

Observer SPORT

Adams quits as Boro' reserve boss

KEITH Chamberlin has appointed a new manager for Harrow Borough's reserve side after Duncan Adams left the club by mutual agreement. Chamberlin refused to disclose the reasons for Adams' departure, saying instead: "I was most grateful to Duncan for his work in helping build up a new reserve

side but for a few reasons we had to mutually agree to change the manager." Adams, whose son Mark plays for Borough, was in charge of Edgware Town's reserve side last season. His replacement is 25-year-old Steve Hawkins. He got off to a good start with a 2-1 win over Laings on Thursday.

Club waits for AAA decision on disgraced star

DRUGS BAN COULD PUT GAYTS TOP

Skipper LaRonde to miss kick-off

NEW Wealdstone club captain Everalld LaRonde will miss the start of the season. LaRonde, 28-year-old former West Ham, Bournemouth and Dagenham player, is still recovering from a cartilage operation at the end of last season.

He is currently in light training and is due to see a specialist at the end of August. He is expected to start playing some time in September.

Meanwhile Stones' mercurial winger Tony Lynch injured an ankle in a five a side tournament at the weekend and missed Tuesday's friendly at Leyton-Wingate.

THE player exodus continues from Wembley. Manager Tony Waugh has lost two more players in addition to the four who have joined former boss Alan Dafforn at Kingsbury.



TONY LYNCH

Full back Charlie Fiherty has joined newly-promoted Vauxhall-Opel division one side Chalfont St Peter and centre back Bryan Kearns has moved to Dagenham.

Edgware's former captain Vince Dertis is training with Boreham Wood and looks set to re-join them.

OLD Gaytonians Athletic Club's promotion prospects have been given a massive boost by the life ban of star pole vaulter Jeff Gutteridge for taking illegal drugs.

Gutteridge, a former Commonwealth Games silver medallist, competes for Gayts' rivals Windsor in the British League third division. Windsor currently top the table with Gayts in second place. But he was last week banned for life for taking the body-building anabolic steroids, writes Aaron Gransby.

Windsor have already been told that Gutteridge will not be able to compete for them in the final and decisive British League match at Luton a week on Saturday.

And now the Amateur Athletic Association is considering whether to take away all the points Gutteridge has won since the drug test was administered in the Canary Islands in April.

He has competed in two league meetings since the test, scoring 26 points for Windsor. If his points are taken away, Gayts will move above Windsor into top spot, with just one league match remaining.

That is at Luton on Saturday week. To win promotion to division two, Gayts must finish in the top two of the third division. As well as Windsor, they have Hillingdon breathing closely down their necks.

Gayts' team manager Tony Bush explained that the delay between the drug test in April and the announcement last week was due to the volume of work being

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Gayts' manager Tony Bush

carried out by the British Athletics Board into drug-taking.

He said: "If he cheated, as he was found to have done, then it makes sense that the points should be taken away from the date of the test, not the date of the announcement, which was purely arbitrary."

But he had some sympathy for Gutteridge's club, Windsor. "It's tough on them."

Gutteridge has been reported as intending to appeal against the ban. But he has already been told that even if he does he will not be able to compete at Luton. A decision on the points he has won is expected within a week.



Americans add touch of cheer

THE beauties and the beasts took over Wembley Stadium on Sunday as more than 70,000 people watched Miami Dolphins and San Francisco 49ers battle it out in American Bowl '88.

A bevy of beautiful cheerleaders, like the one pictured above, added a touch of glamour to the occasion. But the real attraction for the fans was out on the pitch.

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Wilkins' head start

Leyton-Wingate 2 Wealdstone 2

WEALDSTONE threw away a two-goal lead in their first pre-season friendly at Leyton-Wingate on Tuesday night.

Paul Wilkins got his Stones career off to a perfect start, heading home a Richard Greene corner after four minutes.

Greene himself made it two in the 34th minute but ten minutes into the second half, Leyton-Wingate replied through Jon Boile. They equalised eight minutes from time when Kevin Foster fumbled a shot and Pat Gordon nipped in.

Viking Sports 0, Harrow Borough 7

Lawrence Holmes and Mark Adams both scored twice as Harrow Borough began their pre-season warm-up by crushing Viking Sports.

Ronnie Tully hit his first goal for enough as did Francis Cassidy and Matt Luddy also netted.

Berkhamsted Town 0, Harrow Borough 2

Borough continued their build-up with a comfortable win at Berkhamsted on Saturday. Ronnie Tully and Matt Luddy scored the goals.

Ruislip 3 Wembley 2

Wembley side lost at Ruislip on Tuesday, with three goals coming in the last ten minutes.

Gary Dolling put Wembley ahead in the 25th minute, but Ruislip replied in the 52nd and 80th minutes.

A third goal two minutes from time looked to have settled it, but Wembley replied through Smith.

Ruislip Manor 0 Kingsbury Town 1

A 35th minute Gursel Gulfer goal earned Kingsbury a win at Ruislip Manor on Tuesday.

Fulham fixture

FULHAM bring their full first team to Barlismead to play Harrow Borough on Wednesday evening, in the most attractive of the local pre-season matches.

Former Scottish international Alan Brazil has just signed for Chelmsford and should be in their side that plays at Wembley on Monday.

The full list of local matches this week is:

Today: Kingsbury Town v QPR XI (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm), Welwyn Garden City v Rayners Lane.

Saturday August 6: Wealdstone v Witton Albion (Lower Mead, 3pm), Wycombe Wanderers v Harrow Borough, Wembley v Wingate (Vale Farm, 3pm), Edgware Town v Laings (White Lion Ground, 3pm), Sudbury Town (Suffolk) v Kingsbury Town.

Monday August 8: Wembley v Chelmsford (Vale Farm, 7.30pm).

Tuesday August 9: Wealdstone v Edgware Town (Lower Mead, 7.30pm), Kingsbury Town v Hendon (Silver Jubilee Park, 7.30pm), Rayners Lane v Northwood (Lucas Avenue, 7.30pm).

Wednesday August 10: Harrow Borough v Fulham (Barlismead, 7.30pm).

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