



The man for the job... chairman Paul Rumens greets new manager Gordon Bartlett and his assistant Leo Morris, right.

Picture: GARETH BEARD

'99% certain we will get into Diadora'

WEALDSTONE'S entry into the Diadora League will be confirmed at the league agm on Monday. Chairman Paul Rumens is confident they will be accepted.

"I am 99 per cent certain we will get into the league. We have already been voted in by the management committee."

Wealdstone FC, who play at Edgeware football ground, were

asked to refurbish parts of the ground by Monday to meet Diadora standards. The ladies toilets have been upgraded, as have perimeter fencing and some concrete steps behind the goal.

I only want winners, says Stones new boss

WEALDSTONE'S new manager Gordon Bartlett this week unveiled his tough new strategy to rescue the club from non-league obscurity.

Bartlett, who signed a two-year contract earlier this week, wants to gain immediate promotion for the Stones in their first Diadora Division 3 season.

He told the Observer he would not hesitate to sideline players who did not pull their weight.

"The players have got to want to stay. They've got to be hungry for success. It's not going to be easy - Diadora Division 3 is a strong, physical league.

"The main criteria needed by my players are a professional approach, good discipline, hard work and a hatred of losing.

"I want success, and if rebuilding and reshaping the team are necessary then it must be done. Any players just going through the motions will not be ac-

cepted by the fans or by me."

Bartlett has spoken to only a handful of players since his appointment two weeks ago. But he knows he may lose some squad members who are unhappy at the club's switch to the Diadora League.

The move to the new league, sparked by a drive to cut travelling costs, means the Stones have effectively plummeted two divisions - to the bottom of the pile.

Bartlett says: "I am taking stock of the situation and will evaluate what needs to be done in future. If I have to rebuild the side it takes time for new players to settle together.

"We do have some good flair players that we can mould other players around, but whether or not they want to play in the Diadora I don't know."

Tactically, Bartlett's main goal is to create a rock-solid defence.

"Once you have a good defence, you start to pick

up points. The sign of a good team is nicking games when you're not playing well.

"This club has been starved of success - and that is what the fans and I want. I'm in this game to win. If we can entertain as well - that is a bonus."

Bartlett's capture is a considerable coup for chairman Paul Rumens. The popular manager had been the target for numerous Premier Division clubs in recent years.

Rumens, delighted at his new signing, said: "At the end of the day, he's the best man for the job. There is no-one in football we wanted more than him."

Bartlett's managerial skills have rescued a team from similar circumstances. He took Yeading FC from the lower reaches of the Diadora League into the Premier Division in his six years at the Warren. He also steered them to an FA Vase triumph in 1990.

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Old Gayts youth squad show the way

OLD GAYTONIANS athletics club's youth squad continued its unbeaten run in the McDonalds National Young Athletes League with a convincing victory over the highly-raised Enfield squad on Sunday at Bannister stadium, writes Tony Bash.

Garth Noble set a personal best of 2:00.8 for a dominating victory in the 800m and then cruised to a very fast 50.8 split to anchor the winning Gayts squad in the long relay.

Delroy Simon also ran brilliantly, slicing seven seconds off his best in the steeplechase to close on the English Schools qualifying time of 4:36.0. Adam Blades ran a mature race to win the 3000m in a fast personal best of 9:15.8.

Luke Rosenberg set a new best of 36.60 to win the discus and also took the B hammer and B shot. Warren Wood took the shot and the B hammer and discus.

James Grant added more than three metres to his best to win the javelin with a good throw of 48.86 metres.

Andrew Roberts was the star of the under-15 team. He won the high jump and the B long jump with personal bests of 1.65 and 5.37. Peter McLean won the A long jump with a great leap of 5.72 metres.

Gary Blackman ran a mature race to win the 1500 metres in a best time of 4:29.5. While Robert Fisher led all the way to take 800m.

Craig Rowlands produced the best performance in the under-13 squad, taking the long jump with a good leap of 4.59m.

The league title will be decided in the next round when Gayts meet national champions Blackheath.

● NEW manager Phil Parry

ATHLETICS

has led Old Gaytonians AC to their first league win in more than two years.

The Gayts, who have been unable to match the success of their youth squad, won last week's British League Division Three meeting at Bracknell.

Parry's team beat off Hounslow, Wolverhampton, Enfield, Stoke and Windsor - scoring 224 points.

The jubilant Parry said: "This was a great team performance from an under-strength side."

Hammer thrower Steve Angell got the team off to an excellent start with a strong throw of 55.26m. The first three track events of the day produced good individual performances. Matthew Birchall and Mike Bartlett came second in the 400m hurdles A and B events.

Star performances of the day included Gordon Tyler winning the 1500m B event in 3mins. 58.8secs, Mark Roach who won the A high jump with a leap of 2.00m, and Howard Lamb who won the B discus event with a throw of 34.64m.

● AN ATHLETICS club had fine successes in the Southern League track and field competitions at the weekend.

Ealing, Southall and Middlesex AC put forward teams for the Southern Men's League in Division Two at Guildford and Division Six at Basingstoke.

The Southern Women's League team was at Ipswich and the Boys' Young Athletes League team at Watford.

The best result of the day was from the Men's Division Two team who won matches

against league leaders Newquay and third-placed Guildford.

Ealing's star sprinter Kevin Mark was again on good form, winning both the 100m and 200m. In fact, Coker and McGoway and Alleyne and Harewood made it a clean sweep for Ealing in the A and B sprints. Other successes were from William Beauchamp in the hammer, Phil York in the steeplechase and Martin Swingler in the 110m hurdles.

The ladies finished second at Ipswich with Joanne John their under-15s thrower in outstanding form, winning the javelin and discus and coming second in the shot.

In the senior events, new girl Nicky Hopkins won both the 800m and 1500m and the 400m hurdles.

The boys' team at Watford had a difficult match, finishing third behind Windsor and Hounslow.

● PARKSIDE Ladies' had a superb win in their third Southern League Division Two match on Saturday, with 209 points.

The senior team dominated track and field events, taking an amazing 25 first places. Sprinters Tracy Bishop (26.4sec) and Jackie Ripley (27.0sec) won both their 200m races and Caroline Stead (13.2sec) was first in her B-string 100m.

First in the 80m hurdles were Tracy Bishop (12.9sec) and Samantha Johnson (15.4sec). Alison McDonnell took first in both the 100m (15.6sec) and 400m hurdles (65.6sec). Eleanor Cave in the 100m hurdles (18.1sec) and Lisa Savage in the 400m hurdles (72.6sec).

(1m55). Caroline Stead was first in both the long jump (5m36) and triple jump (1m55) with Eleanor Cave (5m06) and Kelly Rockley (9m56) winning the respective B-strings. The discus was won by Angela Mitchell (31m90) and Wendy Dunsford (29m16), who was also placed first in the hammer (29m16).

The middle distance athletes were on good form. Alison Wyeth won the 800m (2m18.2). This was followed

by 3000m victories for Alice Braham (9m44.6) and Alice Hanson (11m03.0). Michelle Harries (4m33.0) and Andrea Whitcombe (4m40.0) took both 1500m places.

The track races ended well with a 52.2sec win for the 4x100 metres relay team of Lisa Savage, Caroline Stead, Lesley Lavers and Tracy Bishop and a 4:40 metres victory for Alison McDonnell, Elaine Blackwood, Caroline Stead and Jackie Ripley in 4min 07.9sec.

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