

Wanderers return to Vauxhall Opel League

Wycombe Wanderers are to return to the Premier Division of the Vauxhall Opel League following their relegation from the Gola League last season.

The decision was announced at the league's annual meeting at the Cafe Royal, London recently.

Sutton United take over from Wycombe as Vauxhall Opel League champions.

Bromley and St. Albans City return to the Premier Division following their promotion, while Billericay Town and Epsom & Ewell drop into Division 1 where they will play Maidenhead United.

The Magpies will also meet

Magpies face Tooting

Maidenhead United have been drawn at home to Premier Division outfit Tooting & Mitcham United in the first round of the AC Delco Cup next season.

The Magpies — who dumped Yeovil out of the competition last season — are yet to announce a date for this fixture.

United were given a bye in the preliminary round in which Marlow face a difficulty trip to Whyteleafe.

The full draw for the first round, to be played in September, is as follows:

Basildon United v. Banstead Athletic or Royston; Bishops Cleeve v. Croxson; Bromley v. Dorking or Wolverton Town; Collier Row or Newbury Town v. Windsor & Eton; Dulwich Hamlet v. Lewes; Epsom & Ewell v. Southwick; Farnborough Town v. Aveley or Barton Rovers; Flackwell Heath or Chalfont St. Peter v. Bognor Regis Town; Hampton v. Finchley; Hemel Hempstead or Harlow v. Wivenhoe Town or Clapton; Hendon v. Whyteleafe or Marlow; Hertford or Cheshunt v. Uxbridge; Heybridge Swifts or Camberley Town v. Kingstonsian; Hitchin Town v. Billericay Town; Hungerford or Berkhamstead Town v. Chesham United or Egham Town; Leytonstone/Ilford v. Walthamstow Avenue; Leyton Wingate v. Wembley; Maidenhead United v. Tooting & Mitcham; Metropolitan Police or Chertsey Town v. Letchworth Garden City or Molesey; Oxford City v. Tilbury; Petersfield United or Tring Town v. Carshalton Athletic; Rainham Town or Stevenage Borough v. Hayes; St. Albans City v. Wokingham Town; Slough Town v. Ware or Southall; Staines Town v. Barking; Vauxhall Motors or Harefield United v. Grays Athletic; Waltham & Hershaw v. Ruislip Manor or Feltham; Woking or Bracknell v. Leatherhead; Worthing v. Saffron Walden Town or Horsham; Wycombe Wanderers v. Eastbourne United or Hornchurch; Yeovil Town v. Harrogate Borough or Kingsbury Town.

newly promoted Stevenage Borough, Kingsbury Town, Southwick and Bracknell Town. All four are new to Division 1.

Three new clubs have been elected to the league. Both Collier Row and Wivenhoe Town will play in Division 2 North, while Chertsey Town join Division 2 South.

The four clubs relegated from Division 1 — Aveley, Harlow Town, Chesham United and Hornchurch — will all play in Division 2 North, bringing that section up to its full complement of 22 clubs.

For geographical reasons Chalfont St. Peter and Harefield United have moved from the northern section to Division 2 South.

The Vauxhall Opel League is now only one team short of its full complement of 88.

Clubs also agreed upon the use of two substitutes for next season. This will apply to all league and AC Delco Cup games, but clubs will be subject to the rules of the FA and County FA's in other competitions.

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Nick Robinson, honorary secretary of the league, said: "The change of rule will enable clubs to use either one or two substitutes. If they so wish a club can, of course, nominate only one substitute for any league or cup game."

Following the annual meeting, the following constitution was agreed for next season:

Premier Division — Barking, Bishops Cleeve, Bognor Regis Town, Bromley, Carshalton Athletic, Croxson, Dulwich Hamlet, Farnborough Town, Harrow Borough, Hayes, Hendon, Hitchin Town, Kingstonsian, St. Albans City, Slough Town, Tooting & Mitcham, Walthamstow Avenue, Windsor & Eton, Wokingham Town, Worthing, Wycombe Wanderers, Yeovil Town.

Division 1 — Basildon United, Billericay Town, Bracknell Town, Epsom & Ewell, Finchley, Grays Athletic, Hampton, Kingsbury Town, Leatherhead, Lewes, Leytonstone-Ilford, Leyton-Wingate, Maidenhead United, Oxford City, Southwick, Staines Town, Stevenage Borough, Tilbury, Uxbridge, Walton & Hershaw, Wembley.

Division 2 North — Aveley, Barton Rovers, Berkhamstead Town, Chesham United, Cheshunt, Clapton, Collier Row, Harrogate Borough, Harlow Town, Hemel Hempstead, Hertford Town, Heybridge Swifts, Hornchurch, Letchworth Garden City, Rainham Town, Royston Town, Saffron Walden Town, Tring Town, Vauxhall Motors, Ware, Wivenhoe Town, Wolverton Town.

