

# SPORT

## Borg takes over from Roberts

GEORGE Borg, who steered Harrow Borough to a Middlesex Senior Cup and Middlesex Charity Cup double last season, has taken over as manager of Enfield.

Borg was put in charge following the departure of Graham Roberts "by mutual consent" on Friday evening after Enfield's 1-1 draw with Carshalton which ended the club's hopes of winning the Division One Premier Division Championship.

## Walsh in charge at Northwood

JOHN Walsh, the former Edgware, Wembley and Kingsbury defender, has been named as the new manager of Northwood FC, replacing former Harrow Borough Reserve team boss Alan Merles, who is quitting for business reasons.

Walsh, who lives in Harrow, is currently player-manager at Harford Town.

## Borough gift for Stones man

WEALDSTONE FC director received an interesting present in the post on Saturday - a Harrow Borough FC shirt.

An unsigned note accompanying it said "with love from all at the Borough."

Mr Patterson is now busily trying to identify the sender. "I'd like to give it back to them personally," he said.

## Chris is tops at Kingsbury

CHRIS Stapeau collected the Player of the Year award at Kingsbury Town's presentation evening on Saturday.

The Reserve team Player of the Year was Tony Perez and the under-18 team player of the Year trophy went to Paul Gower.

## Soccer fixtures

Thursday May 12  
Football Club: OPR v Bletch City (Earlsmead, 7pm).  
Friday May 13  
Middlesex Charity Cup Final: Northwood v Staines Town (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

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## Benefit match for Mark

EDGWARE Town FC are holding a benefit game on Saturday for keeper Mark Gower who suffered a broken jaw two months ago. He had an operation to put a plate in the jaw but a further operation is required. The match, between an Old Edgware team, including many of the double side of 1968, and the current Edgware side, takes place at the White Lion ground, kick off 11.30am.

## Borough raise £850 at charity game with QPR

A CROWD of 250 watched Sunday's charity match at Barnwood between a Harrow Borough Select XI and a QPR Playing Staff and Celebrity XI and helped to raise a magnificent sum of £850 for Mount Vernon Hospital.

Although scouting duties prevented manager Gerry Francis from playing and ex-England star Stan Bowles was unavailable, the QPR team still proved good enough to beat a Borough team that paraded the silken skills of Harry Manoe, his assistant Dave Kennedy, coach Cliff Rapley, and chairman, Martin 'The Cat' Murphy in goal.

Martin's first two touches of the ball were to pick it out of the net as Bob Oseg and Billy Fleming gave QPR an early 2-0 lead. The embarrassed chairman was clearly at fault for the second goal but proved he was in fact alive with a fine save a few minutes later.

Borough reduced the arrears before the break with Mo Borcham claiming the goal because he was nearest to it when the QPR keeper pushed the ball into his own net, and in the second half Les Barnes equalized with a goal that looked suspiciously offside.

However, further goals from Andy Ellis and Harry Ford saw QPR to a 4-2 win.

At the after-match presentations Dr S. Jayabalan received a cheque for £850 on behalf of Mount Vernon Hospital from Mr Murphy.

The special cup for the match, donated by Diamond Trophies, was received by QPR captain Roy Francis, father of Gerry.



● Borough chairman Martin Murphy (right) presents the £850 cheque to Dr Jayabalan.

## Chairman reveals plan to generate re-location income

# Wealdstone to take over pub

AFTER three years without a bar facility from which to generate much needed income, Wealdstone FC are set to rectify that situation - by taking over a pub.

Club chairman Paul Rumens revealed his plan at the club's sportsman's dinner at the Warren on Friday when the guest speaker was tv personality and former England striker, Jimmy Greaves.

Since the sale of Lower Mead, the club has spent two years at Watford and a year at Yeading but have had no return from the considerable amount of money spent over the bar by their members at both venues.

"To relocate the club back in the Borough of Harrow will take a lot of hard work and a lot of money," said Mr Rumens. "To progress we need to generate income and to that end we plan to open a pub in

## By John Comfort

the Harrow area with the lease owned by Wealdstone FC.

"It will not be a social club as such, but a normal public house, run independently of the club. It will have the added bonus of the Wealdstone supporters using it being the icing on the cake, not the bread and butter."

Mr Rumens announced several major changes at the club.

