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## Glen's Little stay is curtailed with a Swift transfer

## » Football

Wealdstone have announced that veteran midfielder Glen Little has decided to move to Ryman Division One North side Heybridge Swifts following discussions with manager Gordon Bartlett.

The 38-year-old played a pivotal role in Wealdstone's Ryman Premier League championship-winning season, but he has decided to make the switch to the Essex club for family reasons.

Little joined from Wrexham last year and made an instant impact after enjoying spells in the top flight with Bolton, Reading and Portsmouth, which helped him amass over 500 professional appearances.

And despite the prospect of playing Conference South football next season at The Vale, Little has elected to make the move to Scraley Road as it is a shorter commute from his home.

"It's always disappointing when a player of Glen's quality moves on, but we must be grateful for his outstanding contribution both on and off the field last season," said Bartlett.

"He was a shining example of the true professional he has been and was a massive influence on our success last year.

"His personal situation and the fact he is a year older and we have gone up a level have all been factors in the combined decision. After a long discussion, we both felt it was the right decision for everyone concerned.

"Glen is aware that we need to continue building for the future, which has made this a very amicable departure as both sides can see the other's point of view.

"We thank him for his short but successful time with us and wish him every success."

Meanwhile, central defender Sean Cronin and full-back Jerome Okimo have both committed to new deals as the club prepares for life in the sixth tier of English football.

The new contracts follow the news that defenders Wes Parker and Tom Hamblin both extended their stays with Bartlett's side last week.

## Hunt for new coaches begins at Wreckers

## » District football

Gibbons Wreckers are looking for people with a passion for football to help the club as either a coach or manager across their various youth levels.

The club offer football for youngsters from the age of four to 16-years-old and are keen to expand their existing youth structure.

Wreckers are looking for someone with strong communication skills and experience of working in grass roots football to join the Harrow Youth League club.

No qualifications are required to help out with Wreckers, who play at the Rec Ground on Bridge Road.

The club will also help all applicants to gain a Level One Coaching Football Award Certificate.

Wreckers require up-to-date emergency aid and child protection certificates and will complete a full Football Association CRB check on all successful applicants.

■ For further information contact Shaun on 07508 468471 or via email on shaun@gibbonswreckers.co.uk

## Brown caps semi-final with England call-up

## » Boxing

Hooks ABC prodigy Nathan Brown has capped an impressive year with a call-up to the England national side for a team match against Ireland.

The Under-49kg boxer will travel to the Emerald Isle for the final of two events already this year.

A shoulder injury had threatened to delay Brown's call-up after he lost out to Niall Farrell (2nd City) in the final of the National Youth Championships in February, but the 16-year-old is set to represent his country this weekend.

"He hurt his shoulder in one final when he was ahead and he impressed the England selectors," said Hooks trainer Steve Newland. "They wanted to pick him then but because he got injured he missed out - but he's got a second chance for England, which is fantastic."

## » Opponent

"He did well to get to two finals but this will make up for it [the defeat and injury] a little bit, the fact that he's been picked for England."

Meanwhile, Edward Barrett's semi-final opponent in the English Junior Championships has



■ Nathan Brown is set to make his England debut this weekend in Ireland. Pic: Dieter Perry

been revealed as Joe Butler from the Moneyfields ABC club in Portsmouth.

The 15-year-old Under-42kg fighter earned a spot in the semi-final of the London and Eastern Counties stage with a convincing win over Ryan Duckworth (Chat-teris) last week.

"We'll be the favourites, the way Edward's been boxing, but he [Butler] beat a national champion at the weekend so that puts him right up there," said Newland.

Barrett will be joined in the semi-finals by a Hooks clubmate, 16-year-old Danny O'Donnell, in the Under-48kg B category. He pro-

gressed to the semi-final thanks to a series of walkovers and will line up against Mark Cresse (SAR).

"We've got two tough bouts but we're in with a big chance. Every time Danny's got in the London Championships he's lost to the eventual winner, so he deserves a little bit of luck," added Newland.

## Harvey makes Dash to help Willesden win

## » Cycling

Willesden Cycling Club's team of Harvey Dash, Kye Lewis, Doune Henderson-Kirk and Connor Woodford took third place in a successful day for the club at the Interclub Youth Team Time Trial in Minet Park.

Hannah Keating finished

fourth over the 9.3km course in the girls' category, behind a team of 12 Hillingdon Slipstreamers, who hosted the event.

Meanwhile, Nick McCullough finished eighth from a field of 82 with a time of one hour six seconds as Willesden CC organised the West London Combine 25 on the Amersham Road.



■ Nick McCullough recorded a top-10 finish at the West London Combine 25

Connor Woodford took to the track at Welwyn on Friday and raced to a third-place finish in the junior 10-lap points event.

Tom Zittel earned second spot in the Devil at Reading on Monday, and also crossed the line third in the scratch event.

## » Pursuit

Zittel then made it a hat-trick of commendable displays after completing his debut 20km race in fourth place.

Jayne Paine continued her run of form with victory in the 8km Herne Hill Women's Omnium, while she also secured victory in the four-lap pursuit.

Paine continued preparations for her Land's End to John O'Groats tricycle ride later in the summer with a fourth-place finish in the sprint and then secured sixth spot in the 500m.

Ed Packard (23:15) and Pete Cookson (23:36) competed in the Farnham RC 10, while Packard rode again the next day in the Hounslow and District Wheelers 100-mile event, but he was left disappointed with a time of 4:23:17.

■ Members of Willesden CC gathered to celebrate the lives of Ruby and Nick Tidmarsh at the Tithe Farm Social Club in South Harrow.

Both were former members of Willesden CC, while Nick - who died last year aged 103 - was an original member of the club, which was formed in 1926, originally as a political organisation.



## Ark set to host charity cup

## » Football

Ark Academy are to host an Under-16 eight-a-side football tournament at their Bridge Road pitches on Sunday to raise awareness for a charity supporting young homeless people living in London.

The World Cup Festival, organised by the Play and Dream charity, will see eight teams representing a nation who will be competing in Brazil in the shadow of Wembley Stadium.

The event kicks off at 10am and it costs £200 to register a team, or £20 per player, and the individual who raises the most money will also win a prize.

■ For more information contact the Play and Dream charity on 07515 033461/07581 223973 or via e-mail at playanddreamuk@gmail.com