

# SPORT

## County FA agree sponsorship deal

THE Middlesex County Football Association and Europe's foremost sports tour organisers, Euro-Sporting, have agreed a sponsorship arrangement for the next three years.

The sponsorship means that the County FA will be able to continue their successful programme of providing finance at the grass roots of the game through its County Cup competitions.

Said County FA secretary Peter Clayton: "Over a thousand teams take part in the County Cups each year. Through the sponsorship pool we dis-

tribute some £5,500 to those clubs but not only for the winners but at home to 14 competitions, some as far back as the losing quarter finalists. This means that some 100 teams receive something from the value of a match ball to a full kit each season."

## Cup shocker as Edgware dump out sad Wembley

Edgware Town 4 Wembley 2  
INBT Wembley, last season's beaten finalists - made a exit from the Middlesex Senior Cup on Tuesday night and their defeat could not have been more humiliating as Edgware were 4-0 up at one stage, writes Richard Marklewicz.

Edgware thoroughly deserved their victory, quite correctly predicting a lopsided Wembley side for continually losing possession in vital

areas of the park. Steve Newing, making amends for squandering a couple of early chances, scored Edgware's first goal in the 31st minute.

Lee Enderby ran into a cal-de-sac and lost the ball which Seamus Finerty pumped upfield to the unmarked Newing. Spotting that Jeff Preece was off his line, Newing lobbed the ball goalward and although the keeper got a hand to it, he was

unable to prevent it from nestling in the net.

Eight minutes later the home side went further ahead. Preece did well to stop Joe Sheridan's powerful drive but the ball proved too hot to handle and it rolled loose to John Coleman who forced it home at the far post.

Substitutes Bobby Hutchinson and Yousef Sakhravi came on for Wembley eleven minutes after the

restart but any hopes of a revival by the visitors were dashed when Newing, with a sweetly struck 18 yard drive, notched Edgware's third goal three minutes later.

To add to Wembley's woes, they conceded a fourth goal in the 68th minute.

John Coleman was allowed to ferry the ball along the byline before delivering it into the six yard box where Preece, under pressure from

McGleish, failed to gather it cleanly and allowed it to trickle over the goaline.

Wembley briefly injected some life into their ineffective performance late on and Charlie Flaherty converted a penalty in the 72nd minute after Hutchinson was tripped in the area by Dave Sae.

Graxioni reduced the deficit still further, hooking home a Flaherty cross four minutes from time, but

these proved to be mere consolation goals as Edgware had already booked a second round tie at home to Enfield, which is scheduled to take place at the White Lion ground this Tuesday evening.

Edgware: Hally, Louie, Sheridan, Ben, Finerty, Bateson, Flynn, Harris, Newing, McGleish, Coleman (Caps). Other: Oye, Oye, Wembley: Preece, Flaherty, Clark, Hutchinson, Shields, Day, Graxioni, Doyle (Substituted). Wembley: Enderby (Substituted). (Info: Mike Steady)

# Borough reprieved

## Ineligible Hendon player gives Cup holders a second chance

HARROW Borough have not yet lost their grip on the Middlesex Senior Cup, despite their first round defeat against Hendon last week.

Beginning their defence of the trophy, which they won with a 1-0 victory over Wembley in last season's final, Borough seemed to have everything set to go when they drew 1-1 against Hendon in a late penalty against Hendon. But it has since been discovered that the Clarendon Road club played an ineligible player in that game - ironically a

**By John Comfort**

former Borough player - and the Middlesex County FA have now ordered that the tie should be replayed.

Duncan Hardy, a Harrow player three years ago, was registered as Hendon on January 6. The Middlesex Senior Cup rules state that players taking part in the competition must be registered at least seven days before the date prescribed for the playing of the

round, which was January 12. Harrow asked for an interpretation of the eligibility of Hardy and the County FA ruled this week that he was not qualified to play.

"Hendon's defence was that there were a clear seven days that we did not see it that way," said County FA competition director Jim Taylor. "Technically they were guilty of playing an ineligible player, although we accept that it was done in good faith and so no fine was imposed. But the result does not stand and the game is to be replayed."

The tie has now been fixed for next Wednesday, February 9, kick off 7.30pm at Enfield. The winners are at home to Slough Town.

By a strange quirk of fate, the two clubs were involved in a player eligibility quagmire some five years ago when the County ruled that Borough's John Kerr and Tony Guard were not qualified for a tie in which Hendon were beaten.

The match was replayed and this time Hendon won. Borough will be hoping for a similar reversal of fortunes on this occasion.



Anyone seen the ball? Harrow Borough's Bob Booker clashes with an Enfield opponent in Saturday's game at Enfield. Report and more pictures on page 87. Picture by Sophie Powell.

## Hendry still the Master

SNOOKER'S latest teenage sensation Ronnie O'Sullivan may be everyone's tip for the top but Stephen Hendry is still the Master.

The world number one has won every major title but has made the Benson and Hedges Masters tournament his own, winning the Wembley tournament for the past five years.

On Sunday the Scot starts his defence of the crown and is in no doubt that the oldest tournament in the snooker calendar is also one of the most prestigious. "It is only open to the top 16 in the world so it's a high event to win," he says "and besides that there's a few quid at stake."

The world champion's domination of the Masters, which this year carries total prize money of £415,000, may have given him an aura of invincibility but he remains philosophical about his chances of retaining the title. "Wembley is a great venue when it is full because it's so much bigger than other snooker venues but I think it's just coincidence that I've won all my matches there," he admits.

Tickets for the Benson and Hedges Masters, priced £5.50 to £16, are now on sale at the Wembley box office, telephone 900-1234.

