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Gaytonians are fourth in League opener

OLD Gaytonians Athletic Club made a satisfactory start to their 1989 GRE British League campaign, finishing fourth in the opening Division Two fixture at Hayes on Saturday.

The Harrow club have achieved four consecutive promotions but this new level a much tougher proposition as most events were bristling with international talent. Thames Valley were clear winners but the other five clubs are evenly matched and Gayts only missed fourth place by a single point.

Wembley's Dave Messom made an excellent start to his League season, winning the javelin in the 800m throw of 69.52m, and Philip Parry took

the B event with a good 61.70m.

Guy Perryman won the shot with a useful 15.35m while Howard Lamb made a solid start, recording 12.52m to take second in the B string.

Olympic sprinter Sam Nchinda had a fast 10.56 in the 100m but he had to give best to European Junior Champion Jamie Henderson, 15 year old Mark Collins set a new Gayts youths record of 11.17 for fourth place in the B event.

Mark Littlejohns finished second in the 400m hurdles before European Junior champion Paul Gray while Hamish McInnes took second in the 800m with a late finishing burst.

Ashley Davey equalled his personal best of 1.95m to win the B high jump while Keith White and Alan Wray both set new bests on their debuts in British League competition.

Gayts expect to have some of their injured sprinters and middle distance runners available for the second round fixture in June when they will be hoping to secure their status with a top three placing.

Gayts results
100m: A 2 Sam Nchinda 10.56, B 4 Mark Collins 11.17; 200m: A 4 Kerry Blackburn 24.4, B 5 Mark Collins 23.1; 400m: A 4 Jim Moseley 51.2, B 5 Keith White 50.4 (PB); 800m: A 2 Hamish McInnes 1:54.5, B 4 Peter Lamont 1:58.8; 1500m: A 4 Eddie Burton 4:01.2, B 6 Russell Squire 4:07.1; 5000m: A 3 Ian Har-

ness 14:55.0, B 1 Mike Lepps 15:20.2; 110m hurd: A 3 Alan Tapp 15.2, B 5 Mike Bartlett 16.2; 400m hurd: A 2 Mark Littlejohns 53.8, B 3 Mike Bartlett 56.6; 3000m stc: A 4 Mark Cursons 9:30.2, B 2 Alan Wray 10:03.3 (PB); High jump: A 4 Harvey Griffiths 1.85, B 1 Ashley Davey 1.95 (PB); pole vault: A 5 Ian White 3.60, B 4 Mark Hayman 3.50; long jump: A 5 Gary McCullough 6.54, B 2 Dorell Nicholson 6.44; triple jump: A 4 Ray Smith 14.61, B Gary McCullough nt; shot: A 1 Guy Perryman 15.35, B 2 Howard Lamb 12.52; discus: A 5 Guy Perryman 38.86, B 4 Len Steers 35.48; javelin: A 1 Dave Messom 69.52, B 1 Philip Parry 61.70; hammer: A 6 Len Steers 39.54, B 6 Jason Darnett 34.14; 4 x 100 relay: 4 Mark Collins, Mark Littlejohns, Jim Moseley, Sam Nchinda 43.7; 4 x 400 relay: 5 Jim Moseley (52.0), Keith White (51.5), Kerry Blackburn (50.2), Mark Littlejohns (49.7) 3:23.4.
Teams: 1 Thames Valley 266; 2 Edinburgh Southern 215; 3 Edinburgh 200; 4 Old Gayts 199; 5 Cardiff 193; 6 Windsor 181.

Record breaker Matthew scales new heights

OLD Gayts' pole vaulter Matthew Giles scaled new heights at the Girobank Young Athletes League at Bracknell on Sunday when he cleared 4 metres to beat the club youths record by 40 centimetres - an 11 per cent improvement in one day!

The Harrow athlete had made a subdued start to the season and his previous best this year was a modest 3.20m. But on Sunday he cleared 3.60 and 3.80 at the first attempt before his successful 4 metre vault.

Giles is now ranked in the top six vaulters in Britain and he will be looking for a good result in the English Schools Championships in July.

