SPORT

Ex Borough boss dies

FORMER Harrow Borough manager Ron Clack died on Friday, aged 67.

Clack was Borough's boss for two years, in 1965-66, the club's last under the name of Harrow Town, and in 1966-67, their first season as Harrow Borough.

He left Earlsmead to join Uxbridge as reserve team manger but later he became their first team boss, a post he held for a remarkable 20 years before stepping down.

Up to the time of his death he was combining the roles of the club's groundsman with that of reserve and youth team boss.

Cup washout

HEAVY rainfall on Tuesday caused the cancellation of the Middlesex Charity Cup derby between Wembley and Wealdstone. It will now be played on March 28.

Harrow Borough's league match at Hendon, Edgware's game with Windsor and Kingsbury's match with Flackwell were also called off.

£85,000 is price to keep Boro' in the Premier

Relegation threatened if they don't get new stand

● Martin Murphy - "We won't lay down and die."

By John Comfort

HARROW Borough FC are facing the threat of relegation from the Premier Division of the Diadora League unless they can find £85,000 to put up a new stand to comply with League ground grading requirements.

December 31 is the deadline for Borough to achieve the A Grade needed for them to remain in the Premier Division for the 1996-97 season (providing they are not in a relegation place at the conclusion of 1995-96) and to obtain that Grade the club must have a stand capable of seating at least 282 people.

The current antiquated Earlsmead stand - a wooden structure of the kind widely condemned by the Taylor Report - houses only 150.

"It's a big headache," said Borough chairman Martin Murphy. "Yes, our stand is an eyesore but our gates really don't justify us having anything bigger. But they tell us that if we don't get it done we'll be relegated to Division One."

Estimates for a new stand began for Borough at around £100,000 for one similar to that built by Kingstonian at their new Kings Meadow ground. Mr Murphy has managed to get a revised estimate of £85,000 and he is still awaiting other quotes for the job, but they are unlikely to dip dramatically from that figure.

Now the big problem is finding the cash and Mr Murphy and his board are currently investigating numerous avenues to obtain it, with a grant from the Football Trust hopefully being their best option.

The club's brewers would almost certainly be forthcoming with the money as a loan, but, said Mr Murphy "It's a lot of money and the problem then would be paying it back. There is no way I would commit the club if I thought we could not pay the money back."

With Borough in a financial plight over the new stand and homeless neighbours Wealdstone no nearer to finding themselves a ground of their own, speculation has not surprisingly surfaced of a possible future deal to accomodate the needs of both clubs.

Stones will be ground sharing with Edgware next season but Mr Murphy does not rule out the possibility that there might be some association beyond that. "Maybe we could talk with them about a ground share on a permanent basis," he said.

Meanwhile, time is fast running out for the Earlsmead club. Although the deadline for ground grading requirements is December 31, they would effectively have to have a new stand in place by the start of next season in mid-August as the League would not permit them to play at the ground without one, or while they were in the process of erecting it.

It is estimated that obtaining planning permission and erecting would take around 15 weeks. That means Borough have to obtain the finance and commence work almost as soon as this season ends on May 6.

Said Mr Murphy: "There's no panic, but we're not going to lay down and die. We're hopeful that even if we have to go it on our own we'll find the money somehow."

Latest league tables

Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Hayes	28	16	8	4	45	24	57
Enfield	27	14	8	5	58	39	50
Aylesbury Utd	25	14	5	6	51	28	47
Bromley	29	13	7	9	51	43	46
Slough T	25	12	9	4	51	36	45
Dulwich Hamlet	29	12	8	9	50	46	44
Carshalton	33	13	5	12	49	50	44
Purfleet	30	11	9	10	59	62	42
Harrow Boro.	28	12	5	11	44	42	41
St Albans City	24	11	7	6	37	25	40
Welton & H.	29	10	8	11	59	53	38
Yeading	27	9	11	7	46	43	38
Molesey	27	10	6	11	41	40	36
Kingstonian	28	10	6	12	44	44	36
Grays Ath.	29	8	12	9	39	42	36
Bishops St.	30	8	9	13	40	61	33
Hitchin	25	7	10	8	39	42	31
Sutton Utd	27	7	7	13	39	43	28
Hendon	27	7	7	13	33	45	28
Chesham Utd	26	6	6	14	40	55	24
Marlow	27	4	8	15	29	57	20
Wokingham T	27	5	4	18	31	62	18

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Boreham Wood	26	20	3	3	59	27	63
Chertsey T	28	15	7	6	63	35	52
Worthing	27	13	8	6	60	33	47
Staines	29	12	10	7	58	39	46
Basingstoke	29	12	9	8	63	50	45
Maidenhead	30	12	7	11	54	50	43
Aldershot T	27	13	3	11	47	35	42
Wembley	28	11	9	10	51	48	42
Abingdon Town	27	11	9	7	46	41	42
Billericay	28	12	6	10	41	39	42
Tooting & Mitch	28	10	11	7	38	28	41
Whyteleafe	29	12	5	12	43	53	41
Newbury T	28	9	11	8	45	39	38
Barking	27	10	5	12	52	55	35
Uxbridge	29	9	8	12	38	50	35
Heybridge Sw	25	9	5	11	42	45	32
Bognor Regis	24	8	7	9	44	42	31
Leyton	27	8	7	12	42	48	31
Ruislip Man	28	7	9	12	50	59	30
Berkhamsted	26	7	6	13	30	48	27
Wivenhoe	30	7	5	18	34	65	26
Dorking	28	2	2	24	26	111	8

