

SPORT

Allison and Worthington at Borough dinner

MALCOLM Allison and Frank Worthington are guests speakers on Thursday August 21 when Harrow Borough FC stage a Sportsman's Dinner in aid of the club's Floodlight Fund. Compete for the evening is top

connection, Mike Pugh. The other highlight of the evening is an auction of football memorabilia, including a full autographed Arsenal kit, footballs from Arsenal, Manchester United, Spurs and

Millwall and many other items from Premiership and League clubs. Tickets for the event are £30 each, which includes a four course dinner and 20 tickets for the evening's raffle. For bookings ring 423 5221.

Ace rebounder signs for Towers

EXIDE London Towers have signed 6' 7" forward James Hamilton from Worthing Bears, a member of last season's Budweiser League All Star team.

Hamilton was the Budweiser League's top rebounder last season, averaging 11.4 per game, as well as being the top offensive rebounder (ave 4.6 pg) and the third leading scorer, averaging 24 points per game.

He also ended the season within the top ten for defensive rebounds.

Towers coach, Kevin Cadle, enthused: "I was very impressed by Hamilton's fantastic season with the Bears. He is the top rebounder in the country. His skills will mean a new piece in the Towers' jigsaw."

25 year old Hamilton, born in Grand Blanc, Michigan, played for Iowa State University (1992-95).

Bradley University (1990-92) and arrived at the Bears from Gippsland, Australia.

Hamilton will help the Towers charge for the 1997/87 season as they bid to regain the league title and retain the Budweiser Championship, which they won for the first time last season, and the 7 UP Trophy for the third successive season.

The Towers' season begins at the

Sainsbury's Classic Basketball Tournament on September 6 and 7 at Wembley Arena where they will face the legendary Israeli team, Maccabi Tel Aviv, top Greek side AEK Athens and Red Star Belgrade from Yugoslavia.

Tickets are available from the Towers hotline on 0990 232052 or the Wembley box office on 0181 900 1234.

Predators are World beaters



World Champions, Stacey Steeves and Curtis Page of the Predators martial arts team of Harlesden with the magnificent trophies they won at the recent US Open World Championships in America. Altogether the Predators won a superb six World titles. Report on page 106. Picture by Sophie Powell.

Bob's boys bid to open account for the boss

HARROW Borough look to secure their first trophy under Bob Dowie's management tonight (Thursday) when they meet Northwood in the final of the Harrow Senior Cup at Northwood's Chestnut Avenue ground, kick off 7.30pm.

Northwood, contesting their second final in as many years in the competition, will doubtless be looking to avoid a repeat of last season's embarrassment. Then, they were humbled by rampant Edgware who took the trophy with a 6-0 victory.

However, having disposed of Rayners Lane by 7-2 in their semi-final, the Woods are clearly in goal form, so a decidedly closer final can be expected this time.

Borough, who were the first winners of the trophy two years ago, have injured defender Sean James doubtful for the final. Otherwise they should be at full strength.

Borough a good bet?

BOOKMAKERS William Hill have made Harrow Borough 6/6 outsiders to win the ICIS League's Premier Division Championship this season.

Title favourites at 5/4 are Kingstonian, who are now managed by former Woking boss Geoff Chapple. Last season's League runners up, Enfield, are priced at 7/2.

Bartlett gets new contract

Two year deal for champs' boss



Gordon Bartlett.

WINNING the ICIS League Division Three championship has been rewarded for Wealdstone boss Gordon Bartlett by a new two year contract.

The club was due to take up the year's option on his initial contract but chairman, Paul Rumens, has offered his manager, who joined them from Yeading two years ago, a new two year deal, which has been accepted.

With the likes of, Aldershot Town in the market for a top boss following the surprise departure of Steve Wigley, it is

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undoubtedly a timely move by Stones to secure the future of Bartlett.

Said Rumens: "Gordon is a very good manager, the best there is, and definitely the right man for Wealdstone."

Speaking after Stones lost 1-0 in a pre-season friendly at Kingsbury on Tuesday night, Bartlett said of the new contract: "I've only had the offer made verbally, so I haven't signed anything yet, but I can see no problems."

