

PARTNERS

Looking to find romance

CLASSIFIEDS

one call does it all

PARTNERS

More variety More choice More options

Classifieds - Page 37

Remember the glory days

SPEEDWAY

The Way We Were - Page 16

Boxing star and pals draw up rescue package

HERBIE FIGHTS FOR LADS CLUB



by STACIA BRIGGS

FORMER world champion boxer Herbie Hide today pledged to fight to the final bell to save Norwich Lads Club as the "For sale sign" went up on the building.

Potential buyers have already shown interest in buying the King Street club when the doors close for the last time on August 31.

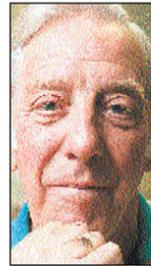
One interested buyer is believed to be a housing charity.

But Herbie, ex-boxer and cinema owner Les King and city businessman Kenny Cooke spent the weekend thrashing out plans to save the club. And now they have come up with an action plan.

Herbie said today: "I will fight for the Lads Club because it gave me the opportunity to box. Without it I might not be where I am today."

"We could save the club, but if it is being sold then our hands are tied. People are willing to fight for the club whatever it takes."

Herbie said he had been approached by countless boxing fans who were all begging



RONNIE BROOKS: grateful for offer of help but still fears for club's future.

him to help save the 78-year-old club. "Kids should have opportunities, and the club gives them those opportunities," he said.

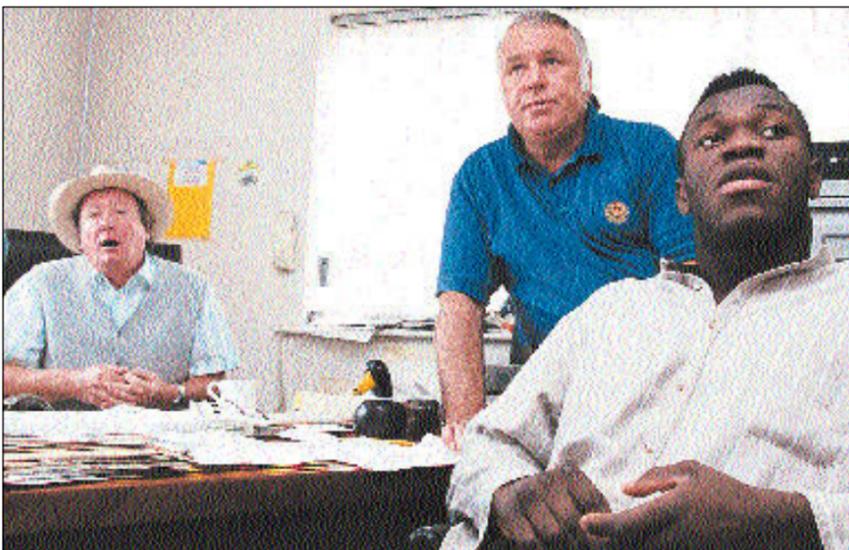
Plans to save the club drawn up by Herbie, Mr King and Mr Cooke, who runs Dolphin Autos in Nelson Street, include:

- Running the club on a voluntary basis.
- Charging organisations more to use facilities.
- Organising an exhibition boxing match starring Herbie.
- Ploughing cash from city businesses into the club.

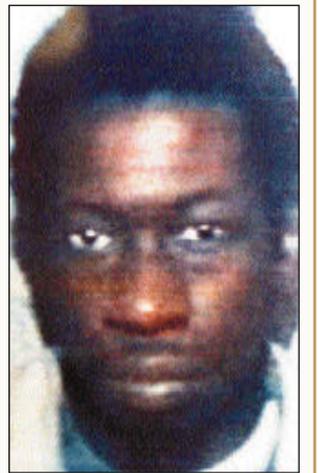
Lads Club manager Ronnie Brooks said he was grateful for Herbie's backing but said: "The problem is we need to find £1000 a week to keep this place open. It's just impossible."

He said the club had lost £15,000 council funding and been asked to spend £20,000 on safety improvements.

► Turn to page 3



KEEN TO HELP: Boxing star Herbie Hide (right) with Kenny Cooke (left) and Les King, who want to save Norwich Lads Club.



'Protect our schools' plea

ANXIOUS parents and teachers today called for more Government cash to be made available to protect children in the Norwich area as police released this picture of Horrett Irving Campbell, the man they want to interview in connection with the machete attack at a Wolverhampton infants school.

■ Story — page 2

Search goes on

POLICE were granted more time today to question the father of murdered nine-year-old Jade Matthews (pictured). Her natural father,



Alan Priest, was detained in custody overnight after being arrested when Jade's body was found yesterday. Police today

were granted an extra 12 hours to question him by a superintendent.

■ Story — page 2

A friend indeed

KIND pensioner Joan Mortimer is rallying people living in a Norwich flats complex to collect cash to help a young mum replace furniture after a fire.



■ Story — page 4

● GOT A STORY? THEN GIVE OUR NEWSDESK A CALL ON NORWICH 772443

CARPETS

Free quotations No obligation

SUPER DEALS ON WHOLE HOUSES

226-236 Sprowston Road



OPEN 7 DAYS

CARPETS

Come and see our new range Natural Flooring from Crucial Trading

Norwich Tel. 488082