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Best ever for Gayts

OLD Gaytonians Athletic Club's youths cross country team finished a splendid 5th in the National Cross Country Championships at Leeds on Saturday...

More than 400 runners took part in the National which is open to all 400 English clubs.

Gavin Crowe continued his excellent season by placing 21st while Terry Mackin produced his best ever display to take 36th spot.

Phil O'Brien enjoyed his best National result for six years finishing a magnificent 16th out of more than 2000 runners.

He worked his way through the field and narrowly missed out on a place in the top dozen in a desperate sprint for the line.

Gayts juniors were rather below par in their six miles event, but Colin Wray showed a welcome return to form in placing 115th out of 320 finishers.

Gayts results

Youths (under-17): 21 Gavin Crowe 23.53, 36 Terry Mackin 24.24, 99 Barry Hancock 25.20, 167 Richard Godden 26.06, 178 Matthew Seanie 26.11, 260 Colin Brown 27.20. Teams: 5th Old Gayts Juniors (under-20): 115 Colin Wray 36.21, 182 Nigel Cowdery 37.39, 187 Matthew Baleson 37.44, 199 Alan Wray 37.55, 218 Eddie Bur 38.32, 256 Mark Hamilton 40.39, 43. Teams: 22nd Old Gayts Seniors: 16 Philip O'Brien 46.44, 246 Jason Rawlings 50.54, 259 Mark Cursons 51.08, 263 Mark Hayman 52.03, 408 Chris Finill 52.12, 927 Andy Hoies 1:08.1 Stuart Penny, 1232 Pat Benkhof, 1441 Ross Bloom. Teams: 36th Old Gayts

Pennock and James sign for Chamberlin

STRIKER Ray Pennock and defender Martyn James have both followed former Harrow Borough boss Keith Chamberlin to Southall.

The transfers from Borough were completed on Thursday and Pennock made his Southall debut on Saturday in the 2-0 defeat at Camberley.

Chamberlin signed the pair for Borough last summer on free transfers from Swansea and was known to be unhappy about the club's decision to release them.

He was offered the Southall post. Borough were last week insisting that Chamberlin was still a director of the club, several days after Southall had announced his appointment.

But his departure has now been amicably smoothed through, following a meeting with Borough chairman Eric May on Saturday.

"I tendered my resignation is writing and everything has now been settled," said Chamberlin.

Mr May said later: "It is with regret that Harrow Borough Football Club has confirmed the resignation of Keith Chamberlin from his position as press and publicity director."

"The club would like to place on record their appreciation of his efforts during the many years of his association and wish him every success in his future endeavours."

Mullins and a knockout for Harrow

PAT Mullins became Harrow ABC's first boxer in over 30 years to win a North West Divisional Championship when he outpointed Gainsford ADC's Geoff Hall in the final at the Porchester Hall.

Fighting in the bantam-weight class, Mullins, a former schoolboy and junior ABA Champion, had a tough route to the final, coming up against last year's champion, Brian Smith of Northolt ABC in the semi-finals.

Both boxers received standing counts but boxing coolly, Mullins gradually took control of the contest and knocked his opponent out in the third round to secure his final place.

In the final Mullins cruised to victory over Hall. He won every round to take a unanimous points decision.

Mullins now goes on to the London semi-finals at the York Hall on March 8 in the next stage of his bid to take the ABA National Championship.

Harrow's other entrant in the North West Championships, Neville King at light welterweight, was unlucky to be drawn against Young England International S. Gallagher of Islington and was counted out on his feet halfway through the second round.

Rock bottom Wembley boss Waugh sums it up:

'15 CUP FINALS TO PLAY NOW'

"EVERY game is a cup final from now on - and we've got 15 of them to play."

That is how beleaguered Wembley boss Tony Waugh sees the torrid task facing his side for the remainder of the season as they were sent tumbling to the bottom of the Vauxhall League's First Division on Saturday by Leatherhead's 2-0 win over neighbours Kingsbury Town.

With four clubs destined to go down and a five point gap currently needing to be closed to clear the danger zone, relegation is now a real threat, but despite their obviously unhappy plight, and with the odds stacked firmly against them, Waugh believes Wembley can still pull off 'The Great Escape'.



BY JOHN COMFORT

"Of course we are disappointed to be down there at the bottom of the table but the boys are all optimistic that we've got a good chance of avoiding the drop," he said. "What we need to do is to get a few wins together, test the water, and then maintain our form."

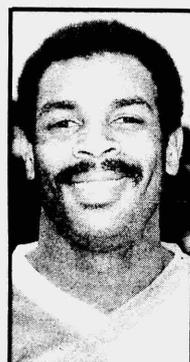
And a change of fortune would help too. "On paper we're a better side than last year," he said "but we haven't had much luck and the ball just hasn't been running kindly for us. "We're always likely to score goals but it's at the other end that the problem lies. It's depressing to see how some of the goals go in. Against Walton last week was a prime example. It seemed that every time they shot they scored."

they take on Uxbridge - one of a clutch of clubs Lions need to drag down into the relegation mire if they are to retain their Division One status.

