

**SPORT**

**CRICKET**

**Stanmore triumph — Wembley slip up**

STANMORE and Wembley made contrasting starts to their Middlesex County League seasons on Saturday.

While Stanmore were cruising to an easy win at Brentham, Wembley were being held to a disappointing draw at home to Winchmore Hill.

Brentham were soon in trouble after being put in to bat by Stanmore, slumping to 70 for 6, a total which included 34 extras.

Clifford Pile (39) and Raj Patel (43) steadied them for a while but their last few wickets tumbled cheaply as they were out for 169.

Bowling honours for Stanmore

were shared by Needham (3-11), Vaney (2-17) and Edwards (2-17).

Edwards (31) and Barrett (27) got the Stanmore innings off to a solid start before Andy Needham's unbeaten 37 and 60 from teenage batting sensation Mark Ramprakash saw them to victory on 170 for 4 off only 31.2 overs.

The success came just days after Stanmore had notched up an impressive win over Met Police in the Cocksap National Cup.

Batting first, Stanmore got off to a magnificent start, with openers Edwards (106) and Vaney (62) sharing a sparkling stand.

Met Police simply could not reach the target of 257 for 6, thanks to some tight bowling, and finished way short on 166.

On Sunday, Stanmore got off to yet another flyer in their clash with Ickenham, despite the early loss of openers Edwards and Needham.

For Steve Barrett put them on course again with a superb 124 not out as Stanmore declared 250 for 4.

In reply, Ickenham made little impression, and at the close were 153 for 8. Peter Nicholls helped himself to 5 for 26.

Poor catching cost Wembley dear

in their match against Winchmore Hill.

The visitors declared on 180 for 8.

Pradip Maru finished with bowling figures of 5 for 33.

Replying, Wembley made a disastrous opening, as Pradhan went for two, Akins for four and Malik for a duck.

But a solid eighth wicket partnership of Maru (26 no) and Martin Schultz (24 no) salvaged the four points.

The following day, Wembley made amends with an eight wicket demolition of Weybridge.

**Five pages this week**

**It's a gas for Hobbs**

ST PATRICK'S Boxing Club staged a hugely successful show at the Ealing Northern Sports Centre last week — with five of their seven fighters winning bouts.

Perhaps the most satisfied man of the night was lightweight Terry Hobbs, who is retiring from the ring.

Hobbs, 26, went out on a high note, outpointing his opponent in his 47th and last bout.

There were victories too for welterweight Eugene Hogan, middleweight Martin Mordi, David Taylor (junior 48 kilos) and Abbas Taher (junior 50 kilos).

**Sport for all**

KENTON Cricket Club still needs players for its Saturday and Sunday teams — but there are plenty of other sports to be enjoyed at its Kenton Park Road ground.

Budding cricketers should contact Alan Digby on 904 9731 or call in at the weekend for a net.

And the club can also offer league tennis, table tennis and lacrosse. Phone the club on 907 7538 for details.

**INSIDE**

- **Gayts out of sevens** 25
- **Herga top the lot** 26
- **Bowls round-up** 27
- **Weekend cricket** 28

**Be on time!**

PLEASE remember that all sports copies must reach The Observer office by first post on TUESDAY.

Cricket correspondents are requested, whenever possible, to submit their score sheets by Monday afternoons.

**More sport pages 25-28**

**Cup final leads to pitch battle**



● Stuart Pearce

**Samba time for Stuart**

FORMER Wexlstone full back Stuart Pearce is set for a triumphant return to London — and a dream England debut against Brazil next Tuesday.

Pearce, the one time Brent Council electionist, was called up by Bobby Robson in place of injured Arsenal left back Kenny Sanson.

And if he gets the nod ahead of Tottenham's Mitchell Thomas, his Roy of the Rivers style due to startline will be complete.

The 25-year-old was sold by Wexlstone to Coventry for £25,000 four years ago. He later moved on to Brentford Forest, where he has blossomed into one of the best left backs in the country.

Brian Hill, the man who set up Pearce's move into the league when he was manager at Lower Heat, said this week he was not surprised at the England call. "I said at the time that he had the ability to go all the way."

TWO local football teams have fallen foul of their own league after refusing to play a cup final on an astro turf pitch at Willesden Sports Stadium.

The Timber Carriage, South Harrow, and Wembley-based St Joseph's Social — opponents in the Harrow Sunday Challenge League Trophy Final — are to be fined for staging an alternative cup final on a grass pitch.

The sides, who even provided their own trophies, have described the league's action as "pig-headed" and "high-handed".

● HATCH END Fellini, from the Harrow Sunday Challenge's Premier Division, rounded off its 20th season at its annual awards function last week.

Jeff Nelson won the inaugural Bob Nelson Memorial Award for the best individual performance.

