

SPORT



Britannic Assurance
Player of the Month

Britannic awards will honour cricket aces
FOR the fifth successive season, the Observer is linking up with Britannic Assurance to recognise the achievements of local cricketers. Each month a trophy, British Assurance leisurewear items and tickets for a Britannic Assurance Championship match, will be awarded to our designated Player of the Month and from those winners a Player of the Year award will be made. Last season's winner was Beesborough's Rupert Thacker. The first monthly award winner of the new season will be announced in the first week of June.

'Hello mum, we've won the cup!'



WEMBLEY skipper Charlie Flaherty didn't waste any time in letting his No 1 fan, his mum, know that his team had won the Middlesex Charity Cup.

Within seconds of receiving the trophy after Wembley's 2-0 defeat of Hampton in the final at Northwood, he was in contact with her on his brother's mobile phone to tell her the good news.

Full match report and more pictures on page 98.

Picture by Gareth Beard

Steve cleans up at awards evening

STEVE Daly scooped the awards at Wembley FC's presentation evening on Saturday, collecting the Player of the Year trophy for the second year running and the Players' Player of the Year award.

Young defender Wayne Walters won the Most Promising Player of the Year award. Dean McIntosh was the Reserve Team Player of the Year, while youth team honours went to Dean Ellis and James Burgess.

Appeal success gives Stones green light for pyramid move

Diadora delight for Wealdstone

WEALDSTONE FC are set to play Diadora League football next season.

The door to the Diadora was thrown wide open to the club last week when the ruling by the tribunal of the pyramid committee to uphold the Beazer Homes League's decision to refuse to accept the club's resignation was dramatically overturned on appeal.

The Diadora management committee met on Tuesday night with the election of Wealdstone and South Midlands League club Wingate Finchley on their agenda and it was fully expected that the committee would recommend that both are elected to Division

By **John Comfort**

Three at the League's annual general meeting on June 18.

Wealdstone chairman, Paul Rumens, who has campaigned long and hard for the move and the considerable financial saving that will result, said he was "absolutely delighted."

Although the club's election still has to be rubber stamped, he added: "I'm extremely confident that we will be playing Diadora League football next season."

"Sometimes in sport and in business you have got to take a couple of steps back to go forward and this is what we are doing. The long term aims we have at the club meant we always had to make an application to join the Diadora League."

Mr Rumens said that there will be no bedding in period in their first season - promotion is a must.

"By accepting going down two divisions we have created a rod for our own backs," he said. "There will be a great deal of pressure on the board and the management. But there will be a concerted effort and no stone will be

left turned to get out of Division Three. We must make sure of promotion."

But he recognises that it won't be an easy task. "Other clubs will raise their game against us. We are a famous club and others will be ready to shoot us down."

On the playing side he sees that new players in three key positions will be crucial to Wealdstone's promotion hopes. Being in a more localised competition will allow the club to reduce their expenditure but they still expect to be the highest paying club in the division.

Fraser is tops at Borough

NEIL Fraser is Harrow Borough's Player of the Year.

Leading goalscorer Fraser, who netted 33 times last season, received his trophy from club president Jim Rogers on Saturday at the club's annual presentation dinner.

The Players' Player Trophy went to defender Dave Bested, while ace goalkeeper David Hook took the Vice-President's Player of the Year award.

The Young Player of the Year trophy was won by midfielder Christian Metcalfe.

An award for 250 appearances was made to Eamon O'Connor while fellow defender Tony Knight, who has announced his decision to retire, received an award for completing 184 appearances.

100 appearance awards went to Neil Fraser, David Hook and Christian Metcalfe.

Club chairman Martin Murphy announced that QPR would again be playing at Earlsmead next season and as a result would be carrying out extensive work on the pitch during the close season.

Boosted by a donation of £10,000, the club's new stand fund is beginning to swell. Plans have already been submitted to Harrow Council and Mr Murphy said it was hoped to have something to put before the League by Christmas.



Neil Fraser receives his Harrow Borough Player of the Year trophy from club president, Jim Rogers.

Cops called to cup final

POLICE were called to Harrow Borough's Earlsmead ground on Thursday night to eject rowdy Boreham Wood fans who invaded the pitch during the Diadora League's Carlsberg Cup Final with Staines.

The match was deadlocked at 1-1 at full time and 3-3 after extra time before Staines won 4-2 in a penalty shoot out.

Mark is the star at Kingsbury

MARK Burgess won the Kingsbury Town under-18s Player of the Year award, not his brother James, as stated in last week's Observer.

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BY J. BIRNBOURNE

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Week 48 winners
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Christian Metcalfe receives his Young Player of the Year award from Borough chairman, Martin Murphy.

Title and record double for Felix

THE Middlesex County Championships at Hayes Stadium at the weekend were full of record breaking performances by Old Gaytonians athletes.

Felix Hyde, the African National shot putt champion and newcomer to the club, made his debut for Gayts at the Championships and won two titles and broke two club records.

6ft 6ins tall Hyde, who weighs over 18 stones, used the 6.25kg shot and putted 17.34m, beating the club's junior record by over 3 metres.

He then picked up the 7.26kg shot and putted a massive 17.06m to take the club's senior mens record by 50cms and put himself in 4th place in the UK rankings so far this season.

The club's British League team manager, Phil Parry, powered his way to a County javelin title with a massive throw of 66.80m in the senior mens event.

Club captain Rohan Samuel was 2nd in the mens senior 100m with a fast time of 10.8, while Chris Lennon was 2nd in the junior mens 100m in a time of 11.4.

The new Supporters Player of the Year trophy went to striker Ted John while Steve Newing took the Top Goalscorer award.

The reserve team Players' Player was David Norton with Brett Algar winning the Manager's award. The Top Goalscorer award went to Mark Bevan.

Presentations were also made to kit washer, Pat Brown, and club groundsman, Peter Shepherd.

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