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## Relay gold for Turner but Baddeley fumes after final

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HARROW athlete Laura Turner won gold at the Commonwealth Games in India – but one of the area's other stars, Andy Baddeley, described his performance as "embarrassing".

Harrow Athletics Club sprinter Turner was part of England's victorious womens' 4x100m relay team which won gold at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium on Tuesday.

The quartet of Katherine Endacott, Montell Douglas, Turner and Abi Oyepitan clocked a time of 44.19 seconds to beat silver medalists Ghana (45.24) and India (45.25).

Turner was also involved in one of the Games' most controversial moments last week.

The 28-year-old was disqualified from the womens' 100m final on Thursday for a false start, claiming noise from the crowd had put her off.

The race was won by Australian Sally Pearson but Turner's England camp protested, stating Pearson had also false started.

Pearson was waiting to walk out and collect her gold medal four hours after the race when she was informed she had been disqualified.

Turner's Harrow Athletics Club colleague Baddeley ran a disappointing race in the men's 1,500 metres final.

There was a Kenyan one-two in the event, with Silas Kiplagat picking up gold and James Kiplangat Magut silver.

Baddeley's time of 3.43.33 was just over a second-and-a-half behind Kiplagat's winning time.

The middle distance competitor was tenth going into the home straight but, despite climbing to sixth, the 28-year-old was furious with his



Golden girls: Laura Turner (second left) celebrates with her victorious 4x100m relay teammates. **Picture: ACTION IMAGES**

performance.

Baddeley said: "It was a storming finish but that is why I am so embarrassed.

"It was one where all of a sudden it was the last

200 metres and it was like I was mentally tired rather than physically tired.

"I feel like an idiot. There is no excuse. I cannot believe I was so slow for so long."

## One more win required

HARROW BOROUGH are just one win away from the FA Cup first round after Rocky Baptiste's brace saw off Hampton and Richmond on Saturday.

Baptiste scored twice in the first 20 minutes to guide Boro to a 2-1 win in the FA Cup third qualifying round match at Earlsmead Stadium.

The victory for David Howell's side means they now travel to Eastbourne Borough in the next round on Saturday, October 23.

Harrow do not have a match on Saturday but are away to Hendon in the first round of the Isthmian League Cup on Monday.

Neighbouring Wealdstone reached the first round last season but there will be no repeat this year as they crashed out of the competition after extra-time on Monday night.

The first match against Surrey-based side Met Police finished 1-1 on Saturday, after Met's Craig Watkins cancelled out Sean Cronin's first-half header.

Chris O'Leary had handed Wealdstone the lead in Monday night's replay, but with just over 20 minutes remaining Steve Sutherland grabbed an equaliser.

And it was Sutherland who headed in the winner for Met Police two minutes into extra-time.

Gordon Bartlett's side will now be looking to bounce back against Potters Bar Town in the FA Trophy first qualifying round on Saturday.

Wealdstone have announced an affiliation with junior side Alpha FC, who are based in Ruislip Gardens.

The relationship between the clubs will see Wealdstone provide coaching for Alpha, whose players will be entitled to free entry for Stones' home matches.

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