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Thame Utd	31	21	3	7	65	37	66
Barton Rovers	29	19	4	6	68	33	61
Oxford C	28	15	7	6	58	31	52
Witham	29	15	6	8	59	41	51
Bracknell	27	14	8	5	59	28	50
Hampton	30	14	4	12	51	59	46
Saffron Walden	29	12	9	8	49	42	45
Croydon	29	14	1	14	57	46	43
Met Police	29	11	9	9	45	49	42
Edgware Town	28	11	7	10	41	38	40
Chalfont St P	28	10	9	9	40	34	39
Banstead Ath	26	11	5	10	40	44	38
Egham Town	27	7	8	12	41	45	29
Ainsley	28	8	4	16	30	54	28
Windsor	27	7	5	15	38	45	26
Tilbury	25	7	5	13	36	50	26
Hemel Hemp	25	6	7	12	26	39	25
Hungerford	23	6	4	13	26	42	22
Malden Vale	24	1	6	17	23	59	9

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Northwood	29	17	5	7	59	34	56
Collier R.	22	7	2	3	48	15	53
Canvey Is.	22	16	1	5	47	24	50
Camberley T	27	14	6	7	43	23	48
Redford T	26	13	7	6	61	38	46
Southall	24	12	5	7	54	36	41
Leighton	27	11	7	9	40	33	40
Harlow	26	10	5	11	37	55	35
Epsom & Ewell	23	9	7	7	42	33	34
Tring Town	26	9	7	10	43	39	34
Harefield Utd	23	10	4	9	36	33	34
Horsham	23	10	4	9	42	41	34
Hertford Town	26	9	7	10	44	48	34
Hornchurch	26	9	5	11	38	46	33
Kingsbury T	23	8	8	7	39	41	32
Clapton	25	8	7	10	51	43	31
Feltham & Hounsl	25	8	3	14	44	57	27
East Thurrock	26	8	3	15	35	64	27
Flackwell Hth	26	7	3	16	40	64	24
Lewes	29	4	4	21	28	79	16
Cove	22	2	3	17	23	47	9

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE

Southern Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Waterlooville	25	19	3	3	52	15	60
Salisbury	27	18	5	4	59	24	59
Baldock	27	16	5	4	59	32	59
Havant	24	16	3	5	47	18	51
Weymouth	27	13	9	5	44	25	48
Ashford Town	25	12	9	4	59	36	45
Tonbridge	27	11	7	9	53	59	40
Margate	25	12	3	10	40	41	39
Newport IOW	25	11	3	11	48	50	36
Witney T	27	11	8	8	37	32	35
Wealdstone	27	10	5	12	49	53	35
Chippenham	25	9	7	9	43	33	34
Weston Super-M	25	9	7	9	45	37	34
Fisher 93	27	6	10	11	34	44	28
Brislington	26	6	9	11	40	49	27
Erith & Bel	27	7	6	14	35	56	27
Bashley	22	6	7	9	31	31	25
Bury Town	28	7	3	18	39	60	24
Poole Town	24	7	2	15	35	47	23
Yate	27	5	8	14	29	53	23
Burnham	27	4	5	18	25	60	17
Fareham T	24	2	4	18	16	61	10

Towers take a bite out of Sharks to open up title race

LONDON Towers opened up the Budweiser League Championship chase on Thursday when they defeated runaway league leaders Sheffield Sharks 84-72 at Wembley Court, **writes John Comfort.**

Apart from the first quarter, which finished with the Sharks holding an 18-15 advantage, Towers were always in front.

A second quarter surge saw them into a 42-34 lead at half time and although the Sharks pulled it back to two points at 56-54 at the end of the third quarter, the Towers turned on the heat in the final quarter to power to victory with the league's player of the month Tony Windless leading the way with a 22 point haul.

Kenny Scott weighed in with 18 points, Martin Henlan notched 15 and Danny Lewis scored 14.

Towers followed that success up with an easy 110-67 success away to Hemel Royals on Saturday.

They were down 36-34 in the second quarter but then broke the game open with an 11-1 run to go 47-37 ahead at the interval.

With the Royals being held to a blank eight minutes period in the second half, the Towers put the game out of their reach with a 22 point run with Danny Lewis top scoring with 25 points. Windless landed 21 and Scott scored 17.

