

SPORT

ATHLETICS

Harrow ease into nationals

HARROW Athletic Club moved into the qualifying places for September's national final with a good performance in the second round of the National Junior League at Crodon on Sunday.

Harrow came fourth of the eight clubs in the Southern Premier Division to edge ahead of Crawley into a qualifying spot.

Stanmore's Luke Rosenberg was again in magnificent form in the discus, dominating a high class field with a throw of 51.29 metres.

He also set a personal best of 47.23m for second in the hammer and took fourth spot in the shot. Luke received good support

from Alex Wilson who came second in the B discus and hammer, and third in the shot. Joseph Kenny was also on song, setting a Junior League best of 48.04m in the javelin.

Richard Checkley came second in the pole vault with a personal best of 3.90m, while his twin brother Luke came second in the B event.

Noel Reid equalled his best of 1.85m for third in the high jump while Adam Zeller set three personal bests in the triple jump, finishing with 13.39m.

Adam Bowden returned to the steeplechase after a knee injury and showed sparkling form, com-

ing second with a new personal best of 6.06.2 minutes. He also set new figures in the 800m, clocking 1.58.8m for second in the B race.

Peter Norris sliced 10 seconds off his previous best to finish second in the B steeplechase in 6.46.6m.

Justin Keane set a new best of 16.9s for fourth in the sprint hurdles and also scored good points in the long jump and high jump.

Matt Nicholls shook off a bout of sickness to finish third in the 800m and fourth in the 1,500m.

Sean Hunt set a season's best of 4.18.5m for second in the B 1,500m race.

TENNIS

Stars return to form

WEMBLEY'S tennis stars returned to form as the men's first team completed a resounding 20-4 victory against Uxbridge 2nds in the Middlesex Division Two.

The team of Richard Sharp, Steve Sitton, Greg Ter-Kovanessian, Chris Hughes, Martin Sharp and Hussein Juma all played their part in a fine all-round display.

Wembley Tennis Club would be delighted to hear from prospective new members of all ages and standards. More details from Martin or Richard Sharp on 868 8818 or 904 2644.



Members serve up tennis nostalgia

MEMBERS of Harrow Baptist Tennis Club stepped back in time recently as the club celebrated its 90th anniversary. Several of the present members of the club in Bonnersfield Lane, Harrow, dressed in period costume, see picture to recreate the image of the photograph found in the club house

showing the club on its opening day. A far cry from the flash outfits worn by many of the top players today, the members exuded class and style in their costumes from a bygone era. The club also held a successful tournament to mark its anniversary, which was won by Dianne Huggins, the

ladies' captain, and her partner Graham White, an ex-member visiting for the day. They defeated Barbara Hopkins and Richard Filmore, a descendant of the founder of the club. Anyone interested in joining should contact Jim Sturrock on 427 0066 or go to the club on Saturday afternoon's between 2.30pm-6pm.

SAILING

Merlins show class again

ALTHOUGH Wembley Sailing Club believes in separate races for each type of its five sailing dinghy, it does hold a special race twice a year with everyone competing together with first past the post winning.

Firefly class captain Martin English, crewed by Bridget Cooke, soon built up a large lead with only Paul Beard and Caren Garlick within catching distance.

While having the advantage of clear windflow to their sails, an increasing wind meant the later starting faster classes were always likely to catch them.

The fact the two fireflies held on to take fourth and seventh places respectively reflected their skill and showed how much Wembley's firefly fleet is improving.

As so often, it was the Merlins who dominated the race. Initially the lead was taken by Rob Hatley and Lucy Fair — who have never won a race at Wembley — until an increasing wind saw Duncan Salmon and Liam Dempsey sailing through to win by a large margin.

GOLF

Invitation proved popular

MORE than 40 players took part in Stanmore Golf Club's annual Ladies' Invitation Day.

Nearly 20 different clubs were represented, with one player coming from as far away as the Wrag Barn Club in Swindon.

Prizes for the morning 18-hole stableford competition went to the following:

Stanmore: 1 Edna Freeman 39pts, 2 Margaret Hunt 35pts (on back 9), 3 Ruth Novelli 35pts.

Visitors: 1 Ann Gavin (Bushey Park) 35pts, 2 Pauline Howes (Sundridge Park) 34pts, 3 J Williams (Batchworth) 33pts, on back 9 from Mary Nesbitt (Mentmore) 33pts.

Longest drive: Janet Hildreth (Stanmore). Nearest the pin: Margaret Hunt (Stanmore).

The afternoon 9-hole greensomes competition was won by Stanmore's Janet Hildreth and Sudbury's Blanche Jeffries on the last six from Margaret Hunt (Stanmore) and Yvonne Rowe (W.Herts). Third were Michelle Delahunty (Stanmore) and Eileen Hinds (Aldenham).

CYCLING

THE early morning rain on Sunday delayed the start of Marlboro Cycling Club's club run to the Poppin's Cafe in St Albans.

