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## Coaching for would be soccer stars

A COACHING course is being run by the Middlesex FA during the first week of August for all budding footballers between the ages of 8-14.

The course is to be held at Whitchurch Playing Fields, Whitchurch Lane, Edgware from August 1-5.

Fully qualified coaches will be running it and participants will get a free football and t-shirt for taking part.

The cost of the course is £30.

For more details or to enrol, contact Gordon Bartlett on 0753 42940, or write to him at 7, Saxon Close, Langley, Berkshire.

## Lynn is booster for Don

RAYNERS Lane FC manager Don Durkin will have experienced centre back Phil Lynn available next season.

Lynn, the son of club chairman Tom Lynn, has been on a round-the-world trip but has returned and will play for Lane in the Hellenic League once again.

Durkin hopes that his return, combined with the midfield expertise of Alan Williams, who re-joined the club from Hertford at the end of the last campaign, will help boost his side.

Lane spent the best part of last season scrambling to avoid relegation from the premier division.

# Morris goes to Stones for record £5000



Paul Morris - record Stones signing.

WEALDSTONE have splashed out a club record £5000 fee to land Harrow Borough midfield star Paul Morris and beat off two GM Vauxhall Conference clubs in the race for his signature.

Stones boss Tony Jennings completed the deal in two days at the beginning of this week. On Monday he agreed personal terms with Morris, and on Tuesday made an offer which Borough manager Keith Chamberlin could not refuse.

It is the biggest transfer fee Wealdstone have ever paid, smashing the £4000 Jennings paid for defender Mark Harrison and goalkeeper Darren Williams.

The Stones boss said: "Morris is a player whose game is based on strength and with the league we are going into, we have to be a lot stronger right through.

"His ability will blend in well with what we already have and the players I intend to get. He is an ambitious player who wants to play in the Conference, but I persuaded him that his future lies with us and he wants to come here.

"I believe we can go straight back up with the right signings and we cannot do it without the likes of Paul Morris," he said.

25-year-old Morris had been interesting Sutton United and newly-promoted Ayles-



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bury, as well as Vauxhall-Opel League side Leytonstone-Ilford.

"All three made enquiries and spoke to the player, but none of them met my valuation," said Borough boss Keith Chamberlin.

"Paul is happy with the move and I am happy with the deal that has been arranged."

Jennings this week confirmed that former Chelmsford striker Paul Wilkins will definitely be a Wealdstone player next season.

Brothers Dennis and David Green, who played a few Capital League games for Stones at the end of last season, have been invited to start pre-season training with the club on July 10. Dennis is a highly-rated striker and David is a midfielder.

Veteran forward Alan Cordice is still keeping Jennings waiting for a decision on his future. The Stones boss said this week: "There is room in the set-up for him if he gives us the nod."

But midfielder Greg Zacharia has returned to Kingsbury Town, the club he had to join Wealdstone last season. He had been having problems travelling and getting time off work to train.

## Chamberlin snaps up a trio of youngsters



Trying out the club colours - new Borough signings (from left) Ronnie Tully, Seamus Finnerty and Lawrence Murphy with manager Keith Chamberlin.

HARROW Borough manager Keith Chamberlin made a triple signing this week to prove he is putting his faith in youth in the search for honours next season.

The Borough boss had been back from holiday less than 48 hours when he secured the signatures of Yeading pair Seamus Finnerty and Lawrence Murphy and Edgware Town's Ronnie Tully.

Both Finnerty and Murphy had been with Edgware until last season, when they joined Vauxhall-Opel second division side Yeading. Both are aged 22.

Chamberlin had been trailing Finnerty

for some time. He managed the Middlesex County youth side which Finnerty played in, and made a bid for him in February last season. The talented youngster can play either in defence or attack.

Chamberlin intends to use him as a defender, almost certainly partnering Steve Bateman in the centre. Murphy is a nippy winger who can play on the left or the right.

Striker Tully was in Borough's reserve side before spending two seasons with Edgware at the White Lion Ground. Last season he was their top scorer in the Spartan League, hitting the back of the

net 26 times in just 24 matches.

"I am confident they are premier division players and they have been signed with a view to them playing in the first team. They will certainly put pressure on existing players and have a good chance of getting in the side," said Chamberlin.

Chamberlin is also chasing a young left back, Barry Prince, who was formerly with Hayes and Hendon. Injury ruined his chances then but he is now fit and playing again.

Meanwhile, Borough's current left back, Robbie Johnson, is the subject of inquiries from premier division sides Leytonstone-Ilford and Farnborough.

## Mangans keep it in the family

EDGWARE Town kept it in the family on Saturday at their annual presentation evening.

Ray Mangan won the player of the year award, with brother John Mangan taking the reserve team player of the year honour.

Ronnie Tully won the top goal scorer award and Andy Ferguson won the reserve team's equivalent.

Manager Brian Rider, who is contemplating resignation after the club's failure to gain election to the Vauxhall-Opel League, won the personality of the year award.

The club's supporter of the year trophy went to Neil Harris.

The awards were presented by former Edgware players Dave Beasant and Brian Stein, who heard Edgware chairman John Cook reiterate the club's determination to win their appeal to be promoted.

"We are going to fight the Vauxhall-Opel League all the way and it is our intention that we will be playing there next season," he told a receptive audience.

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