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Games gold for Roy

PINNER'S Roy Stone grabbed a share of England's record breaking judo gold medal haul at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland.

England dominated the judo competition and Stone gave his opponents a similar workout. In the final he threw his Nigerian opponent for a yuko to earn his victory.

Stone, a member of the Fairholme club, now has his sights set firmly on qualification for the 1992 Olympics in Barcelona.

Wembley Shooting Club's David Levene was left floundering in 16th place in the individual centre fire pistol event at the Games.

Levene had earlier missed bronze by two targets in the pairs, but in the individual event his shooting was well off target and he ended with 556 points - 26 behind the winner.

Benson Masters winners

SIX lucky Observer readers and their companions are this afternoon (Thursday) enjoying the action in the quarter finals of the Benson and Hedges Masters at the Wembley Centre.

The six, who each won two tickets in our recent Benson and Hedges Masters competition, were: Frank Caruana, Park Crescent, Harrow Weald; Mr A. Whittemore, Ash Walk, Sudbury Meadows, Wembley; Mr B. Greig, Crossholt Avenue, Stanmore; Mr C. Drew, Cannon Lane, Pinner; Richard Symonds, Annesley Close, Neasden; Mr E. Morgan, John Perrin Place, Preston Hill, Kenton.

They all correctly named Stephen Hendry as the current Masters Champion.

Super Stones find their goal touch

Wealdstone 4 Hounslow 0 STONES at long last hit the goal trail on Monday night when they made amends in full for recent depressingly blank performances by hammering Hounslow to earn a place in the Middlesex Senior Cup semi-finals where they will play either Hendon or Yeading, writes John Comfort.

As they had done at Denbigh Road in the first game, Hounslow again made life difficult for Stones, but on this occasion Wealdstone were in tip-top form and had they taken even

half the chances they created, they could easily have doubled their tally. In the early stages it seemed it was going to be a case of "the same old story" as Paul Morris and Tony Kelly squandered good scoring opportunities.

But all that changed after 16 minutes when good work by Steve Smart set Dave Flint up to send over a low cross which Kelly turned in at the near post to put Stones ahead.

Flint then burst through and had his powerful drive blocked by Crompton and soon after the keeper

saved superbly to keep out a blistering drive from the impressive Craig Johnstone as Stones looked to add to their lead.

But Hounslow should have levelled in the 26th minute. Alan Risk was dispossessed on the edge of the area but Hare's shot luckily hit Kevin Foster's leg and went wide.

Back came Stones and Kelly fired over after Crompton failed to hold a stinging drive from Price. Flint raced clear just before the break but delayed his shot, allowing Silman to get back and make a tackle.

It took Stones just eight minutes of the second half to add to their lead when Paul Goyette's deep cross dropped over Crompton and into the far corner of the net. From then on the match was over as a contest and became little more than shooting practice for Wealdstone.

Kelly dived in to force home a Margerrison free kick in the 64th minute to make it 3-0, and only the woodwork denied his a deserved hat-trick 10 minutes later.

Smart, Kelly and Johnstone were all unlucky not to add to the lead be-

fore two minutes from time Flint ended a six week wait for his first Wealdstone goal when he side stepped Crompton and slotted home following a great run by Paul Morris.

The cry of "about bloody time" from a wag in the crowd was as relevant to Stones finding their goal touch as it was to Flint breaking his duck.

Wealdstone: Foster, Smart, Price, Risk, Harrison, Margerrison, Johnstone, Goyette, Flint, Kelly, Morris. Subs: Wilkins, Tapley, Olaleye, Collins, Williams.

'Give me more goals' says Gane



Alan Gane - wants to see Stones build on goal romp against Hounslow.

AFTER Wealdstone finally found their long lost goal touch in the Middlesex Senior Cup hammering of Hounslow, manager Alan Gane's message for Saturday's league clash with Gloucester at Lower Mead is quite simply: "More of the same please!"

Gane is hoping that Monday's result will be the start of a flow of goals for Stones who in recent months have had just cause to curse their at times appalling finishing as a spate of infinitely winnable matches - notably those at Bath and Weymouth - have been turned into depressing defeats.

Though he would gladly have traded a few of those goals against Hounslow for their less than adequate efforts in some league matches, Gane was nevertheless happy that his much maligned strike force had finally come good.

"We badly needed something like that to happen," he said. "You often go through barren spells and it's very frustra-



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ting both for the supporters and for us that we're not able to score.

