

SPORT

Last gasp bet scoops over £35,000 for punter

A PUNTER who rushed into a William Hill betting shop and placed a bet with seconds to go before the race started ended up winning £35,000.

The man - in his early twenties - rushed up to the counter of Hill's branch in Edgware and just managed to place his £10 each-way accumulator bet before the

6.10 at Uttoxeter got underway.

His selection, King of Shadows, won that race at odds of 25/1 and the punter then stayed in the shop, becoming more and more excited as his winnings mounted.

"The man - a regular visitor to the branch - had backed five horses in total

and as each one won his excitement grew," said William Hill spokesman Graham Sharpe. "After his final selection, My Nominee, won the 8.40 at Uttoxeter to give him winnings of £35,654.19, he refused to leave the shop until 9.30, insisting that staff kept confirming that he really had won!"

Melville is to manage Wasps



● New Wasps Director of Rugby, Nigel Melville.

NIGEL Melville has become the latest of the new breed of professional managers running the country's top Courage League First Division clubs, by joining Wasps as their Director of Rugby.

The former Wasps skipper and scrum half, who was the last player to captain England on his debut, is currently managing the rugby affairs of Otley RFC. It is believed that Wasps plc will be offering him a three year contract.

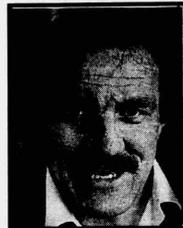
Another former England captain and Wasps star, Roger Uttley, is also returning to Repton Avenue next season to strengthen the club's management team.

Uttley, a sports master at Harrow School, is to become the club's non-executive chairman of playing.

Rob Smith will continue as the club's coach, but on a full time basis, as Wasps move ever onward into the professional era and look eagerly forward to next season's European adventure.

Wasps players scooped the top honours at the RFU's annual awards ceremony last week.

Club captain Lawrence Dallaglio, who played a leading part in England's Five Nations Championship success and is hotly tipped as the man to replace Will Carling as their skipper, was named as the England Player of the Year, while new signing, Alex King, won the Young Player of the Year award.



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● Lawrence Dallaglio, England Player of the Year.

Town start defence at home

HARROW Town begin their defence of the Mayor of Harrow's 20 Over Knockout Cricket Cup with a home tie against either Kodak or North London Poly in the second round of this season's competition, after receiving a first round bye.

Bessborough, beaten finalists last year, have a home game against Old Gaytonians in the first round, while Hartmore take on Harrow Weald in a second round match.

The competition is being sponsored this season by Kenton CC who will be staging the final at their Kenton Park Road ground on July 18.

The full draw is as follows: First round: Bessborough v Old Gaytonians, Kenton v Hatch End, Harrow v Lohana, Kodak v North London Poly.

Second round: Oakdale v Old Lyonians, Bessborough/Old Gaytonians v Wealdon, Starlight v Kenton/Hatch End, Stanmore v Harrow Weald, West Harrow v Belmont, Harrow/Lohana v Goodwill, Harrow Town v Kodak/North London Poly, Harrow St Marys v Acton Hill.

A clean sweep for Trojan

FOUR Trojan boxers were in action at the Alma Show in Hornchurch on Friday - and all won.

Jim Coffey had a good contest against W. Earl of Newham and won a majority decision, while Bernie Mongan used his jab well to earn a unanimous verdict in his bout against M. Ward of the host club.

Dave Sweeney was also a unanimous winner against T. O'Sullivan of Medway, and John Sweeney gave a good performance, landing a series of telling blows to the body and stopped his opponent, T. McDonagh of St Monicas, who retired at the end of the second round.

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'We've got our pride back' says Stones chairman

THE pride has returned to Wealdstone, chairman Paul Rumens told club members at last Thursday's sportman's dinner at the Jarvis Hotel, Watford, at which the guest speaker was former England, Leeds and Bolton striker, Frank Worthington.

"We may have missed out on promotion but we have achieved something," he said. "Prince Edward Playing Fields is our last opportunity to find a new home and a great many decisions will be made in the next few weeks."

Mr Rumens also indicated that there was good news on the horizon over a new home for the club. "1996 must see the final part of the jigsaw," he said. "Prince Edward Playing Fields is our last opportunity to find a new home and a great many decisions will be made in the next few weeks."

"D Day will arrive before the first game of next season and I can assure you we will do our utmost to ensure a new home for Wealdstone FC."

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James and Xavier take the Borough honours



● Sean James (right) receives the Player of the Year trophy from club president Jim Rogers (left) and chairman Jim Ripley.

TALENTED young defender Sean James and star striker Mark Xavier shared the top honours at Harrow Borough FC's presentation dinner and dance on Saturday, which was attended by over 130 club members and guests.

The consistently impressive form of James throughout the season secured him the evening's top award of the Player of the Year Trophy and the 21 year old also collected the Young Player of the Year award.

Xavier, whose 29 goals made him the ICIS Premier Division's top marksman, was a clear winner of the Golden Boot Award and he also took the Players' Player of the Year Trophy.

Awards for 100 appearances for the club



● Borough chairman Jim Ripley presents the Players' Player Trophy to Mark Xavier (right). The striker also won the club's Golden Boot award.

were made to defender Jason Court and winger Lee Endersby, who also received a special award to mark his recent international debut for England against Holland.

Borough boss Harry Manooch was also presented with a special award.

The Vice President's Player of the Year award was won by versatile midfielder/defender David Clark. Unfortunately he was not present to receive his trophy.

Award presentations were made by Borough's new chairman, Jim Ripley, together with club president, Jim Rogers, and Jamie Bruce of the club's main sponsors, Don Bruce Bookmakers.

Glen relishes challenge of Wembley repair job

DESPITE the sombre end to the 1995/96 campaign, there was a very positive mood during the Wembley FC end of season presentation evening on Saturday.

Manager, Glen Charles, admitted that there was a big repair job to be done, but he was relishing the challenge.

Club owners, Brian and Jean Gumm, were rewarded for assuring the club's solvency and future of the field.

The main award of the evening, the Players' Player of the Year, went to Wayne Walters, with Ashley Cumberbatch being runner-up.

The Supporters Player of the Year was Shaun Fleming, Ashley Cumberbatch again being runner up.

Reserve team keeper, Joe Glasgow, was named Clubman of the Year, while the Reserve Team Player of the Year was Dean Ellis.

Glen Metherell, who made several first team appearances towards the end of the season, won the Youth Team Player of the Year trophy, with Brendan Fahy taking the Youth team Players' Player of the Year award.



● Wayne Walters - Players' Player of the Year winner.

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