

WOMEN'S FOOTBALL

# Title win revenge for Gunners

ARSENAL got their revenge over Everton on Sunday by beating them 4-2 to clinch a seventh successive Women's Premier League title.

The Gunners went into the game with extra incentive after losing to the Toffees in the League Cup and the final of the FA Cup.

After drawing 1-1 away at

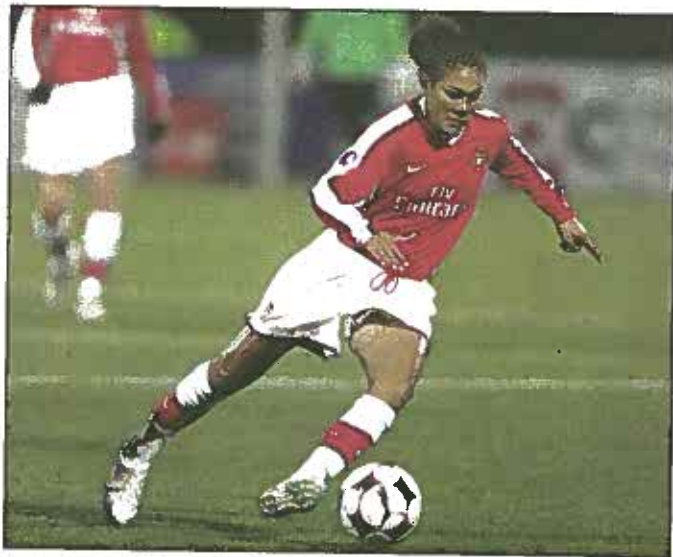
Blackburn on Thursday Laura Harvey's side knew they only needed a point to be crowned champions.

Former Hampstead schoolgirl Rachel Yankey (pictured left) broke the deadlock in the 31st minute before supplying the cross that allowed Gemma Davison to double the lead.

A frantic 10 minute spell saw Everton battle back to level the scores in the second-half. First captain Fara Williams smashed home a 52nd-minute free-kick and then striker Natasha Dowie equalised with a crisp shot from just inside the area.

The Gunners refused to give up and edged back in front when Davison powered home her second goal of the game 12 minutes from time.

The result was put beyond doubt two minutes later when striker Julie Fleeting scored with a deflected effort.



Hampstead midfielder Milly Jones takes on Katabella

with STEVE BARNETT

# Hampstead close in on championship

HAMPSTEAD moved to within two points of top spot in Division Two North of the Women's Greater London League on Sunday with a 3-0 victory over Garston.

Two second-half strikes from Val Toro, along with a clinical volley from star player Char Blackmore, earned Hampstead three priceless points in their promotion hunt.

The result follows their resounding victory over rivals Katabella. Claire Arnold and Deeple Patel both bagged a brace, while the unstoppable Toro was again on target in a commanding 5-0 win.

With a game in hand over leaders Newham, Hampstead find themselves two points off the pace with two games to go.

## Flappers the biggest flops

GROVE GONGS

with RICHARD OSLEY



ANOTHER season gone, and again nothing in the trophy cabinet. As always, there were a few highs, and, of course, a few more lows. So, here are my Grove



brilliance, it has to be Vermaelen's blinding long-ranger against Wigan. A clue to the Gunners problems is that a defender wins this award.

## Penny-pinchers purloin our pies

SHELF SHIELDS

with DAN CARRIER



IF we'd not dropped silly points, we'd have been pushing Chelsea for the title, but despite these hiccups it has been a wonderful season.



against Arsenal, but for me another stands out. In February Luka Modric's goal against Everton was exceptional. He combined with Kranjcar and Vedran Cerlika before unleashing