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### Andrea is golden star for Parkside

PARKSIDE athletes took one gold, one silver and two bronze medals at the Middlesex County Championships at Enfield.

Andrea Whitcombe was in top form to take gold in the senior women's 800m event. She led from start to finish and came home in a personal best time of 2:12.3.

Geraldine Coyne finished in 6th place with a good time of 2:21.7.

Oria Harrell took bronze in the girls javelin with 22.5m. She was also 5th in the discus (14.98) and 6th in the shot (6.92).

Thalia Bestonso ran a great race in the intermediate girls 1500m to take the bronze medal in a time of 5:12.2. She was also a finalist in the 800m in a personal best time of 2:27.0.

Liz Bowers had a great championship, making the finals of the 800m girls event and the 1500m while Lee Sydney was a finalist in the 1500m and came 5th in 5:22.9 having clocked 5:17.9 in the heats.

Nicky Jordan won silver in the intermediate 80m hurdles in 13.0, while clubmate Fiona Nicholls took gold in the same event in the Hertfordshire Championships in 13.0 secs.

Karen Hutcheson ran a personal best in the intermediate 300m hurdles to take 4th place in 53.0 while J. Henby was also 4th in the minor girls 70m hurdles in 14.9. Jackie Ripley ran well to make the finals of the senior ladies 100m and finished 7th in 13.5.

### Steve hauls in the Borough trophies

CLUB skipper Steve Bateman walked away from the Harrow Borough FC annual dinner and dance on Saturday loaded down with trophies.

The popular defender picked up a special award for passing 300 appearances for the club and later added the club's Player of the Year Trophy as well as the Vice-President's Cup Player of the Year award.

Defender Stuart Howard won the Youth Player of the Year award while midfielder Phil Dicker took the Young Player of the Year trophy. Defender Colin Payne also received a special award for completing 200 appearances for the club.

All the presentations were made by Vauxhall Opel League chairman Alan Turvey. Also among the guests for the evening was the Mayor of Harrow, Cllr Phyllis Harkett.

Club chairman Eric May paid tribute to the efforts of manager Keith Chamberlin who steered the club away from relegation in the final weeks of the season. He said: "Praise is indeed due to Keith Chamberlin who inspired the troops to keep up in the Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division and enhanced the club to go forward to better things."



● Borough award winners (from left) Stuart Howard, Phil Dicker and Steve Bateman with their trophies.

### McInnes sees off Buckner

PINNER athlete Hamish McInnes ran a superb 1500 metres at Loughborough last week and defeated European Champion Jack Buckner.

In a high class international field McInnes finished 2nd to 800m star Ikem Billy in the fast time of 3:45.5. Buckner could only place 4th.

McInnes' next competition will be in the British League Division Two fixture at West London on Sunday June 11 when he also tackles the 1500m.

# Boro' keep men who saved them from drop

HARROW Borough FC has placed its faith in the men who saved them from Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division relegation.

In a clear show of gratitude for the players' exceptional efforts in a nail biting campaign, the club has announced that it will be retaining all its contract players for next season - and that includes striker



BY JOHN COMFORT

Duncan Hardy who this week had a change of heart over his plans to settle in New Zealand.

Hardy left for the Antipodes three weeks ago intending to make the move a permanent

one. But his wife has failed to settle down and he will be returning to England - and Harrow Borough - by the start of the new season in August.

In the meantime Borough have agreed to him going on

loan to New Zealand club Gisborne City and he will play for them until his return.

Hardy's Borough contract, along with those of club captain Steve Bateman, Francis Cassidy, Rory Gleeson and goalkeeper Mark Poulney already cover next season while Colin Payne, Steve Scott, Stuart MacKenzie and Phil Dicker have all been offered new contracts and expected to take them up.

Only contract player to be released is Stuart Howard who

is expected to be unavailable for much of next season due to university studies.

Borough also plan to keep their non-contract players Paul Flynn, Andy Waddock, Mark Hopson, Warren Gravette and Eamonn O'Connor who have all indicated that they want to stay with the club.

Commenting on the decision to retain the full squad, Borough manager Keith Chamberlin said: "If the side that kept us in the Premier Division had been together from

the outset then I think we would have finished in the top half of the league.

"What we are looking to do now is to straighten it out and with the right ideas go a bit better than that next season. We are quite determined to do the business and make up for last year."

The news that Duncan Hardy would be returning was "a definite plus" said Chamberlin. "Duncan was a very influential player for us. We will be a better side with him in it."

But despite this obvious boost, Chamberlin will still be looking to strengthen the squad.

"Depending who is available, if they are better than what we've got then we will go for them," said Chamberlin who is hoping to make two new signings within the next week.

And as for the future of the man who was brought back into the "hot seat" following the sacking of Alan Mays to guide Borough to safety in the closing months, Chamberlin was still tight lipped.

"How we run the club will be announced in due course," he said.

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We are offering five pairs of grandstand seat tickets for the match as prizes in a simple competition.  
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**ENGLAND SCHOOLBOYS TICKETS COMPETITION**  
THE most famous match between England and West Germany at Wembley Stadium was the 1966 World Cup Final.  
1 What was the final score after extra time in that game?  
a) 4-1.....b) 4-2.....c) 4-3.....  
2 Who scored a hat-trick for England in the match?  
a) Hurst.....b) Peters.....c) Charlton.....  
Name.....  
Address.....  
Tel.....  
Completed form to be sent to: England Schoolboys Competition, Observer Sport, 326, Station Road, Harrow, Middx HA1 2DR by the closing date, Monday May 29.

**Croad's golden hat-trick**  
HATCH End throwing ace Malcolm Croad performed superbly in the Middlesex Athletics Championships at Enfield last weekend and landed a golden treble, writes Tony Bush.  
He took the hammer title on Saturday with a throw of 57.54 metres and on Sunday he added the shot title with a new personal best of 13.91 metres and also took the discus with another best of 43.40 metres, just 18 centimetres below his Old Gaytonians' club best.  
Croad's Gayts clubmate George Ng-Yu-Tin took the silver in the hammer while Pinner's Bruce Taylor set a personal best of 46.70 metres to come 4th.  
Pinner's Mark Collins continued his excellent season by winning the youths 100m title and he also took the bronze medal in the 200m.  
North Harrow's Eddie Burton ran a superb tactical race to clinch the gold medal in the junior 1500m. He tracked and pre-race favourite Jason Dullforce and then kicked for home over the last 300m.  
Trevor Munday won the junior sprint hurdles title and there was a good performance from Rohan Samuel who took the silver medal in the senior 100m in his first competition of the season.  
Keith White took his first ever championship medal when winning bronze in the senior 400m while Peter Lemon ran a fast 1:56.5 for 4th in the junior 800m.  
Wembley's Dave Messom took silver in the senior javelin with a throw of 68.62m while Ian White set a season's personal best of 3.80m for 3rd in the pole vault.

**Park best at schools meet**  
PARK High was the leading Harrow school in the Old Gaytonians AC Schools Trophy meeting held at Bannister last week.  
The Stanmore team finished 3rd of the 15 schools in one of the strongest schools competitions in the South of England.  
Craig McGill was Park's star, winning the 100m, finishing 2nd in the hurdles and anchoring the relay team to a meeting record of 49.7.  
Nower Hill finished in 7th place, headed by a winning triple jump from Jason Emanuel who recorded the excellent leap of 11.40m.  
Hatch End thrower Malcolm Croad, competing for Haberdashers, set a new meeting record of 55.76m in the youths hammer and also won both the shot and the discus.

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