"I'm happy with the way things have been going - or at least I was before tonight's game!"

As well as securing their manager, Stones have also safeguarded two of their top players by putting them on contract.

The versatile Paul McKay, signed last season from Harrow Borough, and talented midfielder, Steve Bircham, have both signed two year deals.

Stones now have four players on contract. The others are goalkeeper, Darren Bonfield, and defender Stan Bowder.

Soccer fixtures

Thursday August 7
Harrow Senior Cup Final: Northwood v Harrow Borough (Northwood FC, Chestnut Ave, Northwood, 7.30pm).
Harrow Senior Cup 3rd/4th place play off: Edgware Town v Rayners Lane (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).
Saturday August 9
Friendlies: Wealdstone v Hendon (White Lion ground, 3pm); Tonbridge Angels v Edgware Town; Kingsbury Town v Bromley (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
Monday August 11
Friendly: Edgware Town v Boreham Wood (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).
Tuesday August 12
Friendly: Edgware Town v Hemel Hempstead (White Lion ground, 7.30pm).
Wednesday August 13
Friendly: Milton Keynes v Wealdstone (7.45pm).

Borough are sunk by second half goal surge

Harrow Boro' 2 Stevenage Boro' 4
HAVING dominated the first half of this friendly on Tuesday and gained the reward of a two goal lead, Harrow were undone in a ten minutes spell after the interval when Stevenage scored three times to turn the game around, writes Paul Davidson.

The hosts pushed forward from the start and took the lead in the 21st minute after a Chris Metcalfe shot was cleared off the line. From David Clarke's corner, Jason Court powered in a header.

Within a minute the lead was doubled, Pat Gavin knocking the ball down for Metcalfe to drive in a shot from outside the box.

Further scoring opportunities came and went for Harrow but the game began to turn away

from them after Jones fired home a 20 yard screamer to reduce the arrears for Stevenage a minute after the break.

Four minutes later a mistimed challenge by Court resulted in a penalty from which Buckley equalised.

Within a minute of making five substitutions, Harrow went a goal down. David Hook saved well from Buckley but the Stevenage striker followed up to net the rebound.

Harrow responded well and Jimmy Williams had a goal ruled out for handball before the visitors sealed victory in the 69th minute when Cotterill headed home.

Harrow Borough: Hook, Clarke, James (Benning), Court (Ekoku), McGuire (Coleman), Webster (Williams), Issott, Metcalfe (Mee), Gavin, Hooper (Rutherford), Paris.



Nko Ekoku in action for Harrow in Saturday's 1-0 win over Leicester City.

Town hand out a shock to Stones

Kingsbury Town 1 Wealdstone 0

AFTER conceding 12 goals in their two previous pre-season friendlies against Hendon and the Navy, Kingsbury would have been content to keep a clean sheet against their neighbours on Tuesday; winning as well was a completely unexpected bonus, writes John Comfort.

There didn't seem much prospect of that happening early on when a bright Stones start was heralded by Peter Green putting Terry Hibbert clear to round keeper Steve Davies and then fire against a post from an acute angle.

But Kingsbury gave as good as they got after that and scored the only goal of the game in the 32nd minute. With Randall Ambersley

challenging, Stones keeper James Bush failed to gather a loose ball in his area and Niall O'Rourke latched onto it and chipped it into the net. Impressive for Town were new signing from Dagenham and Redbridge, striker Darren Barry, and Johnny Kumah, the brother of former Kingsbury player, Nelson.

Star turn for Stones was Steve Bircham.

Kingsbury: Davies, O'Rourke, Loughlin, Evans, Child (Sonenthall), Morris, N'O'Rourke, Gillespie, Barry (Nelson), Kumah, Ambersley (Kelly).

Wealdstone: Bush, Galloway, Knight (Massey), Lamb (Leite), Waugh, Watkins (Richards), Hibbert (Yaku), Green (Boreham), Celaire, Bircham, Sterling.

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Borough Plate date

BESSBOROUGH and Hatch End will contest the final of the Mayor of Harrow's 20 over knockout cricket Plate at Harrow St Marys CC on Tuesday, starting at 5pm.

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