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Edgware aiming for Vauxhall place after title triumph



● The Edgware players, with the Spartan League Championship shield, celebrate their title success.

"DON'T break my heart by turning us down again" was the heartfelt plea from Edgware Town FC chairman Vince Deritis to the Vauxhall League this week as the newly crowned Spartan League champions await the inspection of their White Lion ground which will ultimately determine their promotion fate.

Amidst the still unabated euphoria of their title triumph, which was clinched on Wednesday with a 3-0 drubbing of Corinthian Casuals in their final game of the season, Edgware are only too conscious of the agony they suffered when they won the championship two years ago and were cruelly rejected by the Vauxhall League.

Said Mr Deritis: "If we don't get in this time I'll be heart broken. I'll be totally gutted for all those people who have supported Edgware for up to 30 and 40 years whose dream is to see the club play in the Vauxhall League."

But the indications are that Edgware will get the thumbs up this time, for the League's Division Two South is already a club short following the early demise of Newport County last season.

They have paid their deposit to the League and Mr Deritis is now waiting to be given a date by League secretary Nick Robinson on which the ground inspection committee will be giving the club's facilities the once over.

"What they normally do after their inspection is to say that this or that has got to be done and we're given until August 1 to do it," said Mr Deritis. "Mr Robinson said that provided the place is tidy we should be okay, so I've been round the ground with my broom."

"We were absolutely delighted with the way the players performed to win the title and get us in this position - they thoroughly deserved it. They've done their bit now it is up to the committee to do their part."

"We have the resources, we'll do anything necessary to get in."

Edgware's tension packed title clincher against Casuals was watched by a bumper 700 crowd and after receiving the massive Spartan League Championship shield, the celebrations at the club went on long into the night.

Said manager Brian Rider: "I was relieved more than anything. At one stage I thought we were going to win the title easily but we went through a bad spell - just after Christmas."

The turning point came in February after their defeat at Beckton which was followed by a miraculous recovery in their next game to beat Haringey 3-2 after they had been 2-0 down with 20 minutes to go.

"The players showed a lot of character in winning their last nine games to take the title," said Mr Rider. "I couldn't be more proud of them."

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Achievements recognised in cricket award scheme

Britannic Assurance



The Observer has teamed up with County Championship sponsors Britannic Assurance to recognise the achievements of our local cricketers throughout the summer.

Each month of the season we will be making an award to the Britannic Assurance/Observer 'Player of the Month'.

The recipient will be selected from performance recorded in the Observer, together with nominations made by readers, and the winner will be the player considered to have made the most notable series of achievements during each relevant month.

Monthly award winners will receive a trophy, tickets for himself and his family to see a Britannic Assurance County Cricket Championship match of his choice, plus a Britannic Assurance golf membership, and an item of sponsorship clothing of either a rugby shirt or leisure top.

The prizes will be presented at the player's own club and it is hoped that a Middlesex player will be able to make the presentation.

Observer readers will also get the chance to win match tickets and Britannic Assurance sponsorship clothing in some simple prize competitions we will be running throughout the season.

Wembley stick with Waugh

WEMBLEY manager Tony Waugh has been given a vote of confidence by the club after steering the Vale Farm outfit to Vauxhall League Division One safety.

Waugh's position was thought to be on the line midway through a traumatic campaign for the Lions as they struggled to avoid the drop, but when new chairman, Brian Gumm, took over in January, the manager was given until the end of the season to show that he was the right man for the job.

Said Mr Gumm: "I have had a meeting with Tony and he is staying with us. It is now up to him to prove himself."

Waugh said that he was pleased to be carrying on and was already planning for next season.

"I thought we had a better side last season, although it obviously wasn't championship material, and it's hard to explain how we got where we were. But results just didn't go for us and I lost count of the number of times we lost matches in the last 15 minutes.

"I've got a couple of players in mind that I'm looking to sign to add to the squad and I'm hoping that we will do a lot better."

