

# SPORT

## Durkin to quit

### Lane boss stepping down after 15 years in charge



Don Durkin.

RAYNERS Lane FC manager, Don Durkin, has decided to retire after 15 years in charge of the Hellenic League club. "I still enjoy the job, but I feel it's time to stand down and have a rest," he said. In his time as boss, Lane have won the League's Division One Cup, the Division One Championship, and with promotion to the Premier Division, the Middlesex Premier Cup and the Middlesex Summer Cup three times. He has seen the club progress from intermediate to full senior status, giving them entry into the FA Cup and FA Vase competitions. However, a low point came for Durkin at the end of last season when Lane suffered enforced relegation to Division One of the Hellenic League because they were unable to meet FA pyramid requirements. The club's lack of floodlights prevented their continued membership of the Premier Division.

Lane had their third planning turned down by Harrow Council last year. They have made an appeal to the Department of the Environment and at present are awaiting a date for the hearing. Lane secretary Tony Pratt said of Durkin's decision to quit: "Naturally the club is very sorry that Don has reached this decision after being one of the longest serving managers in the League and in local senior football. The club owe a great debt to him for his loyalty and dedication and for bringing the amount of success to the club which has been achieved over the years." Lane are now inviting applications for the manager's position. Anyone interested should apply in writing, giving a brief outline of their career to date, to: The secretary, Rayners Lane FC, 151, Rayners Lane, South Harrow, Middx HA2 0XH.

## Goal feast at Borough charity match

THERE were goals galore in Monday's charity match at Earlsmead in aid of the Harrow Borough New Stand Fund, with Harrow Mance's XI beating a Borough Supporters XI 12-3.

clubed Paul Fitzgerald, Cliff Rapley, Dave Silman, Mick Garrini, Adrian Smith, Rod Haider, Steve Jones, Derek Doyle and Wycombe goalkeeper Paul Hyde, playing as a striker. Borough keeper David Hook came on in attack as a second half substitute and scored a hat-

trick and guest player, Wembley assistant manager Don 'Deadly' from the goalline' Lucas, also found the net. The Supporters team was boosted by ex-Borough striker Paul Ripley and another former Borough player, ex-England amateur international Arthur Peel.

## Morritt shows up at double dinner

FORMER Wealdstone FC chairman, David Morritt, made a surprise and brief appearance at the dinner on Sunday to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the club's historic double of FA Trophy and Gola League Championship.

Morritt, who was chairman during the double year, arrived unannounced, singled out Paul Bowgett, who captained the double team, hugged him and then left. Bowgett, Alan and Neil Cordice, Bob Iles, Dennis Byatt, Robin Wainwright and the irrepressible Vinnie Jones, were among the Wealdstone players of 1985 present and each received a commemorative medal from current chairman, Paul Rumens. Also honoured were double manager, Brian Hall, and former club secretary, Peter Braxton.

The club's annual awards were presented after the dinner with the Player of the Year trophy going to Steve Browne while the Supporters Player of the Year award went to Tim Buzaglo. John Shanahan received an award for 100 appearances.

The Chairman's Award went posthumously to the late Ron Davies, while Gordon Howland was named Supporter of the Year.



Vinnie Jones receives his 'double' commemorative medal from Stones chairman, Paul Rumens.

## Charles to rethink for County Final?

WITH his side performing so poorly against Tooting last Saturday, Wembley manager Glen Charles may decide to rethink his selection strategy for tomorrow (Friday) night's Middlesex Charity Cup Final against Hampton at Northwood, kick off 7.30pm.

Kenny Page, Hurracia Willock and John Granville, who were all left out, could force their way into the reckoning. Definitely out however are Steve Lawrence (suspended) and Ashley Cumberbatch (injured), while Andy O'Brien's extended sojourn in the Far East rules him out of contention.

Paul Shields meanwhile escaped a ban at a recent disciplinary hearing and is available.