When the rain passed 11 members set-off on the 18 mile ride, lead by Graham West.

Members visited the clock tower overlooking the cathedral and other interesting places.

Members cycled onto Tesco's at Watford for lunch before returning.

Parkside sparkle

PARKSIDE AC produced a number of sparkling performances in the National Junior League meeting at Reading last weekend by coming third in a very competitive match.

There were wins for Sarah Bell 200m (26.15sec), Laura Turner 100m hurdles (15.15sec) and Rebecca Cameron javelin (33.04m). In addition Rebecca learnt last week she was competing in this year's English Schools' Championships.

Paula Griffiths — who has also been selected for the schools' champi-

onship — was runner up in the discus (32.3m), while Rebecca Nicholls came second in the 400m and third in the 800m.

Janine Cloney was third in the Long Jump, as was Katie Jones in the 400m hurdles.

There was a win for the 4x400m relay team of Rebecca Nicholls, Eva Grossman, Ruth Coughlan and Sarah Bell, while the 4x100m team of Natalie Phillips, Janine Cloney, Kelly Coughlan and Paula Griffiths came a close second.

SWIMMING

Club's double success

HARROW and Wealdstone Swimming Club were celebrating this week after double success.

Bradley Lyndon won two golds in the 100m and 200m backstroke and a silver in the 100m butterfly at the Bracknell Designated meet.

The event also saw Joanne Gallagher achieve a bronze in the 200m backstroke and a final place in the 100m backstroke, while Louise Storie reached the final of the 100m backstroke.

Some of Harrow's other members were at Leighton for a B Grade Open meet.

Winners: David Butterworth 200m free (2.28.33m); Gemma Rees 200m free (2.30.25); Jenna Plawstow 200m free (2.28.76); Paul Kelly 50m fly (30.99s), 100m back (1.10.17), 100m free (1.04.29); Beth De Camin, 200m individual medley (2.48.98) and Kim Hodgson 200m individual medley (2.50.54).

Gemma Rees (100m back) and Jenna Plawstow (100m) free both won silver medals, while bronze medals were won by Beth De Camin (50m fly), Kirsty Wakeman (50m fly) and Kim Hodgson (100m free) and Cassandra Orphanios (100m free and 100m back).

YOUTH SOCCER

Tourney a boost for young

YOUTH soccer in the south east has been boosted with the introduction of a new summer tournament, the Wembley Cup, which will be held at Harrow School from August 2-6.

There will be events from under-10s up to under-18s and for girls at under-14 and under-17 age groups.

The younger age groups will play in festival format at 7-a-side, while from under-12s upwards it will be 11-a-side.

For further information and entry forms for the Wembley Cup, call 01686 622666 and talk to either Keith or Lynn.

SOCCER

Stones manager welcomes school of excellence

WEALDSTONE FC have launched a programme for Academic and Sporting Excellence football education scheme, under the auspices of Bedford College.

The PASE scheme, which has been run by other non-league clubs including Rushden, Sutton and Hitchin, caters for students who want to acquire a qualification in the study of sport while at the same time receiving an educational and practical preparation for careers in a sport related industry.

Students will study for either the BTEC First diploma in Sport Studies or the BTEC National Diploma in Sport Studies and additionally will receive 15 hours per week of football coaching under the guidance of Wealdstone's FA

qualified coach, Frank O'Brien, and John Ryan, an FA advanced licence coach.

Wealdstone boss Gordon Bartlett welcomes the scheme, which could provide the club with a ready made supply of up and coming young players. "It's a good scheme," he said. "Once we get it up and running, hopefully some of the kids will come through and play first team football for us."

Wealdstone are looking for youngsters aged 16-24, to start the course. Given the football focus of the package it is anticipated that successful applicants will already be actively involved in football. For further details of the scheme and to make application to join, call Graham Jones on 806 0311.

Ex Boro boss Keith voted top ref

FORMER Harrow Borough manager Keith Chamberlin was named as the Referee of the Year at the Harrow Youth League's annual general meeting.

Keith, pictured left, received his award from league president Cyril Harrison, who also presented the Chairman's award for significant service to Derek Stevens, right, the chairman of the League's disciplinary committee and representative at the Middlesex County Youth FA, who has been the club secretary of Mavericks for over 20 years.

Winner of the league's Sportsmanship/Fair Play award, sponsored by Northolt Sports, was Celtic under-13s. Second were Headstone Venturers under-14s with Springfield under-13s third.

League chairman, Andy Lowe, reported another highly successful season for 1998/99. Seventy four clubs and 260 teams — 78 clubs and 380 teams including the Soccer 7's Combination — competed and nearly 7000 players were registered. Next season is likely to see another increase with most age groups extended to four divisions. Six new clubs were elected for membership, including Ruislip Manor Youth and Brentford Town.

ST Josephs Youth FC are looking for a goalkeeper for their under-12s team for next season. If you are interested, please contact Vernon on 930 2054.



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