Commercial manager Ian Crossley, who set up the club's successful Blue Ribbon Lottery, is leaving to take over

a similar post at Aldershot FC, and is being replaced by club director Layne Patterson.

The club has also taken on Kip Hewitt as general manager and it will be his task over the next 12 months to find a suitable site for the club to relocate back in Harrow.

News of the recent £987,500 out of court settlement with the club's former solicitors has been welcomed by the Wealdstone FC Supporters Club.

"The settlement comes as a great boost to the supporters of Wealdstone FC who have endured some testing times of

late," said Supporters Club secretary, Dominic Whyley. "The club now has a future and everybody who worked on the deal should be praised for their efforts. The present board must now begin the task of re-establishing Wealdstone FC in the Borough of Harrow and begin our climb back to a much higher level in the non-league pyramid."

"During our adversity we have seen tremendous loyalty from everybody who has remained involved with the club. Everyone throughout the club now deserves to enjoy better times."



● Club chairman Paul Rumens (right) and Jimmy Greaves share an amusing moment at Wealdstone's sportsman's dinner.

## Wasps defend sevens crown

WASPS will be in determined mood on Saturday as they defend their Middlesex Sevens title at Twickenham, writes Alan Bodenham.

To emulate last season's efforts would be a tremendous achievement. Their triumph over Northampton in the final when they overhauled a 20 point deficit to snatch the title was rated by many observers as one of the best matches in the history of the tournament.

Wasps skipper Adrian Thompson described his squad's build up as "very medical."

"We have put in some good performances but apart from winning a small tournament we haven't dominated. This could work in Wasps favour. The teams will not be as fired up against us as they might have been."

The final squad has yet to be named but competition for places has been intense. The selection will be very positive, said Thompson, "but some very good players are sure to be disappointed not to get into a side that may feel has a major chance of winning a trophy."

The Sudbury men open their defence against Saracens, a tie described as no pushover by the skipper. The main threat however, will come from the Fijians, acknowledged throughout the world as premier sevens acts. Thompson, himself a sevens expert, reckons however that the competition will be very open. Apart from Wasps, teams like London Scottish, Bristol and the other international outfit, Zimbabwe, are going to be good.

Thompson concluded by saying "We have loads of self belief." At about 6.30pm on Saturday we will know if all that faith has carried Wasps through to a second successive year.

## County quiz with Russell

TELEVISION astrologer and ardent Middlesex campaigner, Russell Grant, will be the celebrity questionmaster for the 4th Middlesex Sports Quiz Championship to be held at Hillingdon Borough FC on Monday, starting at 8pm. Teams of four from all sports are invited to register for free entry to the quiz by calling 896-5192, 896-6709 or 0995-670518.

## Britannic cricket awards on offer

FOR the fourth successive year, the Observer has linked up with County Championship sponsors, Britannic Assurance, to recognise the achievements of local cricketers throughout the summer.

Each month of the season we will be making an award to the Britannic Assurance Player of the Month.



The recipient will be selected from performances recorded in the Observer, together with nominations made by readers, and the winner will be the player considered to have made the most notable series of achievements during the relevant month.

Monthly award winners will receive a trophy, tickets for himself and his family to see a Britannic County Cricket Championship match of his choice, plus Britannic Assurance sponsorship items, including a track suit.

At the end of the season Britannic will also be making an additional award for the 'Player of the Season'.

For more winners see 'The County Cricket' in Joe Poy, The Observer, 12th May 1994.

## Final league tables

| MIDDLESEX LEAGUE |            | SURREY LEAGUE |           |
|------------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| Pos              | Club       | Pos           | Club      |
| 1                | Stapleford | 1             | Wokingham |
| 2                | Stapleford | 2             | Wokingham |
| 3                | Stapleford | 3             | Wokingham |
| 4                | Stapleford | 4             | Wokingham |
| 5                | Stapleford | 5             | Wokingham |
| 6                | Stapleford | 6             | Wokingham |
| 7                | Stapleford | 7             | Wokingham |
| 8                | Stapleford | 8             | Wokingham |
| 9                | Stapleford | 9             | Wokingham |
| 10               | Stapleford | 10            | Wokingham |
| 11               | Stapleford | 11            | Wokingham |
| 12               | Stapleford | 12            | Wokingham |
| 13               | Stapleford | 13            | Wokingham |
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| 19               | Stapleford | 19            | Wokingham |
| 20               | Stapleford | 20            | Wokingham |

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