Thursday May 11 Carlsberg Cup Final: Boreham Wood v Staines Town (Earlsmead, 7.30pm)	Lane v Hallen Sports (Lucas Ave, 3pm)
Friday May 12 Middlex Charity Cup Final: Hampton v Wembley (Northwood FC, 7.30pm)	Hellenic League: Ardley v Rayners Lane (6.45pm)
Saturday May 13 Hellenic League: Rayners Lane	Hellenic League: Headington Amateurs v Rayners Lane (6.45pm)

## Final league tables

DADORA LEAGUE		Chalfont St P.	
Premier Division	P w d l f a pts	Premier Division	P w d l f a pts
Enfield	42 29 9 5 109 42 93	Leatherhead	42 17 12 13 67 54 63
Slough T.	42 22 12 8 81 66 78	Edgware Town	42 16 12 14 71 75 60
Hayes	42 20 14 8 86 48 74	Tilbury	42 15 18 6 62 82 54
Aylesbury Utd	42 21 6 15 86 59 69	Creekside	42 13 16 16 66 61 52
Bromley	42 19 10 13 76 66 67	Warrs	42 14 7 21 61 81 49
Harrow	42 18 12 12 86 51 66	Egham Town	42 11 17 17 60 65 47
St Albans City	42 18 12 12 96 81 64	Hemel Hempstead	42 10 12 14 65 76 41
Molesey	42 18 8 16 85 81 62	Wingfield	42 10 12 14 65 76 41
Yeading	42 14 16 12 80 59 57	Havant	42 10 12 14 65 76 41
Harrow Bore.	42 17 8 19 86 87 67	Avonley	42 9 28 48 95 32
Dulwich Hamlet	42 16 9 17 70 57 57	Madley Vale	42 5 28 46 108 24
Carshalton	42 16 9 17 70 57 57		
Kingstonian	42 16 8 18 82 57 56	Division Three	
Waltham & L.	42 14 11 17 74 73 53	Collier R.	42 30 4 5 86 29 84
Surton Utd.	42 13 12 17 74 80 51	Carvey St.	42 28 9 5 88 43 85
Horsham	42 12 14 16 87 90 51	Seaford T.	42 21 7 7 90 59 77
Grays Ath.	42 11 16 15 87 81 49	Northwood	42 23 5 12 85 61 74
Bishops St.	42 12 11 19 83 78 47	Southall	42 21 8 11 87 59 71
Wokingham T.	42 12 12 12 83 81 49	Leighon	42 20 12 10 66 43 68
Motspur	42 10 9 23 82 84 39	Carbury T.	42 18 13 59 39 65
Wokingham T.	42 9 23 29 86 26	Kingsbury T.	42 18 11 75 84 65
		Hornchurch	42 17 8 15 64 63 59
		Clapton	42 15 15 15 61 53
		East Thurrock	42 14 8 18 60 75 50
		Ting T.	42 13 15 17 69 49
		Worthing & East	42 13 17 12 56 49
		Harrow	42 13 8 18 53 82 48
		Harefield Utd	42 12 9 20 51 78 44
		Hartford Town	42 11 10 19 56 78 43
		Fulham & Hove	42 10 13 64 67 43
		Fackwell Hill	42 8 29 49 99 27
		Wotton	42 8 29 49 99 27
		Cove	42 4 32 37 93 16

## Wasps fail to loosen Bath's grip on Cup



The looks that tell it all. Wasps stars Lawrence Dallaglio and Damian Hopley show ample evidence after the final whistle at Twickenham that Cup glory has eluded the men from Sudbury again. Picture by Sophie Powell.

A BRAVE, battling performance from Wasps was not enough to loosen Bath's grip on the Pilkington Cup at Twickenham on Saturday. After two previous final defeats against the west country giants, Wasps had hoped it might be third time lucky. But it was not to be and they went down by 36-16. Sadly for Wasps, one of their potential match winners, star fly-half Rob Andrew, had an off day. The sacking of England captain Will Carling for calling the RFU committee '57 old farts' may well have been on his mind. A close friend of Carling, Andrew indicated that he would not be accepting the captaincy and the solidarity of the England players behind Carling ultimately led to his reinstatement 48 hours later. However, it came too late to prevent the highlight of the domestic season being considerably overshadowed. Cup Final report and pictures, pages 86, 87.

## Ivers and Elliott share Town top player award

STRIKER Mark Ivers and defender Craig Elliott were joint winners of the Kingsbury Town Player of the Year award, made at the club's presentation evening on Saturday. Paul Gower won the reserve team award. Under-18 team Player of the Year was James Burgess.

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