

# TRAMPOLINING special



All the latest news and views from the Northants Academy

## Moore national glory for delighted Jaime

**OLYMPIC trampolinist Jaime Moore is celebrating after jumping to her sixth national title.**

The Northants Academy star, who came out of retirement after quitting following her 12th place in the Sydney Olympics of 2000, dominated the over-18 event at the national finals in Birmingham, winning by a comfortable 2.1 points.

Moore spent the winter recovering her form and fitness, and was thrilled to claim the victory.

The 25-year-old from St James also picked up the inaugural Paul Luxon Form award, named after one of the legends of the sport.

Moore, given the best form scores in the competition, admitted she was close to tears.

She said: "I was a bit emotional because I knew Paul quite well and after doing so much for our sport he'll be sadly missed."

"It was definitely my best performance since I've been back. I'm really pleased and I really couldn't have done any more."

Moore narrowly missed out on bagging a second title, finishing as runner up in the ladies event by 1.1 marks.

The academy claimed the under-18 girls championship title as the team of Yazmin Gumbs, Amanda Harris and Katie Mitchell struck gold. Gumbs was narrowly pushed into third place, finishing just 0.7 behind the eventual winner.

Team-mates Amanda Harris and Katie Mitchell finished 14th and 15th, while Gumbs also grabbed eighth place in the ladies, an excellent result for the youngster.



■ JUMPING FOR JOY – Yazmin Gumbs (left) and Jaime Moore (right) practise at Benham Sports Arena

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In the over-18 men's event, Danny Creedon took fifth with a fine display, the 17-year-old producing one of his best performances yet, beating his nearest rival by 1.6.

Creedon narrowly missed out on a top-10 finish in the men's, ending up in 11th spot, while clubmate Steve Walsh finished off a fine season with a disap-

pointing performance, an error-filled second routine seeing him down in 14th.

William Howell put in a fine first two rounds to finish ninth after day one, but a mistake in his final routine meant he dropped a place, ending the weekend in 10th.

The academy picked up bronze in the under-15 girls'

team competition, solid performances from Penny Mitchell (11th), Victoria Payne (16th), Katie MacKenzie (24th) and Faye Kopka (33rd) meaning the club eventually finished just 0.3 in front of their nearest rivals.

Head coach Tracy Whittaker said: "It was a good weekend although we didn't quite achieve all our goals."

"Jaime showed she's able to cope with the pressure and win a title over three rounds. Danny put in an awesome performance."

"The main focus now is to go away over the summer, work hard on increasing the difficulty being performed and hopefully we'll be in an even stronger position next year."

## Wilson still hopeful of deal

KETTERING TOWN boss Kevin Wilson is still hopeful of tying up a deal for Worcester City striker Christian Moore.

The Poppies manager had already revealed they were the mystery club trying to sign the 32-year-old former Telford United forward, but a trial basis for him to prove his fitness could not be agreed.

Wilson went to St George's Lane on Thursday to see the frontman in action for Worcester in their pre-season friendly with Carlisle United, and he

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remains in talks with the player about a move to Rockingham Road.

The former Cobblers boss said: "We are still looking at it at the moment but he came through the match and looked quite sharp."

"I am in discussions with him at present and we will just have to see where it goes from there."

Wilson, meanwhile, also

revealed that experienced striker Martin Carruthers will feature for his side when they take on county neighbours Northampton Town in this afternoon's friendly at Rockingham Road.

Carruthers has made more than 400 Football League appearances after spells at a number of clubs including Stoke City, Peterborough United and Macclesfield Town.

Wilson added: "Martin is a player with plenty of experience and we will take a look at him when

he plays against Northampton." ■ FORMER Rushden & Diamonds striker Robert Duffy has joined Coca-Cola League Two local rivals Peterborough on trial.

The injury-hit 22-year-old was released from Nene Park in May after making one substitute appearance last season.

Posh boss Mark Wright said: "He gives us an extra option and I will be taking another look at him."

In midweek Duffy played in Peterborough's 2-2 draw at Spalding United.



■ HOPEFUL – boss Kevin Wilson

## Mason's United off to Whitley

■ Sports shorts

WOODFORD UNITED manager Phil Mason takes his side to his native north-east today to kick-off their pre-season friendlies against Northern League side Whitley Bay.

Mason, a former Newcastle United player, hopes the trip up to Tyne and Wear, with an overnight stay in a hotel, will be good for building team spirit at the Eagle Bitter UCL Premier Division side.

United are currently giving a trial to 29-year-old former Aylesbury United defender Kai Ridley. They have already signed striker Russell Dunkley from Brackley, goalkeeper Matt Finlay from Oxford City and defender Aaron Parkinson from Priors Marston this summer.

### Jarrett's joy

FOOTBALL: David Jarrett has been rewarded for his hard work during last season's Northants Sunday Conference campaign by winning the referee of the year award.

Standens Barn's Bob Townsend has also been acknowledged for his efforts, taking the club secretary of the year title, while the new club secretary of the year went to Cogenhoe Diamonds' Ian Rayne. Gail Smith won the publicity award thanks to her hard work for Viking.

#### Remaining roll of honour

Premier division champions: Standens Barn; premier division fair play award: Norteles; premier division top goal-scorer: Mark Hill (34)

Division one champions: Standens Barn Res; division one fair play: Romany; division one top goal-scorer: James Feasey (23)

Division two champions: Silver Band, division two fair play: Winchester Rovers; division two top goal-scorer: David Garrett (37)

Club linesman of the year: Beckett Rangers

League merit award: Chris Brook

### Players wanted

FOOTBALL: Northants Sunday Conference side Romany are looking for new players. Details: James on 07743 845407.

### Erin pip Rugby

GAELIC FOOTBALL: Sons of Erin enjoyed a 2-7:1-7 victory at the expense of Rugby Gaels on Thursday night at the Racecourse. Mark McLoughlin and Carl Quigley produced storming performances in midfield to inspire their team in the second half.

### League plea

FOOTBALL: The Northants Sunday Combination are on the lookout for a publicity officer for the new season. Details: Mike Taylor on 07976 431474.