Division 2 South — Banstead Athletic, Camberley, Chalfont St. Peter, Chertsey, Dorking, Eastbourne United, Egham Town, Feltham, Flackwell Heath, Harefield United, Horsham, Hungerford Town, Marlow, Metropolitan Police, Molesey, Newbury Town, Petersfield United, Ruislip Manor, Southall, Whyteleafe, Woking.

Oldham and Davidson win in first Firefly meeting



Pictured above after their successful weekend of racing are (left to right), Mike Hudson, Tracey Paterson, Tim Oldham, James Walmsley, Ricky Tagg, Guy and Frances Davidson, Jane Collyer, David Ellis, Jutha Walmsley, Penny and Mike Collyer.

Maidenhead win Division 1 title

After struggling for a number of seasons in the relegation zone, Maidenhead Chess Club's first team has sensationally won Division 1 of the London-based Thames Valley League, by the narrowest of margins.

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The team's most outstanding player Peter Rice — defeated just once in 13 games — was well supported by fellow Berkshire players Mike Pagden, John Freeman, George Cabaj, and Tony Milnes. The side also included Jeremy Hart and Tim Parrott.

Following promotion last year, Maidenhead's second team was unfortunate, finishing in joint third spot in Division 2 and missing promotion by just one point. Skipped again by Jeff Smith, the team continued to benefit from the rapidly improving teenage talent of Steve Foister and the sound play of seasoned campaigners Jeremy Verling, Steve Briggs and Nigel Dennis. Their performances were primarily responsible for the side winning its last four matches against Greenford, Chertsey, Ealing and the National Physics Laboratory.

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In Division 4, Maidenhead's third team recovered from a poor start to win six of its last eight games and finished in fourth place. The side again benefited from having a strong top board in Chris Callow and improving youngsters Ian Connelly and Andrew Robins. The club's fourth team which offers an opportunity to new and less experienced players recorded one win and two draws from 11 games in Division 6.

Under the shrewd guidance of captains Tim Parrott and Alex Buckland, Maidenhead's first and second teams have again retained Division 1 status in the highly competitive Berkshire League — both sides finishing in mid-table.

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Of Maidenhead's other three teams playing in the Berkshire League, the most successful was the Maidenhead fourth team in Division 3. Led by Andrew Challenger the side just missed out on promotion following a fine end of season run which included wins over British Telecom B, Met Office B, and Bracknell B.

In the Berkshire Premier Precision Cup, the club's first team was defeated 5-1 in its semi-final clash against Camberley A. Maidenhead was weakened by the absence

of two of its best players including Tony Milnes who recently finished in a very respectable fourth place in the Jersey Open.

On July 5, Berkshire, fielding a number of local players, compete against Derbyshire in the Minor Counties Chess Championship final.

THAMES VALLEY LEAGUE TABLES

| Division 1 | | | | | |
|------------|----|---|---|-----|-------|
| | p | w | d | pts | |
| Maidenhead | 14 | 7 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| Fulham | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 9 |
| Richmond | 14 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| Thames TV | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 7 1/2 |
| Kingston | 14 | 5 | 4 | 5 | 7 |
| Slough | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| Pinner | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 5 1/2 |
| Hayes | 14 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 4 |

| Division 2 | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|---|-----|--------|
| | p | w | d | pts | |
| Hounslow | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 10 1/2 |
| Richmond B. | 14 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 10 |
| Wimbledon | 14 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 9 |
| Maidenhead B. | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 9 |
| NPL | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 7 1/2 |
| Chertsey | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 4 1/2 |
| Greenford | 14 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 3 1/2 |
| Ealing | 14 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 2 |

| Division 3 | | | | | |
|-------------|----|----|---|-----|--------|
| | p | w | d | pts | |
| Kingston B. | 14 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| Acton | 14 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 11 1/2 |
| Camberley | 14 | 10 | 1 | 3 | 10 |
| Harrow A. | 14 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 7 1/2 |
| Harrow B. | 14 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 7 |
| Surbiton | 14 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 4 |
| Staines | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 3 1/2 |
| Hammersmith | 14 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 1 1/2 |

| Division 4 | | | | | |
|---------------|----|----|---|-----|--------|
| | p | w | d | pts | |
| Slough B. | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 12 1/2 |
| Fulham B. | 13 | 8 | 3 | 2 | 10 1/2 |
| Wimbledon B. | 14 | 7 | 2 | 5 | 8 |
| Maidenhead C. | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 7 1/2 |
| Richmond C. | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 6 |
| Battersea | 13 | 4 | 1 | 8 | 4 1/2 |
| Kingston C. | 12 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 4 |
| Greenford B. | 14 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 2 |