Gayts won Sunday's match by 20 points to move into second place in the Southern Premier League table. 25 new personal bests were set as they disposed of fancied Croydon and the highly rated Haringey squad on the way.

Pinner sprinter Mark Collins stepped up to 400m and grabbed his third 'Gayts' record of the season with an excellent time of 52.0.

Anthony Lashley set a personal best of 26.9 to win the colts 200m and then equalled the 100m record of 13.0 set by Shaun Jarrett in 1985. Jarrett is still performing well and he won the long jump with a good leap of 6.0m.

The talented Christian Leech again won the boys 3000m with another personal best of 9.55.4. Stephen Perry also set a new best of 9.55.5 to win the B event.

Gavin Crow improved his best 1500m time to 4:06.3 to win the 1500m and there were good middle distance personal bests from Colin Brown, Richard Godden, Graham Bicknell, Paul Harrington, Ameet Rao and Shane Wareham.

Gayts results
Youths (under-17): 100m A 4 Neil Tuckley 12.0, B 4 Keith Saunders 12.4; 200m A 3 Neil Tuckley 24.2 (PB), B 3 Keith Saunders 25.0 (PB); 400m A 2 Mark Collins 52.0 (REC), B 4 Hugh Innes 57.0; 800m A 2 Tony Lissaman 2:04.7, B 3 Matthew Searle 2:14.7; 1500m A 1 Gavin Crow 4:06.3 (PB), B 1 Richard Godden 4:27.3 (PB); 100m hurd A 3 Dean Bridges 15.7 (PB), B 1 Matthew Mee 16.6; 400m hurd A 3 Tony Lissaman 61.9 (PB), B 1 Simon Hewitt 62.5; 1500m stc A 3 Barry Hancock 5:04.8, B 3 Graham Brown 5:13.7; high jump A 2 Matthew Mee 1.70, B 2 Kevin Harding 1.70 (PB); pole vault A 1 Matthew Giles 4.00 (REC), B 2 Kevin Peel 2.85; long jump A 1 Shaun Jarrett 6.00, B 2 Alastair Scarlett 5.20; triple jump A 3 Alastair Scarlett 11.81, B 4 Dean Bridges 7.58; shot A 2 David Vernon 10.89 (PB), B 2 George Ng Yu Tin 10.17; discus A 2 Dean Bridges 36.76 (PB), B 1 Shaun Jarrett 31.76; javelin A 2 Ian Taylor 43.48, B 2 James Wheatley 36.94; hammer A 1 George Ng Yu Tin 42.60, B 1 David Vernon 28.84; 4 x 100m relay 2 Old Gayts 46.0; 4 x 400m relay 4 Old Gayts 3:59.7.
Boys (under-15): 100m A 2 Craig McGill 12.4, B 2 Simon Pollen 12.7; 200m A 4 Robert Brown 26.1, B 1 Simon Pollen 25.6; 400m A 3 Jason Brown 52.5, B 1 Mark Weekes 58.1; 800m A 2 Paul Harrington 2:11.8 (PB), B 2 Dan Williams 2:19.9; 1500 A 2 Ameet Rao 4:36.3 (PB), B 3 Dan Reading 4:51.3; 3000m A 1 Christian Leech 9:55.4 (PB), B 1 Steve Perry 9:55.5 (PB); 60m hurd A 2 Craig McGill 13.0, B 1 Anthony Lashley 13.0; high jump A 1 Mark Smith 1.80, B 2 Chris Selway 1.40; pole vault A 1 Jarrett 4.00; discus 2:40 (PB), B 1 Mark Whitehead 2.10; long jump A 2 Jason Emanuel 5.35 (PB), B 3 Jason Brown 4.19; triple jump A 2 Jason Emanuel 11.63 (PB), B 1 Henry Wood 10.45; shot A 3 Graeme Banks 10.29, B 3 James Owwo 8.61; discus A 4 Lee Mayger 26.34, B 3 James Owwo 23.60; javelin A 2 Mark Weekes 39.72, B 2 Dan Williams 24.88; hammer A 3 Duncan Samuels 25.50, B 2 Bob Selby 18.18; 4 x 100 relay 1 Old Gayts 50.0; 4 x 400 relay 1 Old Gayts 3:57.3.
Colts (under-13): 100m A 1 Elliott Gay 14.0; 200m A 1 Anthony Lashley 26.9 (PB), B 2 Shane Wareham 28.4; 800m A 3 Shane Wareham 2:28.4 (PB), B 2 Nick Heller 2:37.7 (PB); 1500m A 3 Tim Selby 4:19.4 (PB), B 2 Neil Dady 5.16 (PB); 4 x 100 relay 2 Old Gayts 56.7.
Team result: 1 Old Gayts 222; 2 Haringey 172; 4 Bournemouth 152.

