SPORT

Guinness is good for Nko

HARROW Borough striker Nko Ekoku is the star of a new Guinness commercial, filmed recently at the club's Earlsmead ground.

As the commercial, which features the brewery's new 'goals' promotion, is intended for the Cameroons market, it is unlikely to be seen here.

However, a special viewing at the Borough is being arranged on completion.

Shock death of sporting colleague

I WAS deeply saddened by the sudden death on Monday morning of Nick Clarke, the sports editor on the Observer's sister paper, the Uxbridge Gazette.

His South Harrow home is only a short distance from my own, and I bumped into him on Saturday morning, walking along the Northolt Road.

He was his usual cheerful self as we discussed, as we always did, the weekend's sporting events, and it was therefore a great shock to hear, two days later, that he had passed away.

A thoroughly dedicated and much liked member of our profession, he will be sadly missed.

JOHN COMFORT
Sports Editor

Stones stage sports quiz

WEALDSTONE FC Supporters Club will be holding its 1996 sports quiz on Thursday February 22 in the Main Hall of Edgware Town FC, commencing at 7.30pm.

Teams will be limited to four persons and the entry fee will be £10 per team. There will be trophies presented to the winners, runners up and the team which finishes third. There will also be a chance to win prizes in a half time raffle.

For further details contact David Albert on 203-5060.

League decider at Harrow RFC

RUGBY League comes to Harrow RFC's Grove Fields ground on Sunday when the London Broncos' Alliance League team meet Swinton in a match which will decide the League title. Kick off is at 2.30pm.

Daly leaves the Lions

TRANSFER-listed Wembley skipper Steve Daly has joined Premier Division Boreham Wood for an undisclosed four figure fee. He made his debut for the Hertfordshire club in their 1-1 draw at Harrow Borough on Saturday.

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Wasps could leave Sudbury

Moving out is option after Council reject their £2.5m stadium plans

WASPS could be forced to find a new home away from Sudbury after Brent Council last week rejected their plans for a new £2.5million stadium at their Repton Avenue Ground.

With the move into the professional era, the Courage League First Division club is desperate to build a stadium in keeping with their status as one of the country's top three clubs.

Wasps aquired 4.5 acres of extra land from Brent Council to enable them to carry out the proposed development but now Council planning committee officials have told the club to go back to the drawing board.

The club's plans included a new stand, which would involve moving the main pitch by 90 degrees, extra pitches and increased car parking. The improved facilities were to enable Wasps to become a regional centre for rugby excellence, as well as a sporting and social resource for the surrounding district.

But the planning committee, in the face of protests from local residents, have recommended a proper traffic management system for match days around Repton Avenue; complete closure of the Repton Avenue entrance to team coaches and pedestrians who might want to park in Repton and Eton Avenues; and scrapping moving the main pitch which would bring the stand nearer to neighbouring homes.

The decision left the chairman of Wasps ground development committee, Mark Rigby, saying: "Leaving the ground is now on the agenda. Wasps are looking at a number of options. There are two or three venues out of the borough we are looking at.

"This is a significant stumbling block and will hopefully be resolved. It impacts on the funding programme and puts the club in jeopardy."

Meanwhile, the rugby action still goes on. This Saturday Wasps play a Courage League game at Repton Avenue against Sale, kick off 3pm.

New date for cup clash

EDGWARE Town's Middlesex Charity Cup replay with Staines, was postponed on Tuesday night because of Staines' involvement in a rearranged league game at Heybridge.

The tie has now been set for Tuesday February 27 at White Lion ground.

Snowbound pitches put paid to Kingsbury's Charity Cup clash with Ruislip Manor and Wembley's League game at home to Leyton-Pennant.

Bruce put shirt on first scorer

HARROW Borough sponsors, Don Bruce Bookmakers, ran a free to enter 'name the first scorer' competition at the club's home game with Boreham Wood on Saturday.

The prize of a Borough replica shirt was won by club supporter Lee Murray.

Lions depleted hope for a Trophy upset

WITH a squad decimated by suspensions and injuries, **Wembley** are hardly going into Saturday's FA Umbro Trophy second round tie at home to Northwich Victoria in the best possible fashion.