| Division 5 | | | | | |
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| | p | w | d | pts | |
| Hampton | 13 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 10 1/2 |
| Pinner B. | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 7 1/2 |
| Slough C. | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 7 1/2 |
| Wimbledon C. | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 7 1/2 |
| Chertsey B. | 12 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 6 1/2 |
| NPL B. | 14 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 5 1/2 |
| Harrow C. | 13 | 1 | 0 | 12 | 1 |

| Division 2 | | | | | |
|---------------|----|---|---|-----|-------|
| | p | w | d | pts | |
| Fulham C. | 12 | 8 | 2 | 2 | 9 |
| Staines B. | 12 | 7 | 2 | 3 | 8 |
| Hounslow B. | 11 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 6 1/2 |
| Richmond E. | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 6 |
| Ealing B. | 12 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Kingston D. | 11 | 2 | 1 | 8 | 2 1/2 |
| Maidenhead D. | 11 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 2 |

Bill is only winner

Bill Whyte provided Maidenhead Athletic Club with their solitary success when they took part in a Southern League Division 6 meeting at Enfield on Saturday.

Whyte won the shot put with a distance of 11.85 and followed this with a victory in the hammer where the threw 28.78.

He then recorded 28-80 for second place in the discus.

But it was a disappointing day for the remainder of the Maidenhead competitors who finished fourth and last against opposition from White Horse, Ealing and Eton Manor.

Final points: White Horse 142; Ealing 131; Eton Manor 128; Maidenhead 69.

Rangers are tops

At the half-way stage in the newly formed Rudi Kartal Netball League, Rangers are sitting on top of the table with a two point advantage over nearest rivals Inkwells.

Rangers boast the highest scoring rate with 181 goals to their credit, while Rudi Kartal have scored 166 and occupy third place. Despite recording 156 goals, Pegasus' disappointing defensive performance means that they remain in a mid-table position.

Inkwells boast the best defensive record with only 93 goals conceded, while Rangers are able to report the best goal difference with only 100 goals against.

LEAGUE TABLE

| | |
|-------------|----|
| Rangers | 25 |
| Inkwells | 23 |
| Spencers | 17 |
| Rudi Kartal | 13 |
| United | 13 |
| Kidwells | 13 |
| Pegasus | 12 |
| Chequers | 8 |
| TNT | 3 |

Invitation Day results

The results of the annual men's Invitation Day competition at Winter Hill Golf Club are as follows: 1, J. Springall and P. Scott — 78; 2, J. Roll and B. Birch — 77 (L/9); 3, I. Watlers and R. Warwick — 77.

Other results — **Stapleford Prize:** 1, S. Clark and J. Fielder — 43.

Greensomes Prize: 1, V. Betteridge and P. Humphries — 38.

Hidden Holes Prize: 1, O. Oliver.



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It's official — Town join Chiltonian League

The Verco Chiltonian Football League held its third annual meeting at Martin Baker Sports and Social Club on Thursday last week and Maidenhead Town were officially elected as one of four new clubs to play next season.

Town, who played in the Hellenic League for 19 years have been elected as full members and will play in Division 1.

Seer Green, from the Wycombe & District Ercol Senior League and current Berks & Bucks Intermediate Cup holders, were elected as associate members as were Stokenchurch and Denham United.

All three will play in Division 2.

Soldiers Return of Basingstoke have withdrawn from the league.

The season will start on August 26 and once again will consist of two divisions. However, the reserves section will be regionalised into two divisions — north and south.

Maidenhead Town Reserves will play in the southern division.

The league will again be running a league cup competition for the Bon Accord Trophy and it will take the same format as last season.

It will be run on a group basis with the four group winners progressing to a semi-final knockout st.ge.

There will also be a league cup competition for the reserves section.

The league intend to make every effort to have only full members clubs in Division 1 for the 1987/88 season and all clubs will be notified of their need to obtain full membership.

This move has been made to help the league gain senior status.

Holmer Green won the league's sportsmanship award decided by the marks given by referees after each game throughout the season.

Holmer Green Reserves won the runners-up award.

The league officials for the coming season are as follows: P. Newell — chairman, C. Williams — secretary, R. Woolman — treasurer, R. R. Perry — referees secretary, R. Lipscombe — registration secretary, B. Evans — fixture secretary, A. Kingston — press secretary, J. Anderson, R. F. Taylor and C. Butler — co-opted members of the committee.

Anyone interested in becoming results secretary should ring Mr. Williams on Slough 35074.

The league also invites referees and linesman to join their list for the 1986/87 season. Application forms are available from R. R. Perry on Great Missenden 4744.