The clubs have already met three times this season and honours are even with Wembley winning 6-2 at Honeycroft in the League and a goalless County Cup tie there being followed by a convincing 4-0 win for Uxbridge in the replay.

On Saturday nothing less than victory will do for Wembley who will be at full strength following Steve Graham's return from injury.

Paul Janaway suffered a knee injury in Lions' 1-1 friendly with Bromley on Saturday but is also expected to be fit. Gursel Gulfer scored Wembley's goal in that match with a rare header.



● Tony Waugh.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday March 1 London Senior Cup: Erith & Bevedere v Edgware Town. Saturday March 3 Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Burton Albion v Wealdstone. Vauxhall League Premier Division: Harrow Borough v Dulwich Hamlet (Eastmead, 3pm). Vauxhall League Division One: Wembley v Uxbridge (Vale Farm, 3pm). Walton v Kingsbury Town. Greene King Spartan League Premier Division: Edgware v Harrow Borough (White Lion ground, 3pm). Federated Homes League: Bishops Cleeve v Wycombe Wanderers. Tuesday March 6 Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Ashford Town v Wealdstone. Vauxhall League Premier Division: Slough Town v Harrow Borough. Vauxhall League Division One: Hitchin Town v Wembley. Wednesday March 7 Capital League: Colchester Utd v Wealdstone.

Gayts face league title crunch match

OLD Gaytonians Athletic Club go into the final Chiltern League fixture of the season at Eastcote on Saturday locked in a tight battle for the title with defending champions Bracknell.

The Harrow club lead the Berkshire outfit by just 60 points with 3rd placed Hounslow almost 700 points adrift, and the stage is set for a cracking finale to the League season.

Gayts head the Colts table by 160 points from Windsor and seem certain to retain this age group title.

Gayts also have a 160 point cushion in the Youths and Boys event, but their team will be weakened as seven of their top athletes will be competing in the English Schools Championships in Cornwall.

The Senior/Junior team are in 2nd place behind Bracknell and need a good result to stay ahead of 3rd placed Windsor.

The event, which is promoted jointly by Gayts and Metros, begins on Eastcote Common at 1.15pm.

Overall League table after four matches 1 Old Gayts 8159, 2 Bracknell 8091, 3 Hounslow 7358, 4 Oxford 7168, 5 Windsor 7003, 6 Reading 6783, 7 Milton Keynes 6314, 8 Aylesbury 4686, 9 Banbury 3857.

Suspensions pose problems for Tom

WITH Duncan Hardy still suspended and Billy Beggs starting a ban, Harrow Borough manager Tom McAlister has a selection headache for Saturday's vital home clash with struggling Dulwich Hamlet.

An injury to Mark Hopson adds to his problems. Everal La Ronde, who was dropped for the game at St Albans, is likely to be recalled and there could be a place for new signing from Maidenhead, striker Mark Formosa, who made his debut in the reserves on Saturday.

With manager Alan Gane admitting "our away record is not good," Wealdstone start a tough programme of away matches at Burton Albion on Saturday. They will again be without the injured Paul Ghogidi and Steve Browne, while sickness will prevent striker Dave Flint from playing.

Transfer listed Paul Wilkins, who impressed Gane when he came on as substitute against Dartford, is in line for a recall, while new signing Kevin Collins, the former Wycombe skipper who has just returned from a spell in Australia, is also in contention.

Wealdstone Supporters Club will be running a coach to Burton, leaving Lower Mead at 11am. The fare for this trip will be £10 for adults, £9 for juniors and £5 for Junior Stones accompanied by an adult. Bookings can be made by phoning 427-4064 during office hours.

Solomon Eriemo is still suspended and misses Kingsbury's match at Walton. Gary White, who is suffering from a groin injury, is also out.

Manager Brian Rider has plenty of injury problems as Edgware attempt to play their long delayed London Senior Cup tie at Erith tonight (Thursday).

Definitely out is goalkeeper Phil Whelan who sustained a leg injury at Beckton that was described by hospital x-ray staff as the nearest thing to a break they'd seen without a bone actually being broken. Reserve team keeper Sean Hourihan will stand in for Whelan at Erith and if Whelan is still not fit, he will also play against Haringey on Saturday.

Rider's other injury doubts are Ray Mangyan with an ankle injury, Eugene Flynn who has a pulled calf muscle, Shamus Finnerty with a thigh injury and Peter Grant and Lee Rider who have knee injuries.

Rayners Lane manager Don Durkin has no injury problems and hopes to have Chris Cockram and Stuart Howard, who were both unavailable last week, in contention for places in the game at Bishops Cleeve - the side who knocked Lane out of the League Cup earlier in the season.

How the locals stand in the latest league tables

Table with 4 columns: League Name, Division, and two sets of league tables (p, w, d, l, a, pts) for various clubs.

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