But Lions manager Glen Charles feels that his team's chances of upsetting their Conference rivals are not totally without hope.

"Realistically, we have a chance," he said "but we'll need a molecule of luck for our game plan to bear fruit. If we approach it right, play positively, and make it difficult for them, all sorts of things will open up.

"It's important that we keep it tight for the first half hour, and don't concede an early goal. If it's still 0-0 at half time there's only going to be one manager screaming in the dressing room - and it won't be me."

Charles and his squad will tonight see a video of a previous Northwich game, loaned to them by Enfield, and will also get the lowdown on their opponents from former Wembley boss Alan Dafforn, who has seen them in action several times recently.

"Then we can plan for them accordingly," said Charles, "although I'm more concerned about our limited resources."

Those resources will see Wembley without Paul Shields, Wayne Walters, Youssef Sakhraoui, Hurracia Willock and Steve Lawrence, who are all suspended, and although Ashley Cumberbatch has completed his ban and could have played, a groin injury will keep him on the sidelines.

It means that Charles will again be relying on the youngsters to see Wembley through against a Northwich side who are managed by former Liverpool player Brian Kettle and are currently in 10th place in the Conference.

Despite last Saturday's woeful performance at bottom of the table Barking, Charles said that he was in good spirits and confident Wembley would avoid the drop.

"There's still half the season to go and I'm not despondent," he said. "I knew it would be difficult and it's proving that way. It's a rocky road but I'd put a lot of money on us staying up. It's a tall order but all we need is a good run of wins."

If a replay is required for the Trophy tie, it will take place at Northwich on Tuesday evening.

Trio missing as Borough head West

HARROW Borough journey west for a league game at Yeovil Town on Saturday with a side depleted by the absence of the suspended Dave Clarke and Lee Endersby, as well as centre back Bob Dowie, who will be away on business.

Jason Court and Frank Appiah suffered knocks against Boreham Wood but are expected to be fit to play.

Wealdstone have skipper Steve Croad back after suspension for Saturday's visit to Wingate and Finchley, but Ian Waugh is still banned. New signing Tony Knight could make his debut.

Keeper Rob Tenkorang has been disciplined for his non-appearance at last week's Cup game with Northwood and he now has competition for his place following the signing of 19 year old Andrew Hoare from Chesham.

Stones boss Gordon Bartlett sees victory on Saturday as vital if they are to stay in the promotion hunt. Stones still have to play all four clubs above them in the league table.

Full back James Moore has been released by Wealdstone.

Steve Newing, who made a considerable impression after coming on as substitute against Hungerford, is expected to be in the **Edgware Town** starting line up for their home game with Tilbury on Saturday.

Manager Jock McGleish has no injury problems but will still be without the suspended Danny Buckley.

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This week's soccer fixtures

Saturday February 10

FA Trophy second round: Wembley v Northwich Victoria (Vale Farm, 3pm).

ICIS League Premier Div: Yeovil Town v Harrow Borough.

ICIS League Div Two: Edgware Town v Tilbury (White Lion ground, 3pm).

ICIS League Div Three: Harlow Town v Kingsbury Town; Wingate & Finchley v Wealdstone.

Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Milton (Lucas Ave, 2.30pm).

Wednesday February 14

Middx Senior Cup: Harrow Borough v Uxbridge (Earlsmead, 7.30pm).

The latest League tables

ICIS LEAGUE

Premier Division

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Enfield	24	16	3	5	45	16	51
Dulwich Hamlet	23	14	6	3	53	31	48
Yeovil Tn	24	14	4	6	54	33	46
Boreham Wood	23	13	6	4	37	18	45
St Albans City	24	12	7	5	43	21	43
Kingstonian	24	12	7	5	37	18	43
Carshalton Ath	22	13	4	5	39	29	43
Hayes	23	10	9	4	35	19	39
Sutton Utd	24	10	8	6	43	31	38
Harrow Boro	**24**	**11**	**5**	**8**	**41**	**35**	**38**
Aylesbury Utd	22	10	7	5	37	23	37
Bishops Stort	23	8	7	8	31	29	31
Chertsey Tn	24	9	3	12	29	39	30
Hitchin	22	7	6	9	24	34	27
Reading	25	5	9	11	23	35	24
Grays Ath	22	5	7	10	28	36	22
Worthing	24	4	6	14	26	54	18
Walton & Hersh	22	5	2	15	21	41	17
Bromley	23	4	4	15	21	55	16
Molesey	23	4	3	16	19	50	15
Heridor	21	3	5	13	17	38	14
Purfleet	20	2	6	12	20	38	12