The trophy was introduced as a tribute to former Hatch End keeper Bob Nelson, who died earlier this year.

President George Mowle presented five other awards at the function.

They were: Player of the Year: Wally McCarthy. Players Player of the Year: Steve Mowle. Top scorer: Tom Dunn. Most Improved Player: Paul McGeary. Clubman of the Year: Tony Eames.

**By Peter Reeve**

And The Timber Carriage Club is warning that it could fold if the fine is a heavy one.

Robert Bevis, secretary of the South Harrow club, said: "Why should we play on an astro turf surface when we have been slogging it out on grass all season."

The two teams booked Hayes Football Club's ground for their unofficial final on Friday, which The Timber Carriage won 2-0.

Mr Bevis said his club contributed

£150 towards the cost of staging their own final.

"We are now absolutely broke," he said. "If the fine is too much we will fold because we could not afford it."

Dave Stone, secretary of St Joseph's Social Club, said: "The league was forcing us to do something which we should not have been required to do."

"If the league plays games on astro turf, they are unknowingly sanctioning the use of it, and giving councils just cause to start digging up grass pitches and laying astro turf."

League secretary, Les Kelly, explained, however, that the clubs were given a deadline to book an alternative venue for the cup final, but they failed to meet it.

**SWIMMING**

**A Riegall swim**

THE Southern Counties Swimming Championships were held at Crystal Palace last week. There were some excellent results for a few of the Harrow and Wexlstone swimmers.

Julie Riegall took top honours in Group 'F' 200m Backstroke taking a Gold medal in 2.27.94 and a Junior first placing in the same time. Julie was fourth in the 'F' group for the 100m Backstroke and third in the junior placings in 1.10.25, while in the 400m Freestyle 'F' group she touched in 4.42.66, giving her fourth place junior and fifth place senior.

Geoff Stewart made sixth place in the group 'F' 100m Freestyle in 55.49 while Wicky Sammons, in the 50m Backstroke 'A' group, was also sixth in a time of 36.52.

Alison Derby was seventh in the 'F' group 50m Backstroke in 33.57 and Maxwell Belcourt touched home eighth in the 100m butterfly group 'A' in 1.18.12.

Robert Sapsed, Matthew Young, Duncan Belcourt and Mashloshi Ohashi swam to victory in the Boys 'B' group medley and freestyle team events. They smashed the record in both to set new Southern Counties times.

In the Freestyle team the boys touched home in 1.52.10 and the Medley team race made 2.05.05. They hope they can repeat the performance at the National Age groups in Coventry this coming August.

● The 52nd Inter County swimming Championships took place at Crystal Palace National Sports Centre. Competing Counties were Middlesex, Surrey, Sussex,



● Julie Riegall

Hants, Essex, Herts, Kent and Berkshire.

Middlesex took third place in the open events with 156 points. Hants were first with 160 points and Kent second with 158. In the Junior swimming section Middlesex came second with 74 points.

Julie Riegall took third place in the Girls 100m Backstroke in 1.09.92 and fourth in the 200m IM in a time of 2.32.41. Julie was also in the Girls Medley team which came home first in 4.44.47.

Rebecca Gleor was fourth in the Women's 100m Breaststroke in 1.22.69. She was in both the Women's Medley and Freestyle team relays.

Duncan Scott was fourth in the Boys 100m Butterfly in 1.02.30 and he was also in the Medley team which came third in a time of 4.25.98.

Dalla Nisam was eighth in the Women's 100m Freestyle in 1.06.03 and Geoff Stewart was a member of the successful Men's Freestyle and Medley 4 x 100m team relays.

In both events the Middlesex team came first. The Freestyle team touched in 3.40.37 and the Medley team 4.08.22.

**HARROW COLLEGE OF HIGHER EDUCATION**  
 Post 'A'-Level/Graduate  
 Post 'O'-Level

**Full-time courses in PROFESSIONAL SECRETARIAL STUDIES with WORD PROCESSING**

**(Personnel, Personal Assistant, Private Secretarial, Medical, Office Technology, Bilingual)**

**INTERVIEWS ARE NOW BEING HELD FOR 1987/88**

For further details and application form call in, telephone or send the coupon below to: Faculty of Business and Management, Harrow College of Higher Education, Watford Road, Northwick Park, Harrow. Tel. 01—864 5422.

Please send me details of Secretarial Studies.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel. No. \_\_\_\_\_

**PRATTS MOTOR INSURANCE**

**CAN WE SAVE YOU MONEY?**

**ASK US TO QUOTE**  
 Open 9 am-9 pm Mon.-Fri.  
 Open 9 am-5 pm Sat.  
 Established over 50 years

**IMMEDIATE COVER FROM OUR OFFICE AT**  
**40 LONG LANE HILLINGDON**  
 Telephone: UXBIDGE 32212  
 (STD code 088 from London)