



Bateman and Fitzgerald hit doubles in Wadhurst cup win

Youth football

WADHURST United (pictured) travelled to the Crowborough Football Stadium for the fourth consecutive year to win this year's U18 Cup Final against

Ridgeway FC. In a tough and tense game two goals each from Ryan Bateman and Ben Fitzgerald gave Wadhurst United a 4-2 win to retain the trophy they won at U16 last season.

Squad: Ryan Bateman, Murrie

Christie, James De Bene, Sam Evans, Ben Fitzgerald, Sam Fitzgerald, Craig Gibson, Luke Godley, Aaron Leadbeater, Jake Lond, Mike McKernan, Callum Saker, Harvey Sayer, Carlin Tapp, Ross Woodruff.

'Excited' Llewellyn celebrates GB call-up

Eventer part of Nation's Cup squad and eyes Rio

Eventing

EMILY LLEWELLYN has been rubbing shoulders with stars of London 2012 after celebrating her first senior Great Britain call-up.

The 23-year-old Heathfield eventer is part of an experimental Nation's Cup squad Britain has selected, with one eye on the future and Rio 2016.

And Llewellyn did not disappoint on her debut, finishing 17th with Pardon Me in France, but coming home as the leading British rider.

"Things are going really well," Llewellyn said. "I got selected for the senior team and ended up as the best Brit and second best (riding Greenlawn Sky High in the individual event). It was really exciting."

"They have basically formed together a squad with junior riders, up and coming riders, to make the transition between the youth and senior teams easier."

"It's so there's not so much pressure when you get to the championship teams."

Riders

"All the top riders were there – it was good."

Pardon Me also impressed at the Belton Horse Trials, completing one best dressage tests of his life, scoring 43.6, and finishing tenth overall.

However, there is set to be some disappointment for Llewellyn as she is still on the waiting list a week from the Badminton Horse Trials.

"Basically, after a certain period of time, you lose the ranking points you have gained," Llewellyn said.

"I had a bad year with Pardon Me. He just wasn't on form. All horses have good and bad years."

"We've changed a few things and it seems to be going well. Since the Badminton deadline I've picked up 30 more points."



RIDING HIGH: Emily Llewellyn, on Pardon Me has enjoyed a great start to the season

"We'll just have to see."

If Llewellyn isn't selected for Badminton she'll turn her attention to the CIC**** World Cup event in Germany.

It is also the senior European

Championships this year, but Llewellyn is not letting her thoughts get too carried away with that just yet.

"Potentially, yes, I could go," Llewellyn said. "But it is

something that is not in my control. For me, my main focus is hopefully still badminton. If not, it'll be the big CIC**** at Luhmühlen in Germany, Bramham and Burghley."

Away from Pardon Me, Llewellyn is delighted to see Junior return to form after a layoff, while Greenlawn Sky High is a horse she is "really excited about".

Brook team celebrate last game with fine victory

Youth Football

JARVIS Brook U16 finished off their season in style with an impressive 4-1 victory over Little Common last Sunday as they produced one of their best performances of the season in their final game as a team, writes *Ricky Ansell*.

Despite missing top scorer Harry Mcleod through injury it was the home team who took control of the game from the first whistle as the outstanding Sam Sales beat his man before he found Toby Aldred with his cross, but the striker just failed to find the target.

Chances were squandered

before Brook took a deserving lead as Tom Cliff's pinpoint through ball set up Harry Bateman for a cool finish to break the deadlock.

Just before half-time Brook's lead was doubled when dominant centre half Sam Spley threw himself at Broom's free-kick to nod past the keeper.

Brook continued to show their class and dominance. The third goal came from a penalty after Little Common's captain stamped on Sam Sales in the area and received a yellow card. The penalty was confidently converted into the corner by Brook's captain, Jake Hampson. The away side managed to

grab a goal against the run of play but Brook dug deep to find extra energy in the heat and rounded off the scoring when Broom picked the ball up on the edge of his own area, ran it to the opposition's byline and cut it back for Aldred to score Jarvis Brook's current U16s crop's final goal of the season.

IN BRIEF

Top skills at sevens festival

YOUTH RUGBY: Heathfield & Waldron rugby club held their second rugby sevens festival for U14 and U15 teams, and despite the wet weather leading up to the event, the talent and skill showed through. The club was also awarded their RFU accreditation – one of just three clubs in Sussex to hold this.

Hadon Westerby, the club's rugby development officer said: "It was simply a great day of rugby. The players really put on a show, and playing on smaller fields actually made for more skilful rugby. Both of the Heathfield age-groups performed well, and we try to give each of our age-groups a dedicated sevens rugby experience."

"We are already planning for next year's event and hope that clubs and players will again have a great time."

Heathfield went on to compete in the sevens rugby tournament at Worthing where the U15s ran out tournament winners, and the U14s were knocked out in the semi-finals.

Following the festival, Peter Bailey, the immediate past-President of the Sussex RFU awarded Heathfield their RFU accreditation saying that the club is showing everything good about rugby in their adult, mini and youth, women and girls and touch rugby, while demonstrating that this is all achieved in a friendly, welcoming environment."

Juniors to hold trials

YOUTH FOOTBALL: Jarvis Brook Juniors are planning to hold trials for next season's U18 squad on Saturday, May 18, at their home ground, Limekiln Playing Fields, Palesgate Lane, Crowborough.

The trials will start at 10am (finishing approximately 11.30am) and players should arrive promptly in order to begin on time.

The trials will involve a series of timed routines to assess each player's fitness and skills and will also include some small-sided games.

Triallists will be assessed by a number of coaches throughout the session and we will notify those players successful in the week following the trial.

Take boots, shin-pads and a drink. Confirm attendance to Steve Horton (manager) at trials@jbjfc.org.uk

Club fixture is reversed

BOWLS: Newick Bowls Club starts the new season with a rising membership. The first fixture was planned to be at home to Peacehaven but the green had not recovered from the soaking in the preceding weeks so the venue was reversed.

Peacehaven's chalk base has always drained well and the sun shone for most of the afternoon so it was a good opener.

Result: Peacehaven 106 Newick 95 (Frank Leach 17, Ken Cunningham 17; Les Wenham, Robert May 18; Ted Giles 27, Colin Heasman 18; Don Pattenden 25, Bob Younger 8; Pat Giles 14, Maurice Awcock 17; Robin Powell 13, Des Foord 17.

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