

# SPORT

## Worthington dines with Stones

EX England striker Frank Worthington is the special guest speaker at Wealdstone FC's Sportsman's Dinner, which is being held at the Jarvis International Hotel in Watford on Thursday February 8.

Bookings can be made by calling Wealdstone commercial manager Layne Patterson at the club office on 381-1617.

Tickets for the function are £30, or £270

## Kingsbury so close to shock win

Kingsbury Town 3  
Horsham 3

KINGSBURY were on the brink of a shock win over promotion contenders Horsham on Tuesday but they let slip a two goal lead and had to be content with a point.

They made a good start, going ahead in the 4th minute when Nelson Kumah found Graham Ash who squeezed a shot home at the near post, but Horsham drew level after 37 minutes through Tomar Elejaju.

Town regained the lead seven minutes into the second half, Kumah playing Jeb Hughes through to fire under the advancing keeper, and they seemed set for a surprise win when Ash made it 3-1 three minutes later after the Horsham defence failed to clear.

The visitors pulled one back after 62 minutes through Richard Knight from a low cross and 10 minutes later they drew level. Gower's mistimed clearance let Horsham substitute Paul Harris in onto a through ball and he beat off the challenge of Kevin Stewart before firing past Darren Bonfield.

Kingsbury: Bonfield, Leslie, Zazera, Gower, Stewart, Morris, O'Rourke, Ash, Hughes, Kuman, Nelson, Subs: D. O'Rourke, Loutrim, Kenny.

## Trio in League team

HARROW Borough's David Clarke, Dave Bensted and Neil Fraser were all in the Middlesex FA side which drew 1-1 with Sussex at Staines Town FC in the SW Counties Championship. Bensted and Fraser created Middlesex's late equaliser for former Borough player, Paul Ripley, now with Northwood.

## Lions at home

WEMBLEY'S reward for their excellent victory over Kingstonian in the FA Trophy is a second round tie at home to Conference club, Northwich Victoria. The match is scheduled for Saturday February 10.

## 'Borough broke player agreement' claim angry Wembley

# Cup tie incident row boils over

By  
John Comfort



Wembley chairman, Brian Gumm - furious.

RELATIONS between Harrow Borough and neighbours Wembley were at a decidedly low ebb this week following a bitter row over Borough midfielder David Clarke.

Clarke was one of four players sent off two weeks ago in an eventful Middlesex Senior Cup game between the two clubs at Earlsmead which ended in a 2-2 draw. The others were Wembley players, Youssef Sakhraoui, Ashley Cumberbatch and Hurracia Willock.

After the game, Wembley chairman, Brian Gumm, voiced his concern over a dressing room incident involving Clarke and Sakhraoui, and Harrow officials agreed to look into it.

As a result of their findings, Mr Gumm claims that Borough agreed to leave Clarke out of their side for the replay and indeed he was not in the team which took the field in last week's game which was abandoned after 11 minutes at

that there had been an agreement with Wembley to leave Clarke out over the Earlsmead incident, which he described as "something and nothing - our player and theirs just had words."

"We didn't agree to leave him out, and I've never spoken to Brian Gumm about doing so," he said. "We left him out anyway last week to take the heat out of the situation but we couldn't this week because I only had the bear team. I don't have the luxury of a reserve team to call upon."

Manoe said that Clarke would be fined over his sending off at Earlsmead. Wembley have already taken similar action against Sakhraoui, Willock and Cumberbatch.

Tuesday's replay passed off without incident, Borough winning 3-2. But with the atmosphere somewhat frosty, Harrow officials were noticeably absent from the Wembley boardroom afterwards.

However, when the rescheduled match took place on Tuesday, Mr Gumm was furious when he found out shortly before the kick-off that Clarke was in the Harrow line-up.

"We had a gentleman's agreement, they've gone back on it, and I can't accept that," he said. "Now I've got no time for Harrow Borough."

"They said they would deal with it internally and I was happy to go along with that for the sake of good relations between the two clubs. If I'd known earlier that they intended to play him, I'd have banned him from the ground and taken the consequences if the game was called off."

Borough manager Harry Manoe denied

## Diamonds are a cut above Wealdstone

Rushden & Diamonds 1  
Wealdstone 0

WEALDSTONE gave a good account of themselves in a low key friendly on Monday night against Beazer Homes League Premier Division leaders Rushden at their impressive Nene Park ground.

The only goal of the game was scored after 71 minutes by Watkins who earlier had two efforts outstandingly saved by Rob Tenkoraag. Terry Hibbert came closest to Stones with a good shot that was well saved by Rushden's ex-Brentford keeper Graham Benstead.

If Wealdstone win their Carlton Trophy match at Northwood on Tuesday, they will be at home to either Hungerford Town or Hampton in the quarter finals.

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## Xavier selected

HARROW Borough striker Mark Xavier has been named in the ICIS League side to play the Combined Services in a representative match at Worthing on February 7.