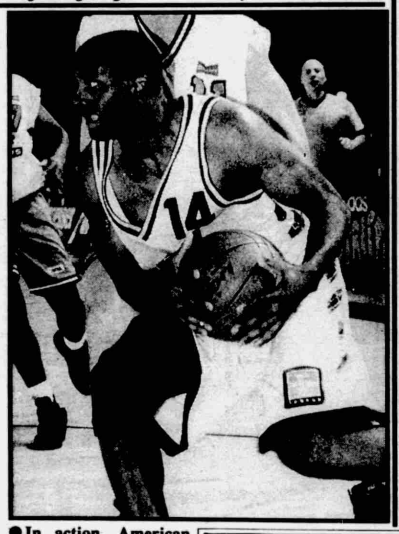
Tonight (Thursday) the Towers take on the Birmingham Bullets at Wembley, and on Saturday they are at home again, against Chester Jets.

Both matches are scheduled to tip off at 8pm.

BUDWEISER LEAGUE

Latest table

	p	w	l	f	a	pts
Sheffield	29	25	4	2277	1919	50
Doncaster	27	22	5	2407	2203	44
London T	28	21	7	2489	2179	42
Manchester	30	21	9	2578	2292	42
Thames V	27	21	6	2524	2232	42
Leopards	30	19	11	2683	2448	38
Worthing	28	14	14	2480	2413	28
Birmingham	27	12	15	2259	2234	24
Derby	30	8	22	2453	2626	16
Hemel	31	8	23	2479	2934	16
Leicester	30	7	23	2241	2485	14
Chester	29	4	25	2301	2618	8
Sunderland	26	4	22	2003	2589	8



● In action, American forward, Tony Windless of the London Towers, who has been named as the Budweiser League's Player of the Month for February.

Windless is Player of Month

TONY Windless of the London Towers has been named as the Budweiser League's Player of the Month for February.

His success comes after a series of spectacular wins by the Towers over Doncaster Panthers, Worthing Bears and the Derby Bucks.

Over the four games in the month Windless averaged a stunning 25 points per game, which included a haul of 39 points against Doncaster in a game which went to four periods of overtime before Towers eventually won 112-111.

The 6ft 5ins American forward has made a dramatic impact on the Towers since his arrival in November with London winning 15 of their 18 games. Prior to Windless's introduction they had won only 7 from 14.

Commenting on his award, Windless said: "It feels great to win the award and I feel I deserve it. I am looking forward to winning the award again in March and I hope the London Towers will help me to get there. You have to have a winning attitude, and basketball is all about winning."

His February statistics (average per game) were: 25 pts; 9.25 rebounds; 2.5 steals; 1.25 assists; 60% 2 pt attempts; 33% 3 pt attempts; 83% free throw attempts; 54% all field attempts.

Wembley goal ace to return ?

LEADING scorer Guiliano Grazioli could return to the **Wembley** line up for their home game with Abingdon Town on Saturday.

He was given a run out in the reserves last week with strapping on his injured leg, which will require an operation in the close season. If the ploy worked it is likely to be repeated against Abingdon.

The Lions will however be without Wayne Walters, who is completing a two match ban, and Marcos Veiga, who is starting one.

Harrow Borough visit Kingstonian and are likely to be without both Eamon O'Connor and Graham Pearce, who picked up injuries at Grays.

Kevin Davies and Tony Knight are therefore likely to keep their places for a match at a ground that holds few happy memories for the Earlsmead club who have suffered several big defeats there in recent seasons.

Wealdstone hope to have influential midfielder Tommy Mason fit following a ligament injury for their home match with league leaders Waterlooville.

Tim Buzaglo has a shoulder injury and Rod Findley is also struggling after a knock sustained against Fisher, but both should be fit to play.

Edgware Town go to Tring tonight (Thursday), weather permitting, in another effort to play their Middlesex Charity Cup match with Southall.

Sean Griffiths stands in for keeper Kevin Beckles who has a knee injury, while Dave Instone will be missing as he starts a two match ban.

Rayners Lane will be without the holidaying Andy Spires and possibly Roland Matthews, who has a groin strain, at Kidlington on Saturday. Lane beat their rivals comfortably at home earlier in the season but will need to improve on recent form to make it a double.

Thursday March 9
Middx Charity Cup: Southall v Edgware Town (at Tring FC).
Saturday March 11
Diadora League Premier Div: Kingstonian v Harrow Borough.
Diadora League Div One: Wembley v Abingdon Town (Vale Farm, 3pm).
Diadora League Div Two: Edgware Town v Hampton (White Lion ground, 3pm).
Diadora League Div Three: Harlow v Kingsbury Town.
Beazer Homes League Southern Div: Wealdstone v Waterlooville (The Warren, 3pm).
Hellenic League: Kidlington v Rayners Lane.
Tuesday March 14
Middx Senior Cup semi-final: Edgware Town v Staines Town (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).
Beazer Homes League Southern Div: Clevedon v Wealdstone.
Diadora Div Three: Kingsbury Town v Horsham (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.45pm).
Football Combination: QPR v Bristol City (Earlsmead, 7pm).

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