Waugh is retaining all of last season's players but is likely to need a replacement for club skipper and coach Paul Janaway who has been advised to quit playing following a knee operation.

Stones miss their chance

Wealdstone 2 Colchester 4
WEALDSTONE had plenty of chances to win this Capital League match on Monday, but still managed to lose it, writes Graham Smith.

As early as the 7th minute Steve Browne hit a post, but three minutes later it was Colchester who went in front when the seemingly offside Tindall crossed for Restarick to head home.

Stones were unlucky again when Craig Johnstone hit the crossbar but in the 16th minute they equalised when Glenn Price kicked an excellent goal from a Neil Price free kick.

Kinsella regained the lead for the visitors before the break but although the opening 20 minutes of the second half was all Stones, they failed to find the net.

Ball increased Colchester's lead against the run of play in the 73rd minute and although good work by Johnstone and Paul Gbogidi set up Steve Smart for a well taken goal for Stones, the visitors ensured their victory with a late strike from Restarick.

Wealdstone: Phillips, Watson, Smart, A'Mara, N. Price, Johnstone, Fergusson, Gbogidi (Butler), G. Price, Browne, Lynch (Campbell).

GREENE KING SPARTAN LEAGUE

Premier Division	Final table				
	P	W	D	L	Pts
Edgware	27	5	4	9	86
Northwood	26	6	4	9	36
Southgate	26	10	6	7	40
Chesham	20	8	8	6	42
Corinthian Cas.	20	8	10	6	39
Haringey	20	10	6	5	33
Waltham Fern	17	11	8	5	34
Barking	16	10	8	7	31
Waltham Abb.	13	10	13	5	49
Beckton	12	9	15	5	37
Brook House	10	8	18	4	32
Wands & Nor.	9	10	17	5	37
Harrow Town	9	10	17	4	34
Bromley	8	11	17	4	35
North Greenford	8	11	18	4	32
Thamesmead	7	22	49	10	28
Beaconsfield	5	12	19	34	7
Etham	7	8	23	38	27
Amersham	5	10	21	42	7

*3pts deducted by League.

Harrow set for Youth Games challenge

HARROW'S preparations for the 1990 London Youth Games are at an advanced stage and indications are that the Borough's level of participation for this prestigious event will be high, says Harrow Sports Council chairman Bill North.

Widely regarded as London's 'Mini Olympics', the games constitute the biggest and most ambitious competition of its kind in Britain with the 33 London boroughs competing in over 30 sporting events. The total number of competitors - all under 19 years of age - is of the order of 9,000. Harrow's competitors will number approximately 300.

The finals of the Games will be held at the Crystal Palace National Sports Centre on Sunday July 7 and Sunday July 8.

In the past Harrow Sports Council has assumed direct and sole responsibility for the mammoth task of organising Harrow's Games teams with Borough Team organiser Diane Owen playing a leading role. This year there is a significant change with much greater input from the local authority, in particular from recreation development officer Anita Cacchioli and sports development officer Paul Tonks.

These two officers, together with Diane Owen and Bill North, have

formed a team which has as its objective the interests of Harrow's young sportsmen and women.

The efforts of the "Gang of Four" are such that managers have already been appointed, and teams representing Harrow will be entered, in the following sports:

Archery, athletics (male and female), badminton, basketball (male and female), canoeing, cycling, fencing, football (male and female), gymnastics (male and female), hockey (female), judo (male), karate, lawn tennis, netball, skiing, squash, swimming (male and female), table tennis, trampolining, triathlon and volleyball (male

and female).

Managers and/or competitors are still required for the following sports:

Angling, diving, hockey (male), judo (female), showjumping and weightlifting (male and female). Anyone who can help in any of these sports should contact Paul Tonks (daytime) on 863-5611 ext 3875 or Bill North (evenings) on 907-6049.

For the third successive year Glaxo Pharmaceuticals has generously agreed to sponsor Harrow's London Youth Games teams, providing each manager and competitor with a borough tracksuit and T-shirt.