## Charles has six out for crucial match

WITH a remarkable six players missing through suspension, Wembley boss Glenn Charles has a giant headache for the crucial six pointer

against fellow strugglers Tooting at Vale Farm on Saturday.

Paul Shields, Steve Lawrence, Youssef Sakhraoui, Wayne Walters, Ashley Cumberbatch and Hurracia Willock will all be missing. John Granville is an injury doubt but hopes to be fit to play.

Charles is likely to give a debut match to Brian Hammett, while Gavin Childs is also expected to play, along with Sofiane Sardi, who has recovered from injury, and Darren Barry, who has returned

after a spell in Ireland.

Harrow Borough are also hit by suspensions for their visit to Kingstonian - a ground that has not been on their list of favourites in recent seasons.

David Clarke, Bob Dowde and Lee Endersby are all banned, but manager, Harry Manoe, is hopeful that both Jason Court and Nko Ekuku will be fit to play. Loan signings could be made if he still has problems.

Lee Walker is suspended and misses Wealdstone's visit

to Hertford on Saturday when Gordon Bartlett's team will be looking to make amends for their shock FA Cup demise earlier in the season.

Stones have signed midfielder Daniel Kirby from Ruislip Manor, while Lee Brown has returned to the club from Northwood as stand-by goalkeeper.

On form Kingsbury Town expect to be at full strength for their visit to Cove.

Edgeware Town take on Hemel at the White Lion ground.

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## Wilkins set to end injury agony in cup clash

CHRIS Wilkins ends a year long battle against injury on Saturday when he lines up for Wasps against minnows Winnington Park in the fifth round of the Pilkington Cup, writes Alan Bodenham.

The young flanker sustained a neck injury in a friendly fixture against Nottingham that kept him out of action for all of last season and the beginning of this.

It was a cruel blow for Wilkins, rated as one of the brightest back row

prospects in the country.

But the youngster battered back, sharpened his fitness in club fixtures before Christmas, and was in action again last Friday night in the 24-16 win at Northampton.

A knock to Peter Scrivener gives him his opportunity. Skipper Lawrence Dallaglio, fresh from international duty, goes back to No 8, allowing Wilkins the open side berth.

The match at Winnington is an all-ticket affair and a big crowd is expected for the Cheshire club's big day.

It really should be a formality, however, for Wasps to go into Monday's quarter final draw.

Coach Rob Smith is taking the match very seriously though.

"We are not going to approach this lightly," he said. "It's a big match for their players, they'll be playing their hearts out and we've got to be aware of this and not give them a sniff."

Meanwhile, a wall of silence surrounds last week's newspaper reports that link Wasps with Alan Sugar and Tottenham Hotspur.

Wasps officials remain tight lipped and the Spurs press office will make no comment whatsoever.

"No smoke without fire" is a phrase that springs to mind, but given the leak-proof conditions it suggests that if negotiations are in progress, they must be at a very delicate and sensitive stage.

Wasps members would have to be consulted on the outcome of any talks.

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## Wembley are shot down by 'old boy' Endersby

Wembley 2 Harrow Borough 3

THERE was no old pals old from Borough's Lee Endersby on Tuesday night as his two goal salvo put his former club out of the Middlesex Senior Cup in this second round replay, writes John Comfort.

Wembley were up against it from the very start after conceding a goal just 50 seconds from the kick off. Endersby's quickly taken free kick fell nicely for Neil Fraser but he completely missed the ball and it ran through to the onrushing Brian Jones who drilled a low shot past Kevin Beckles.

Fraser could have doubled Borough's lead five minutes later but he fired against a post. Gradually Wembley worked their way back into the game and after 36 minutes they drew level. Hurracia Willock's corner was nodded on by Steve Daly and Ian Bates headed over David Hook into the net.

Borough came close to regaining the lead before the break with Mark Xavier's cross-shot glancing off the woodwork and Endersby having a goalbound shot headed off the line.

A header from Wembley's Daly received similar treatment early on in a dour second half that seemed to be heading for extra time until Endersby struck with a superb goal in the 73rd minute. Xavier's cross was chested down by Fraser into the path of Endersby 20 yards from goal and he lashed a great shot past the flying Beckles into the net.

Youssef Sakhraoui blazed a good equalising chance over before Endersby struck again with 11 minutes remaining, coolly beating Beckles after being set up by Xavier.



Lee Endersby - his two goals put former club Wembley out of the cup.

J. B. Bates gave the Lions some hope by reducing the arrears in a scramble from a corner in the 82nd minute but Borough comfortably retained their lead in the closing minutes to earn a home tie with Uxbridge in the quarter finals.

Wembley: Beckles, Willock, Hollingdale, Walters, Daly, Granville (Sakhraoui), Lawrence, I. Bates (Barry), Smith, J. B. Bates, Fleming. Other subs: Ellis, Dowie, Clarke, Jones (Hurlock), Appiah, Robinson, Xavier, Fraser, Endersby. Other subs: Ellis, Bensted.

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