"But then you can go through a time when you just can't stop scoring. Hopefully this will be the start of such a run."

Gloucester will clearly prove a sterner test than Hounslow but Gane is confident that Stones are capable of doing the necessary.

"They are one of the best sides we've played and obviously you have to take into account the quality of the opposition, but we did play exceptionally well against Hounslow and hopefully we'll get a few more goals against Gloucester."

Gane was particularly pleased with Dave Flint's performance against Hounslow. The striker finally notched his first Wealdstone goal, six weeks after his £4,000 signing from Redbridge Forest, and Gane said "That was probably the best he's played for us. He's looking a lot fitter and stronger and hopefully he'll be getting a lot more goals."

Gane was also pleased with the "exceptional" efforts of midfielder Craig Johnstone who has been on loan to Stones from Ruislip Town. Gane would like to make it a permanent arrangement.

The injured Paul Gbogidi and Steve Browne are both doubtful for the Gloucester game, and Stones are unlikely to risk Tony Lynch, who is now back in training following his cartilage operation.

But Lynch could well end up playing in a friendly at Egham on Saturday for a Wealdstone reserve team. Given the size of his squad, Gane is known to be keen to develop a back up side for the first team and a reserve team could well become a feature at Lower Mead next season.

League tables

Table with columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Dover, Bath, Dartford, Cambridge C, Alverstoke, Burton, Gravesend, Worcester, Wealdstone, VS Rugby, Bromsgrove, Crawley, Moor Green, Ashford, Dorchester, Waterlooville, Gloucester, Chelmsford, Corby, Alvechurch, Gosport.

Table with columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Slough, Wokingham, Kingscliff, Aylesbury, Dagenham, Grays Ath, Carshalton, Leyton-W, Hayes, Redbridge F, Bishop's St, St Albans, Staines, Marlow, Harrow Boro, Barking, Dulwich H, Bognor, Bromley.

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Table with columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Northwood, Edgware, Barking-side, Corinthian Cas, Haringey, Cheshurt, Waltham, Southgate, Waltham Abb, Hanwell Town, Brimsdown, Repton, Wands & Nor, Brook House, Eltham, Thamesmead, Amersham, North Greenford, Beaconsfield.

New cup date

KINGSBURY Town's AC Delco Cup quarter final clash with Woking on Tuesday night was postponed because of Woking's involvement in the FA Trophy. The tie has now been rescheduled for Thursday February 15, kick off 7.45pm.

Boro' old boy Holmes returns to Earlsmead

FORMER Harrow Borough striker Lawrence Holmes returns to Earlsmead on Saturday when Borough take on Barking. Holmes is currently on loan to the Premier Division strugglers from Redbridge Forest.

With no injury problems, Borough boss Tom McAllister is able to select his side to face Barking from a full squad, including Everal La Ronde who returns after being cup-tied for the Redbridge Trophy match.

With Steve Graham recovered from injury, Wembley expect to be at full strength for their home match against Hitchin Town. With points badly needed to steer clear of the relegation dog fight, Lions will be looking to avenge the 1-0 FA Trophy defeat they suffered at Hitchin back in October.

Kingsbury Town are also desperate for points and they give new signing Rod Findley his first game for the club when they visit fellow strugglers Hampton. With both Paul Bhatia and Gary White now recovered, manager Alan Dafforn now has only Steve Lucas sidelined through injury.

Edgware Town visit Hanwell Town on Saturday looking to complete a hat-trick of wins over their rivals, having beaten them twice in the League and the London Senior Cup this season.

But Edgware can't afford to be complacent. Hanwell scored a shock win over their title rivals Northwood two weeks ago and Edgware boss Brian Rider is aware that his side are just as vulnerable. "When you're at the top everybody is looking to shoot you down and Hanwell are never an easy side to beat," he said.

Good news for Rider is that he has no injury problems and can field his strongest side.

For their difficult away match at Shortwood on Saturday, Rayners Lanemanager Don Durkin has Jimmy Schurer available for selection after his return from holiday.

However, he delays naming his team until after the result of late fitness tests on the injured Neil Owen (legaments), Ian Woodward (ligaments) and Stuart Howard (groin).

SOCCER FIXTURES

Schedule of soccer fixtures including Saturday February 10 (Beazer Homes League, Vauxhall League), Monday February 12 (FA Trophy), and Tuesday February 13 (Beazer Homes League).

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