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Silver medal helps Sultan settle in quickly at the Palace

Gary seeks title shot in the autumn

► **London Youth Games**

Brent table tennis player Mya Sultan was left momentarily speechless after she claimed a silver medal on her first appearance at the London Youth Games.

Sultan was one of more than 15,000 athletes to descend on Crystal Palace Stadium for Europe's largest annual youth sports event, where all 33 London boroughs battled it out for the prestigious Jubilee Trophy.

Brent performed well in table tennis, with the boys' team also claiming silver to add to the one collected by Sultan and her team-mates Sarah Menghistab and Amiel Fabrigas.

Sultan, 13, only started playing the game a year and a half ago and the Capital City Academy pupil was immensely proud of her performance.

She said: "To get a silver medal on my first appearance at the London Youth Games was amazing but I want the gold one. This will drive me through so I'm better next year."

"It's an experience that I will remember for a long time. It was hard

work but it's a good feeling to compete at the Games and to know that I'm good enough to be competing.

"It feels great to be representing my borough at the Games. To be one of only three girls representing Brent in table tennis is an honour."

Sultan is now setting her sights on reaching the top of the sport.

She said: "The ultimate dream for me is to play for England around the world. This feels like the perfect point in time to really push on and work differently because watching other people who play nationally will help me develop into the player I want to become."

Development

"These Games have given me the chance to see where I am in comparison to other players in London and it's an experience that will really help my development."

Brent improved five places on last year's 30th-place finish by ranking 25th in the overall Jubilee Trophy standings – won by Wandsworth with a record points haul of 1193.

There were also some strong performances on the athletics track, notably by 14-year-old Brittney-Anne Wiggan, who finished fourth in the girls' 100m final.

Like Sultan, Wiggan was competing in her first London Youth Games and she admitted she'd struggled to overcome a bout of nerves.

"I thought I would do quite well but I started thinking about it over and over again so I got a bit nervous," said Wiggan. "I tried to contemplate where I would finish but then just decided to hope for the best. If possible I would love to come back next year and maybe win a medal."

"I might be doing the English Schools' [Championship] soon but I feel very nervous about competing there as it's on TV."

"I want to become an athlete when I'm older and run for Great Britain – watching the 2012 Olympics was a real inspiration for me."

► The London boroughs and Bal-four Beatty invest in the London Youth Games to build stronger communities through competitive sport.



► Mya Sultan won a silver medal at the London Youth Games

► **Boxing**

Gary 'Hellraiser' Corcoran has set his sights on winning the Southern Area light-middleweight title in September, writes Rob Brennan.

The unbeaten Wembley fighter faces Chris Jenkinson at York Hall on Wednesday, and is confident he has the skills to beat the experienced Bolton man before getting a shot at the title.

Corcoran, who trains at the TKO gym in Canning Town, told the Times: "I don't know much about Jenkinson. I'm not really too pushed about who I fight. I prefer to concentrate on what I'm going to do."

"I've been working hard in the gym with my trainer Mark Tibbs, especially on my head movement and rolling into my shots."

"This will be my third fight this year and in September I want to be fighting for the Southern Area title."

The title is currently held by Freddie Turner of Canning Town, who will defend his belt against Brentwood's Kris Agyei-Dua at York Hall this weekend.

Corcoran, 23, has won four of his nine paid fights by knockout and says the professional game is made for him.

He said: "My style is better suited to professional boxing. I'm settling into it well. The best thing is not getting cheated on decisions, like I felt I was as an amateur."

"Body punching is one of my strengths but I don't go into a fight thinking about getting the knockout – that's something that just comes."

"I like fighting at York Hall. It is the best venue for creating an atmosphere."

Fresh dose of Paine is no problem

► **Cycling**

Willesden CC's Jayne Paine enjoyed a successful week on the track, finishing third in both the points race and the scratch at the National Masters Championships in Newport.

At Reading, Tom Zittel finished second in both the 10-lap scratch and the points race.

Connor Woodford won the senior B 10-lap scratch at Welwyn. He followed this up by winning the 10-lap A/B block handicap, holding off the senior A riders for the entire race.

At the Hillingdon circuit, Alex Pierce won the 3/4 event followed by Darryl Lusardi in second place, Tony Lusardi (11th), Connor Woodford (12th) and Ryan Finestone (35th).

Stones start with a win

► **Conference football**

Wealdstone got their busy pre-season campaign off to a winning start with a 3-0 victory at Leverstock Green.

Goals by Jack Hutchison, Jack Smith and Hayes Thomas secured the win for Gordon Bartlett's side.

The Stones will travel to Burnham on Saturday before another away match with Rayners Lane on Monday. League Two side Dagenham and Redbridge visit Grosvenor Vale on Tuesday.

Newfield net the top prize at schools' tournament



► Newfield Primary A overcame Chalkhill Primary 4-0 in the final

► **Netball**

Gladstone Park was the venue for the summer High Five Netball Festival organised by the London Netball Academy for Brent primary schools.

Ten teams represented their schools at a full day of netball, with some schools entering two sides to allow more children to participate and compete for the London Netball Academy Shield.

After five hours of relentless action, Newfield Primary A team beat Chalkhill Primary 4-0 in the final.

Uxendon Manor Primary A team came third after beating Anson Primary B team 8-1 in the third and fourth team play-off.

Stonebridge Primary and St Mary Magdalene's Catholic Junior School were the other schools who took part in the competition.

The primary league starts again in the autumn, when schools will compete for the London Netball Academy Cup, which is currently held by Oakington Manor Primary, Wembley.

Forest United wind down their successful season with Fun Day

► **Junior football**

Forest United celebrated their Charter Standard Development Club award with a World Cup-themed Fun Day at Tenterden Park on Sunday.

The five-a-side tournament involved teams comprised of players of mixed ages who were managed by last season's Under-18 county champions.

In keeping with the theme, a carnival-like atmosphere added to the enjoyment of participants and spectators, while hard-working parents provided a barbecue and a host of related activities.

A club spokesman said: "It is particularly rewarding to see the way that the older players take responsibility for the younger ones and ensure that everybody is involved and happy."

"We have a fantastic club spirit that is communicated right down to the six to 12-year-olds who come to our Foundation on Saturday mornings and form the basis of future league teams."

The Fun Day was immediately fol-

lowed by the club's annual awards presentation, at which vice-chairman and kit manager Elroy Burt received the achievement award for his stoic work within the club.

A series of team and individual honours saw the inauguration of a new trophy, the Len Merilion Cup, which is awarded for outstanding attitude and achievement by a Foundation player. This year's winner was Daniel Almeida.

Other winners were: Andrew Dockelman award – Sebastian Achihai; Jim Bragg achievement award – Matthew Halpin; goalkeepers award – Jordan Banbury; long service award – Rumaro Sylvester.

Awards for player of the season, players' player and manager's player went to: Raheem Cummings, Aows Bakri, Tengis Badoev, Linus Kadzere, Fred Burgess, Tom O'Brien, Remi White-Murray, Shaunak Sidhu, Alexandru Busila, William Thomas-Dawkins, Kamal Foster, Andrei Radu, Paulo Veiera (twice), Corri Williams, Zakari Otoo, Kyle O'Connor and John Kahodi.



► Forest United's Under-18 team

Nehal Lalji received the chairman's award for his work with the club's development Foundation.

The Foundation is open throughout the summer at Tenterden Sports

ground on Saturdays from 9.30am to 11.30am. Trials for all other ages run on Saturdays at 10.30am.

Call Scott Wade on 0797 483 6611 for more details.