Harrow trio shine in Grand Prix

THREE Harrow and Wealdstone SC members competed in the televised British Grand Prix Final in Leeds last weekend, having qualified during the winter in meets at Gloucester, Southampton and Barnet.

Julie Riegall led the trio by finishing third in the 200m backstroke final in a personal best time of 2:23.12. She also came fifth in the 200m individual medley in another personal best of 2:25.12.

She completed a most successful weekend with a fifth place in the final of the 100m backstroke in 1:08.61 and an eighth place in the final of the 50m backstroke in 32.50.

Young Hazel Alder was not overawed by the occasion and finished a very creditable 3rd in the 200m breaststroke final in 2:44.33, fifth in the final of the 100m breaststroke in 1:16.69 and seventh in the final of the 50m breaststroke in 35.71.

The third Harrow swimmer, Helen Williamson, swam two good personal bests. She clocked 2:29.05 to finish seventh in the final of the 200m backstroke and in the consolation final of the 100m backstroke she finished second in 1:09.45. Helen rounded off the meet with a sixth place in the 50m backstroke consolation final in 33.77.

Thumbs up for Charity showpiece at Wembley but...

CUP FINAL IS HELD OVER

THE final of the Russell Grant Middlesex Charity Cup is to be staged at Wembley Stadium after all - but it is being held over to next season.

With an as yet unnamed local businessman agreeing to underwrite the first £10,000 of any possible loss, the Middlesex County FA had taken the decision to go ahead with plans to stage the final at the Stadium which was provisionally booked for June 7.

But Chelsea's victory over Hounslow which earned them a final place against Kingsbury Town has thrown a spanner in the works.

They have a tour to Sweden arranged and also have other pre-season friendly commitments.

Said County FA secretary Peter Clayton: "The June 7 date has now been cancelled because Chelsea are not available and the final will now be held at the beginning of the new season."

"This is contrary to what we had hoped and we are now awaiting the outcome of negotiations with Chelsea, Kingsbury and Wembley over a mutually convenient date."

He added: "From our



point of view it was a question of either fitting the final in somewhere else this season or going to Wembley next season. The latter decision will hopefully add a bit of impetus to the start of new season."

The long running saga over the showpiece final of the competition began three months ago with the news that Wembley Stadium were demanding £20,000 and a 22 and a half per cent cut of the gross gate takings for staging it. Last year they charged only £5,000.

The County FA were wisely disinclined to stage a

New date sought for next season

charity event at a considerable loss and a large question mark hung over the event until a sponsor was finally found.

Said Mr Clayton: "There is no longer a financial problem with Mr X being prepared to underwrite some of the expense."

With Chelsea being in the final, policing costs were expected to pose a new financial headache, but fears on that score would now seem to have been allayed. "We understand that policing costs are not to be too prohibitive and will be within our budget," said Mr Clayton.

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WEMBLEY
VENUE OF LEGENDS

Barry sweeps board

BARRY Milligan, 42, a member of Harrow and Wealdstone Masters Swimming Club, swept the board in the recent British Sports Association for the Disabled Championships.

Barry won gold medals in all five events he entered an set a new National record in winning the 25m freestyle event in 14.88.

His other golds came in the 25m breast (19.83); 50m breast (47.00); 50m free (33.00) and 100m free (1:14.80).

Barry's magnificent achievement won him a place in the British team which will compete at Long Island, New York, in August.

All five swimmers better the National qualifying time and ensured Barry a place in all five events in the National Championships in July.

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