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Jay takes British championship title

JAY Hammond was the star for Broadfields Judo Club at the British Judo Council National Junior Championships.

The 9 year old performed magnificently to win his first three fights inside a minute, knocked out the defending National Champion in the semi-finals with an amazing throw that brought a 7 point score, then easily won the final

with a 10 point hold down to take the National crown.

Inspired by his younger brother's achievement, Lee Hammond also powered his way to the final. But despite an outstanding display of skill and determination, a split decision by the judges left him having to console himself with a silver medal.

In her first major competition, Zoe

Knight won a bronze medal in the girls under-30 kilos division, her fine performance being highlighted by the fact that she beat the eventual gold medalist in the earlier rounds.

Richard Coker won a bronze medal in the boys under-40 kgs while Broadfields newcomers Stewart and Steve Jacobs also claimed bronze in their respective divisions.

Lane move plan rejected

RAYNERS Lane's attempt to follow Wealdstone's move and cross the non-league pyramid has failed.

They wanted to move from the Hellenic League, a feeder to the Beazer Homes League, across to the Parsool Combined Counties League, which feeds into the Diadora. However, the move has been rejected.

The club, which suffered an enforced relegation last season because of its lack of flood-

lights, may well now resign from the Hellenic League at their own and accept the large fine that goes with it, and then reapply for a place in the Parsool League.

Lane have had five applications for the post of manager made vacant following the retirement of Don Durkin. But they are unlikely to start interviewing until they finalise in what league the club will be playing next season.

Shake up at Stones

Callaghan quits and search is on for new team manager



© Fred Callaghan - quit as team manager.

A BIG shake-up at Wealdstone FC in readiness for their move into the Diadora League next season, has culminated in the resignation of Fred Callaghan.

With promotion from Division Three of the Diadora at the first attempt a must, chairman Paul Rumens and his board of directors are looking to streamline the managerial structure at the club and fol-

By John Comfort

lowing discussions last week, Callaghan tendered his resignation as team manager and this was accepted.

However, Mr Rumens stressed that Callaghan was still at the club and it was envisaged that there could still be a role for him to play.

A general manager's post, with an emphasis on coaching and scouting, could well be a possibility.

Now, with the start of pre-season training a mere six weeks away, the search is on for a successor as team manager.

High on the list of possibilities is Callaghan's assistant, midfielder Tommy Mason.

He is coming towards the end of his playing career and stepped in with some success towards the end of last season when Callaghan was ill.

His appointment would ensure continuity at the club and as he has the respect of both players and supporters, would be a popular choice for the job.

However, speculation is rife that Wealdstone will be casting their net outside the

club for a replacement.

Wembley boss Glen Charles could be in the frame, but the smart money will almost certainly be on Gordon Bartlett, manager of Yeading, the club Stones have just concluded a two year ground sharing deal with.

In his six years at the Warren, Bartlett has led Yeading out of the lower divisions of the Diadora into the Premier Division, winning the FA Vase and two County Cups on the way. With those credentials he would appear to be just the man for the job.

But the burning question is, having risen from the lower reaches with Yeading, would he be prepared to drop down and do it all again with Stones?

The Wealdstone chairman declined to name names of possible candidates.

"We are in the process of trying to find a replacement," said Mr Rumens. "Hopefully we will be able to name the new man before the week is out."

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Brothers land golden National double



© Ronald and Andrew Robson with their National Championship trophies. Picture by Gareth Beard.

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Holders start at home

HOLDERS Bessborough have been drawn at home to Goodwill in the first round of this season's Mayor of Harrow's 20 over Knockout cricket competition. The full draw is as follows:

First round: Lohana v Belmont; Oakdale v Acton Hill; Kodak v Old Gaytonians; Welldon v Kenton; Brentfield Park v Headstone; South Harrow v Hatch End; West Harrow v Pinner Vics; Bessborough v Goodwill; Old Lyoniens v Pinner; Parkfield v Harrow SM; North Harrow v Starlight.

Second round: Harrow Town v Lohana/Belmont; Oakdale/Acton Hill v Kodak/Old Gaytonians; Welldon/Kenton v Brentfield Park/Headstone; South Harrow/Hatch End v Stanmore; Harrow Weald v West Harrow/Pinner Vics; Bessborough/Goodwill v North London Poly; Old Lyoniens/Pinner v Parkfield/Harrow SM; North Harrow/Starlight v Harrow.

Championship is wash out

THE annual Harrow Schools Athletics Championships last Wednesday were abandoned after heavy rain left hundreds of athletes, spectators, teachers and officials with nowhere to hide at the Bannister Sports Centre, writes Tony Bush.

There is no stand at Bannister so the athletes were left out in the rain between events, leaving the organisers no alternative but to cancel the championships, usually regarded as the blue riband of the local schools athletics calendar.

Bannister's all-weather track opened in 1986 but there has been no significant investment since then and the track is now being blacklisted by athletics organisers. If the Championships had been held in Hillingdon, Barnet or Watford, they could have gone ahead with the athletes sheltering in the stand.

The local clubs have been pressing for impro-

vements for years but this fiasco serves to emphasise the urgent need for development. As well as a stand, the track badly needs widening to eight lanes to enable it to host major events. Old Gaytonians AC have been banned from holding British League fixtures at Bannister and ordered to use Watford's Woodside track.

Before the heavens opened, there was just time for Tim Dalton, Tracey Bishop and Ben Muldon to show their class in the hurdles and sprints.

There was also a glimpse of a new talent in the shape of Nower Hill's David Allsop who won the under-15 100 metres, the first time he had used spikes.

Despite these early efforts the real winners were the rain and Harrow Council's long standing neglect of the borough's only athletics facility.

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