Winners of our recent Benson and Hedges Masters Snooker tournament competition were: J. Challenor, Hillcroft Ave, Pinner; P. Doolie, Southey Ave, Wembley; Emily D'Arcy, Watford Rd, Harrow; R. Bence, Potters Green, Harrow; S. Fitzgerald, Clifton Rd, Kenilworth; Mrs M. Goodman, Keston Lane, Harrow; Mrs F. Halden, Wembley; Charlotte Keogh, Almsdale Gate, Edgware; D. Marshall, Harrow View, Harrow; F. Hider, Greenings Walk, Wembley.

## Borough break Aylesbury duck

Harrow Borough 2 Aylesbury United 1

IT was chosen all round on Tuesday night as Borough progressed to the third round of the Carlsberg Cup by beating Aylesbury after extra time, their first competitive win over the Ducks at Enfield since 25 years, writes Tony Booth.

For Borough, both Jason Shaw and Bob Booker had efforts cleared off the line in normal time and Christian Metcalfe headed against a post. Banker netted for Aylesbury in injury time but it was ruled out for one of the numerous offside decisions that were given.

The visitors took the deadlock two minutes into the first period of extra time when Gantochas squared the ball for Mark West to slot home, and Borough looked to be on their way out. However, four minutes into the second period Borough levelled. From Shaw's corner, Jason Court had a header blocked and when Westley crossed the rebound to Ripley, he had two efforts blocked by keeper O'Neill before Jon Harlock slotted home on the turn.

With their tails up, Borough went ahead five minutes later and never looked back. Preece went clear on the right and when his shot was partially blocked, Westley hooked the rebound into the roof of the net.

Jason Court was named as the Carlsberg Man of the Match. Borough's top scorers at home to Gray's Athletic in the third round.

Harrow Borough: Nash, Court, Bennett (Flynn), Emmanuel, Preece, Preece, Booker (Preece), Shaw, Westley, Harlock, Metcalfe.

## Harry has goalkeeping headache

HARROW Borough boss Harry Mance is desperately seeking a goalkeeper for Saturday's league game at Kingston.

The headache has been caused by David Hook being suspended for one match for his sending off against Worcester but Mance has had talks with Wycombe boss Martin O'Neill and a deal to loan Harrow a keeper is likely.

Tonight (Thursday) Borough begin their defence of the Middlesex Charity Cup with a home match against Brentford.

Wembley face a tough test on Saturday when they entertain promotion chasers, Watford and Herts.

Ian Bates (groin) and Steve Lawrence (knee) are both injury doubts for a Lions side which will be looking to re-

gain some lost pride after the cup shock at Edgware.

Injury free Wembley are at home to Newport on Saturday but their midweek fixture next week is dependent on the outcome of last night's (Wednesday's) Middlesex Senior Cup match with Hayes.

Stones are scheduled to visit Fisher in the league on Tuesday but that game only goes ahead if they lose to Hayes. A win over Hayes means they will play Feltham in the next round of the Middlesex Cup on Wednesday, kick off 8pm at the Watford ground and if the Hayes game is drawn it means a replay at Church Road on Tuesday, kick off 7.30pm.

An eye injury makes John Mangan doubtful for Edgware Town's visit to Aveley but John Coleman and Steve Sellman, who both suffered ankle injuries in the cup clash with Wembley, are expected to be fit.

## The latest league tables

| League               | Pos | Team     | P  | W  | D | L  | F  | A  | Pts |
|----------------------|-----|----------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| MIDDLESEX SENIOR CUP | 1   | Edgware  | 10 | 7  | 1 | 2  | 18 | 10 | 21  |
|                      | 2   | Wembley  | 10 | 4  | 2 | 4  | 14 | 18 | 14  |
|                      | 3   | Enfield  | 10 | 4  | 1 | 5  | 14 | 18 | 13  |
|                      | 4   | Waltham  | 10 | 3  | 2 | 5  | 12 | 18 | 11  |
|                      | 5   | Uxbridge | 10 | 3  | 1 | 6  | 12 | 18 | 10  |
|                      | 6   | Hayes    | 10 | 2  | 2 | 6  | 10 | 18 | 8   |
|                      | 7   | Waltham  | 10 | 2  | 1 | 7  | 10 | 18 | 7   |
|                      | 8   | Waltham  | 10 | 1  | 1 | 8  | 10 | 18 | 4   |
|                      | 9   | Waltham  | 10 | 1  | 0 | 9  | 10 | 18 | 2   |
|                      | 10  | Waltham  | 10 | 0  | 0 | 10 | 10 | 18 | 0   |
| MIDDLESEX LEAGUE     | 1   | Edgware  | 17 | 10 | 4 | 3  | 30 | 18 | 34  |
|                      | 2   | Wembley  | 17 | 8  | 4 | 5  | 28 | 22 | 28  |
|                      | 3   | Enfield  | 17 | 7  | 5 | 5  | 26 | 22 | 25  |
|                      | 4   | Waltham  | 17 | 6  | 4 | 7  | 24 | 24 | 22  |
|                      | 5   | Uxbridge | 17 | 5  | 5 | 7  | 22 | 24 | 20  |
|                      | 6   | Hayes    | 17 | 4  | 4 | 9  | 20 | 26 | 16  |
|                      | 7   | Waltham  | 17 | 3  | 3 | 11 | 18 | 28 | 12  |
|                      | 8   | Waltham  | 17 | 2  | 2 | 13 | 16 | 30 | 8   |
|                      | 9   | Waltham  | 17 | 1  | 1 | 15 | 14 | 32 | 4   |
|                      | 10  | Waltham  | 17 | 0  | 0 | 17 | 12 | 34 | 0   |

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