Edward Playing Fields in Edgware, means that the club's seven years in exile has finally come to an end. They can now get down to the serious business of winning games.

Stones manager Gordon Bartlett was delighted by the decision and sees it as the first step to taking the club back to their glory days of 1985, when they won both the Vauxhall Conference and FA Trophy and beyond.

He said: "One of the main things which attracted me to Wealdstone three years ago was the promise of the stadium and the possibility of taking the club back to where we know it can be.

"For seven years now the club hasn't had a proper home game, and I think that the morale of the supporters will be boosted massively by the new complex.

"One of the most important things that the facility will provide is a chance for us to cre-

Tony holes in one at Culver Grove

TONY Kunjasic holed in one playing Pitch and putt at Centenary Park (Culver Grove Kenton)

Results (Stableford)

Category I: 1st Roberto Penzes 37 pts; 2nd Savio Fernandes 31.

Category II: 1st Tom Ennis 41; Gem Nanayakara 39.

Category I: 1st Robert Penzes 39 pts; 2nd Rob Leven 37.

Category II: 1st Tony Kunjasic 42; 2nd Derek Fisher 37 (on back 9 from Tony Ennis).

Hole in One: Tony Kunjasic (7th). Competitions, Sundays at 9.30am. New members welcome

ate the youth team, which is one of the building blocks for any decent club.

"We'll be better able to nurture home-grown talent. That will bring in revenue from selling the youngsters on, which will also mean that we can help our own position in the tables.

"Ideally, I'd like to see us enter the football league, but if we can even return to the heady days of 1985 I'll be delighted."

Supporters were equally jubilant. "I'm absolutely over the moon," said Roger Slater, who is currently working on 100 Years, 1000 Voices, a book about the history of the club. "It's the most positive step forward for the last seven years.

"The feeling among the fans right now is one of elation. We still need a lot of money, but the attitude from the terrace is very, very positive."

SAILING Don and Mary win Heads o' the Harp

AFTER early morning frost, there was a surprisingly warm day for Wembley SC's Autumn Series racing on Sunday morning, but a disappointingly light erratic breeze after the strong winds the day before.

Maurice Cleal and Tim Unemann, made an excellent start in the morning race and looked to be continuing their winning ways until an errant breeze pushed Ken Lawton and David Little's Nepenches over the finishing line on a shortened course ahead of Sevevay.

Rick Waller and Geraldine Marks showed that their long lay-off this year had not affected their speed by leading the first lap of the midday race in Innuendo and making the Sevevay team work hard to win.

The GPs, had nine boats out in the morning race, won by Johnny Martin and Greg Brycet from Frank Peace and Dave Moroni with Sam Marks and Milton McIntosh third. Keith Watson and Sam Waddoups pushed the fleet up to 10 for the second race which they won from Gary Stewart who achieved second place, his best result yet, aided by Chris Downham.

Douglas Maxwell and Caren Garlick won both races in the laser class from a fleet of four. Steve Sargant and Norico Bekke came second each time with third places going to William Gibbons and Jack Smith in the morning and to Brian Whidby and Luke Breen at midday.

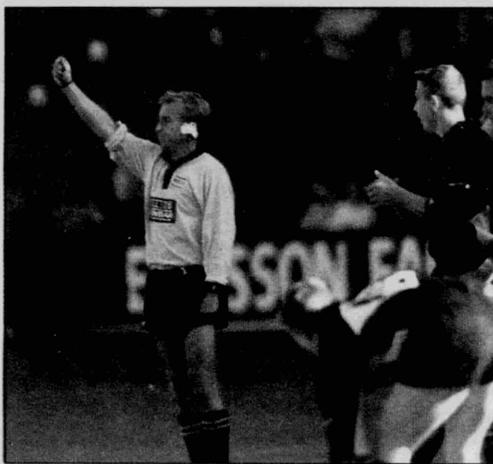
After lunch, the Head o' the Harp Pursuit Race was staged for those who have won or come second in a major series at a Welsh Harp club, or a Welsh Harp Sailing Association Open or Internal event.

The six GP 14s started three minutes later but with the Merlins handicapped to start seven minutes later, it seemed there was no chance for another Merlin win.

When the slower boats are caught by the later-starting ones, they have to hope for a mistake or a large windshift to restore positions.

One Firefly and two GPs decided to retire. None could catch Don Harris and Mary Faherty who became the 1998 Heads o' the Harp champions.

Wasps' sting drawn



Wasps suffered another 'bad day at the office' after losing 22-27 to a Richmond side reduced to 14 men for nearly an hour after

Scott Quinell was sent off as our picture shows Turn inside for a full report on this match and a round-up of club rugby.