Division One

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Oxford City	23	17	2	4	50	31	53
Heybridge Sw	23	16	3	4	58	21	51
Staines Tn	23	11	6	6	46	41	39
Aldershot	22	11	5	6	50	26	38
Chesham Utd	26	9	8	9	33	27	35
Marlow	23	11	2	10	46	43	35
Billericay	21	10	5	6	27	25	35
Wokingham Tn	24	9	8	7	37	36	35
Leyton Pennant	23	10	4	9	38	36	34
Berkhamsted	24	9	7	8	29	29	34
Uxbridge	24	8	8	8	24	30	32
Bognor Regis	18	9	3	6	37	23	30
Whyteleafe	24	7	8	9	43	48	29
Basingstoke Tn	22	6	9	7	33	31	27
Barton Rovers	22	6	7	9	40	47	25
Maidenhead	22	6	7	9	24	33	25
Ruislip Manor	23	7	4	12	32	44	25
Abingdon Tn	25	7	4	14	39	56	25
Thame Utd	23	5	9	9	35	44	24
Tooting & Mitch	22	5	7	10	26	33	22
Wembley	**22**	**5**	**4**	**13**	**20**	**36**	**19**
Barking	23	3	8	12	25	52	17

Division Two

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Met Police	24	12	8	4	39	19	44
Collier Row	20	12	7	1	42	12	43
Wivenhoe	22	12	6	4	46	25	42
Banstead Ath	20	12	5	2	31	10	42
Croydon	23	13	3	7	45	26	42
Canvey Island	20	11	8	1	48	16	41
Hampton	19	9	7	3	34	26	34
Edgware Town	**23**	**9**	**5**	**9**	**47**	**42**	**34**
Cheshunt	24	8	7	9	38	48	31
Saffron Walden	23	7	6	10	36	32	27
Chalfont St P	20	6	9	5	31	27	27
Bedford Tn	21	6	7	8	37	45	25
Ware	22	6	6	10	33	47	24
Leatherhead	21	5	8	8	36	43	23
Hungerford	21	6	5	10	29	37	23
Bracknell	16	6	4	6	21	20	22
Tilbury	19	6	4	9	24	30	22
Witham	22	6	2	14	28	48	20
Egham Town	20	4	2	14	25	49	14
Hemel Hemp	20	3	4	13	24	40	13
Dorking	20	3	2	15	16	67	11

Division Three

	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts
Leighton Tn	22	15	4	3	54	21	49
Horsham	20	14	5	1	51	20	47
Windsor & E	19	13	3	3	67	26	42
Harlow	24	11	8	5	45	34	41
Wealdstone	**21**	**12**	**3**	**6**	**57**	**23**	**39**
Northwood	21	11	4	6	46	24	37
East Thurrock	22	10	5	8	33	29	35
Epsom & Ewell	19	9	7	3	44	23	34
Kingsbury Tn	**22**	**9**	**7**	**6**	**34**	**30**	**34**
Wingate & Finch	26	10	3	13	41	50	33
Tring Town	19	9	4	6	28	22	31
Aveley	20	8	5	7	28	27	29
Flackwell Hth	24	8	3	13	33	50	27
Camberley Tn	22	7	3	12	27	40	24
Lewes	21	6	4	11	30	45	22
Southall	22	6	3	13	22	60	21
Harefield Utd	20	6	2	12	28	50	20
Hornchurch	23	5	4	14	23	47	19
Clapton	21	5	3	13	27	42	18
Hertford Town	19	5	2	12	30	44	17
Cove	24	5	2	17	22	63	17

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