

# SPORT



## Pool ace Martin is on top of the World

**PINNER** pool ace, Martin Gould, was part of the three man England team which triumphed in the World Junior 8-ball Championships held at Blackpool over the weekend.

17 year old Martin, who plays most of his pool and snooker at the Greenwood Hall in Pinner, reached the last eight in the singles only to lose 6-5 in a closely fought

contest against his England teammate, Gareth Potts. However, in the team event the England trio of Martin, Gareth Potts and Tim Singh, won all eight of their matches

in the opening group stage. They then went on to beat France 5-1 in the semi-finals and then took the World crown with a 5-2 victory over Australia in the final.

# Stones fans set to make agm protest

WEALDSTONE supporters are set to stage a protest at Harrow Borough FC on Monday when the Ryman League holds its annual general meeting.

The protest is being organised by an independent action group of Stones fans, angry at the League management committee's decision to deny Stones promotion to the Premier Division because necessary ground improvements were not finished before the deadline.

The action group, complete with a banner reading "Justice for Wealdstone FC - give us the promotion we deserve," demonstrated two weeks ago at a non-league international at St Albans, asking supporters of other clubs to sign a petition in support of the club's case.

Said the group's spokesman, Darren Linden: "Monday's protest will be on similar lines. We will be handing out leaflets to club chairman and it will be peaceful. There will be no trouble - that won't do our case any good at all."



**By John Comfort**

Monday's protest has not been sanctioned by the official Wealdstone Supporters Club, although they are aware of it. Their chairman, Howard Kraus, said: "We have not organised any official protest but if supporters wish to make their feelings known, we hope it will be done in an orderly and disciplined manner."

His viewpoint was echoed by Wealdstone director, Graham Sharpe, who said he was not aware of any protest, "certainly none endorsed by us." But he added: "It's a free country and should anybody do so we would only ask they do it in a suitable fashion."

Focal point of Monday's meeting will be the proposed League constitution for next season, presented by the management committee, which shows Wealdstone still in

Division One, despite finishing in a promotion spot last season.

Stones have made every effort to secure their rightful place in the Premier Division following the League's ruling, including a failed appeal to the FA, but the agm is effectively their final chance to put things right.

Wealdstone will be represented by club chairman, Paul Rumens, and director, Graham Sharpe, who said: "We shall be flinging ourselves on the mercy of fellow clubs."

"I'm not sure there is much of a precedent for changing the constitution although I believe it has happened before."

"But it does give us an opportunity we may not have had to present our case to the rest of the clubs who have probably heard only half truths and distortions. We will just be making the points we made at our appeal, but backing it up with the message to clubs that in our opinion they should consider that 'there but for grace of God, the FA, and the Ryman League, go I'."

"I think the League should be run for the benefit of its clubs and they were clearly not doing so with their ruling against us."

**STANMORE'S** Peter Edwards on his way to a useful 43 - the top score in his side's total of 199-9 against Teddington on Saturday. Like many games at the weekend, this one also fell victim to the weather, Teddington having made 27-3 in their reply when play was abandoned. Picture by Sophie Powell.



## League nightmare for Harrow

A COMBINATION of injuries and bad weather conspired to deal a severe blow to Harrow AC's British League campaign on Saturday as they slumped to a disappointing last place in Cardiff.

The side was already shorn of a number of its star athletes, but the loss of Dean Macey, the new glamour boy of British athletics, still suffering from the exertions of his decathlon performance in Arles, was a particular blow.

Jamie Quarry, so often the backbone of the team, was limited in his participation for similar reasons. Late withdrawals and non appearances further weakened the side.

To make matters worse, the heavens opened within sight of

the Severn Bridge and it continued to pour down incessantly for the next ten hours, leaving the track awash and making the journey time somewhat longer than expected.

On the track those present battled hard to give the performance some semblance of respectability with everybody doubling up on events, but in the end it was just not enough.

As if things weren't bad enough, the appalling conditions forced the organisers to cancel the pole vault and high jump events. Ironically these were the club's two strongest areas and would have won them enough points to have clawed their way into a battle for fifth, sixth and seventh places.

Additionally, John Skeete suffered a hamstring injury in the 100m.

There were many brave efforts though. Luke Rosenberg, incapacitated by a pulled hamstring, still managed to throw a personal best in the hammer and Matt Bateson ran magnificently to double the 3000m steeplechase and 5000m.

Delroy Simon (3000m s/c and 400m), Alan Wray (800m, 1500m, 400m relay), Jamie Quarry (long jump, shot, discus), Andy Lewis (200m, javelin, shot, sprint relay), and Steve Booth (110/400m hurd, triple jump, 400m relay) were the hardest working of the team.

The trip to Dumfries on July 10 now takes on even greater

significance for the club.

Doubtless they will be heartened by the news that many of their missing and injured should be back to compete, thus giving them the opportunity to repeat their performance in Stafford and reinforce their Division Two status.

Hopefully the team will have dried out in time for this weekend's 1st round of the Cup but already it has been decimated by continuing injuries and other calls.

Macey and Skeete will be at the Bedford International Games, while Jamie Quarry is in America. The pressure will be on other members to pull Harrow through what is potentially a tricky tie.

## Stones seek new physio

AFTER six years with the club, Wealdstone physio Alan Wharton is stepping down due to family and personal reasons.

Club manager Gordon Bartlett paid tribute to him saying: "In the four years he's been with me he has been a major factor in the success we've had."

The club is now looking for a replacement. Anyone interested in the post should call the club on 552 3595.

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## Watford game is put on the back burner

WEALDSTONE'S anticipated pre-season friendly with Premiership new boys Watford is on hold.

The Hornets are now playing Tottenham in a friendly on the date provisionally set for the game, Tuesday July 27, but if the Premiership fixture list gives them Spurs in the first two months of the season they will call it off and play Wealdstone instead.

Stones start their build up to the new season away to Dr Martens League club Crawley Town on Saturday July 17, followed by a visit to Berkhamsted Town on

Tuesday July 20. They will provisionally visit Northwood on Tuesday July 24, landlords Edgware Town on Saturday July 31 and Fackwell on Tuesday August 3. They travel to Ware on Saturday August 7 and will meet Aylesbury United or Walton on Tuesday August 10.

## County FA honour for Peter

HARROW Borough FC's football director, Peter Rogers, received a long service certificate at the Middlesex County FA's annual presentation evening on Tuesday night to mark his 36 years of service with

the Earsmead club. Wealdstone match day announcer, Ron Moore, was also honoured for his 42 years with Hendon Sunday League club, Belmont Seniors, as was his clubmate, Tony Ault.

## Carling Trophy on show at Borough

HARROW Borough FC will have the Carling Premiership trophy on show in their Earlsmead clubhouse tomorrow (Friday) night.

The Trophy will be in the club's main hall from 7.30pm for about one and a half hours. Locals are welcome to come and see the trophy and take their pictures with it. Admission is free and the club has arranged for a disco for those who want to stay on for the evening.

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