Czech out England's form

AS England bounced back to something like reasonable form with their 3-0 victory over Luxembourg, the Czech Republic provide the opposition on Wednesday 18 November, for England's only confirmed home game at Wembley until the EURO 2000 qualifying matches resume next Spring.

Tickets for the game are on sale now at Wembley Box Office - just ring the new England Ticket Hotline number on 0181 795 2006 (subject to availability and booking fee). The fixture replaces the one against Yugoslavia originally scheduled for that evening, so tickets already purchased remain valid to see the Czechs.

The Czech Republic have relatively fond memories of Wembley after a packed stadium cheered on their attempts to win the final of Euro 96, until they fell victim to the "golden goal" in the fourth minute of extra time which

gave the title to Germany. The Czechs opened their international season with a 1-0 win over Denmark, fielding an experimental team which saw a number of young players given the chance to shine alongside such established stars as Nedved and Poborsky.

Last time England and Czechoslovakia met at Wembley was in April 1990, a couple of months before Bobby Robson took his squad to the Italia 90 World Cup. It proved to be an interesting test, with England winning 4-2 thanks to goals from Stuart Pearce, Paul Gascoigne and two from the inimitable Steve Bull.

Most recently, in Prague in 1992, the teams drew 2-2.

Now, at Wembley, the spotlight will be on England to provide the fans with another top performance to match that one last time around.

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Yours faithfully,
Malcolm Large
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Borough shoot down Swifts

Harrow Boro 2, Heybridge Swifts 0

AFTER the disappointment of being put out of the FA Cup on Saturday, fielding the same team on Tuesday, Boro put in a spirited performance and returned to winning ways by beat Heybridge Swifts in this Ryman Premier League game, writes **TOM HOOKS**

Early Heybridge pressure saw Dave Hook booked after conceding a free kick on the edge of the penalty area but Gillespie shot weakly at the keeper.

Continued attacks by physically intimidating Heybridge saw Aiden O'Brien sidefooting away a certain goal.

Borough responded with Pat Gavin and John Lawford going close.

A well-crafted move by Otis Roberts ended with O'Brien firing straight at Heybridge goalie Banks.

A Lawford cracker on the turn was brilliantly saved by their goalie followed by another goal-bound header from Paul Adolphe.

Heybridge frustrations grew and Maund was booked. The best chance of the half fell to Frank McCormack who put the ball way over the crossbar with only the keeper to beat. More chances fell to Borough but again were wasted with shots over the crossbar.

Harrow then conceded a corner and an inswinger was acrobatically tipped over by Hook.

Further sustained pressure from the visi-

tors ended with John Barrie Bates fouling and Davnie missed a golden opportunity from the resultant free kick.

Heybridge piled on the pressure, splitting the home defence with a fine through ball, but O'Brien raced back and, with a well-timed sliding tackle, stopped Gillespie from a good scoring opportunity.

The second half started brightly for Borough with an improving and influential Roberts sidefooting a powerful shot, smartly saved by Banks.

Another move by Roberts saw a Lawford glancing header just missing the far corner.

Further Harrow pressure near goal saw an illegal back pass by Heybridge to their keeper ending in a free-kick from the six-yard box.

Although indirect, Lawford fired at the 11 Heybridge players on the line and from the rebound looped the ball into the net on 65 minutes.

The next Heybridge attack saw Allan Paris foul Streetly in the penalty area but a fine save by Hook diving to the far corner from Sinfield's powerfully-struck shot, saved a certain equaliser.

On 80 minutes, good interplay between Lawford and Roberts saw a crossed ball to a loitering Gavin, in the penalty area, who prodded the ball over for goal number two.

Borough pressed and further good saves by Banks denied Roberts and Danny Nwaokolo.

Soccer fixtures

Saturday October 24
FA Umbro Trophy 1st rnd: Harrow Borough v Cambridge City (3pm); Wembley v Witney Town (3pm)
Ryman League Div Two: Bracknell v Edgware Town (3pm)
Ryman League Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Epsom & Ewell.

Tuesday October 27
Ryman Div One: Staines v Wembley; Wealdstone v Leyton Fennant; Whyleaf v Yeading;
Div 2: Northwood v Marlow

Record kept alive

OLD Salvatorians moved into the second round of the London Old Boys Cup and kept this season's unbeaten record alive with an emphatic 7-1 victory over Glynn Old Boys.

Goals came from Taylor 2, Flynn 2, McGinty, Finnerty and Walsh.

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