

SPORT

Andrea hits top form



BRILLIANT Parkside teenager Andrea Whitcombe (above) confirmed her massive potential on Saturday by taking fourth place in the intermediate section of the National Cross-Country championship.

The 15-year-old, who is in her first year as an intermediate, was among 400 runners who took part in the 400m event in atrocious conditions at Baxby, Kerr. And Andrea was in fine form again the next day, comfortably winning the girls under-16 race at The Harrow Ob-server mini-marathon in Hatch End. She also claimed third place overall in her age group, finishing just 0.8 of a second behind the boys winner, Mark Binney.

Small comfort for Meldrum

Widestones 1, Scarborough 3. MANAGER Colin Meldrum salvaged some crumbs of comfort from Widestones' depressing home defeat at the hands of Scarborough on Tuesday night. With Stones being rapidly sucked back into the relegation quagmire, Meldrum's task over the next few months in an unenviable one, writes Simon O'Neill. Defender Steve Rutter and striker Keith Tonge have already left the club, and several more players are known to be considering their future. In the short term, the Stones' boss is unlikely to be able to attract any quality replacements to Lower Meadow. So he must battle on with a squad that is shrinking both in numbers and confidence. But despite all these prob-

lems, Meldrum is convinced the club can avoid the drop — if the attitude of everyone connected with it is right. "I have been in this situation before," he said. "And there is only one way that we can get out of it — everyone here has got to pull together, from the fans, to the players and the directors." And he saw enough on Tuesday night to give him confidence. "I changed one or two players around because I have got to see what they can do," he said. "I saw enough good things in the first half to build on, although we have got to learn to sustain it over 90 minutes." As against Boston, Stones were on level terms at the break, before fading out of the match completely in the second half. They fought back well

from conceding a soft 22nd minute goal — Phil Walker rising free as a bird to head Cook's free kick past Iles — and forced a deserved equaliser on the half hour. Boro full back Brian Thompson was caught in two minds by Brian Greenaway, who ran on to cross low for Mark Graves to sweep the ball past Blackwell. But the visitors put the result beyond Stones, with two goals in ten minutes after the break. Stewart Mell got them both, stabbing home a Cook cross at the second attempt in the 59th minute after his first effort hit Iles and then nipping in between Byatt and Wainwright to fire home from an acute angle. (Widestones: Ken Meddion, Maurice Byatt, Gowatt, Wainwright, Greenaway, Hirst, Graves, Cordace, Doyle, Sub: Wellace, Dorchester (not used).

Spot on Stuart

TWO goals from the in-form Stuart Atkins helped give Kingsbury an ultimately comfortable win over struggling Finchley at Silver Jubilee Park on Tuesday. Atkins levelled the scores after Finchley had taken a surprise first half lead and then finished off the visitors with an opportunistic third. In between times, Ian Bolton almost removed the net with a penalty, awarded after Derek Payne was dragged down. "If he'd hit the keeper with that spot kick I think he would have killed him," said Tony boots Terry Dyson. "I can't believe how hard Ian hits the ball."

A perfect Cup draw

WASPS' Captain Dave Pegler got exactly what he wanted from Monday's draw for the John Player Cup quarter finals — a home clash with Coventry. "Everyone wanted to avoid Bath," he said. "But having said that Coventry won't be easy either. They have a very good John Player Cup record." But Wasps' confidence will be sky high for next week's game after they powered their way to a 26-10 fourth round win over Nottingham at Sudbury on Saturday. See Page 23.

Top Mark

OPENER Mark Ramprakash, the former Beesborough batsman, hit a fine 61 for Young England in their final one-day match against Sri Lanka in Moratuwa on Saturday. But his efforts were not enough to prevent England losing the match — and with it the series by 2-1. Ramprakash had enjoyed an opening partnership with skipper with skipper Michael Atherton of 106 after 27 overs. He was finally caught by Madena off Mendis.

Hot shots

MEMBERS of Harrow Bowmen claimed second and third in both the men's and ladies events at the Middlesex County Indoor Archery Championships on Sunday. In the men's section, Robert Abbott and Gary Hardings were second and third respectively behind Olympic archer Mark Blankarn, of Spelthorne. Another Olympic archer and Spelthorne member, Sue Wilcox, won the ladies competition, with Harrow's Sylvia Holmes second and Ann Doman third.

Refs course

A SOCCER referees' course starts this Monday at Sudbury Court. The course runs for six weeks and it is not too late to enrol. Contact Paul Stevens on 841-0497 for details.

On the move

FORMER Widestones manager Brian Hoff has taken over as head coach of Millar with him to his new club, Yeovil Town. Millar had been loaned to Stones by Wimbledon, who are happy to let him continue under Hill on a temporary basis.

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A Bobby dazzler

Harrow Borough 2 Hendon 1. HARROW Borough kept their last hopes of winning a trophy alive in nail-biting fashion at Earlsmead on Tuesday. Their new golden boy John Kerr scored a superb extra-time winner to earn Boro a Middlesex Senior Cup semi final place at the expense of neighbours Hendon. But it was midfielder Bobby Dell who had earlier saved them from going out of the competition. Dell could hardly have picked a better time to score his first goal for the club. Only a minute

remained of normal time and Boro were trailing 1-0 when he squeezed a brilliant shot past Hendon keeper Root after Kerr had carved the opening. United States, International Kerr then completed the comeback seven minutes into extra time, drawing Root off his line and slotting calmly home after a fine run from halfway. Boro travel to Hayes in the semi-final. Relieved Boro boss Keith Chamberlin said: "Bobby's goal was just reward for all our pressure. It keeps our season alive and also extends the run we are

having at the moment." Dermot Drummy had given Hendon a shock lead in the dying seconds of a first half completely dominated by Boro. But Chamberlin was left counting the cost of victory afterwards. With Matt Luddy and Russell Townsend already ruled out through injury, defenders Colin Payne (knee) and Steve Bateman (toe) joined the list of doubtfuls for Saturday's match at Tooting. (Harrow Borough: MacKenzie, Payne, Johnson, How, Harrison, Smith, East, Hildrew, Bennett, Doherty, Smith, Kinnear, Adams (Goal). Other sub: Duffy (not used).



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A grey night for Wembley

Grays 2, Wembley 0. PROMOTION chasing Wembley had their marvelous three-month unbeaten run ended at Grays on Tuesday night. Lions, missing suspended skipper Spud Murphy, were hit by goals in the 12th and 60th

minutes of a game they dominated for long periods. The only bright note on a bleak night was the successful return to first team action of veteran striker Tony Waugh, out for a year with a broken leg. Grays took the lead when

Micky Welch's low shot beat keeper Jeff Fanner and they went further ahead on the hour when Chor Cheung fired home from a corner. Don Lucas had earlier hit the bar for Wembley. (Wembley: Fanner, Keane, S Lucas, Wainwright, Bennett, Spud Murphy, Shotton, D'Luca, Waugh, O'Connor, Cadogan (not used).

Soccer fixtures

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SOCCER RESULTS

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