

# observer SPORT



• Sam Nchinda.

## Olympian Sam goes out in heats

SAM Nchinda placed a respectable fifth out of eight runners in the first round of the 100 metres at the Olympic Games in Seoul on Friday. Nchinda finished fourth in the first round of the 200 metres on Monday to qualify for the second round as one of the fastest losers. He could manage only eighth in the second round heat but will be pleased to have progressed so far and to rank among the top 40 in the world at his second best event.

Drawn next to the eventual bronze medallist Linford Christie, the Gays sprinter had a poor start but recovered to record the good time of 10.60, a little below his best.

Sam missed out on a place in the second round by just 0.04 of a second, with 10.56 being

# Boro' slip into bottom five but.... 'No crisis' says boss



• Keith Chamberlin  
"No crisis at Borough."

HARROW Borough manager Keith Chamberlin this week denied the club was in crisis as it lurched into the bottom five of the Vauxhall-Opel premier division.

Borough have not won a league game since the opening day of the season, when they beat Marlow, currently the bottom club, 3-2. And they have also crashed out of two cup competitions, the Premier Inter League Cup to Croydon and the FA Cup at first division side Sluisnes.

Borough have just one win from eight league games and their only other competitive victory came against an injury-hit Hayes side deprived of any recognised strikers in the AC Delco Cup.

And two of their most experienced players, regular top scorer and fans' favourite Lawrence Holmes and former Brentford left back Robbie Johnson, have been put on the transfer list, along with talented forward Matt Loddy.

Towards the end of last season, manager Chamberlin survived a crisis meeting called by the board to discuss his future. But he was told

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he would have to do better after Borough had ploughed through yet another unsuccessful season.

Now there is confusion within the club about who is actually in charge of the team. Chamberlin is still officially the manager, Steve Emmanuel is player-assistant manager, but coach Alan Randall takes charge of the team on match-days.

But Chamberlin says there is no crisis at the club and does not feel his position is under threat.

"You don't look at the league table until after 12 games. I am sure things will even themselves out and we can make judgements after that."

"At the moment we are re-building the side and are in a transitional period and I am sure that Harrow Borough supporters will recognise this and be sympathetic," he says.

## No Hart break at Kingsbury

MARK Hart has climbed down and withdrawn his resignation as chairman of Kingsbury Town.

He had previously quit as chairman on Saturday of last week when Town visited Wokingham in the FA Cup after a row over his travelling arrangements for the game.

But he has now changed his mind and will continue at the Silver Jubilee Park club, currently riding high in division one of the Vauxhall-Opel League.

An official statement, issued through press officer Mark Jones, said: "Mark Hart has withdrawn his resignation and all further questions should be addressed to him personally."



• Mark Hart - not quitting after all.

## Cambridge join race for Johnson

BARCLAYS League side Cambridge United are the new favourites in the race to sign Harrow Borough's transfer-listed left back Robbie Johnson.

Johnson, who is also a target of Wealdstone manager Tony Jennings, has been the subject of interest from United for about a month and this week spent two days training with them.

However, there have been no enquiries yet for striker Matt Loddy, slipped on the list last week, and no further progress with Lawrence Holmes, who is also no longer wanted by Borough.

## That old one-two



Sylvester Williams (left) heads home Wembley's first goal in Saturday's 2-1 FA Trophy win over Chesham.



Chesham keeper Casey comes out too late to prevent Steve Smith from heading Wembley's second goal.

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## Stones face another testing cup clash

WEALDSTONE and Wembley continue on the FA Cup trail on Saturday, when they face 2nd qualifying round matches.

Wealdstone entertain United Counties League side Arlesey Town at Lower Mead. Arlesey were surprise conquerors of Met Police in the previous round and Stones will have to give a better performance than they did in just disposing of Vauxhall Motors two weeks ago to get through.

Flu victim Paul Wilkins could well return to the attack and midfielder Mark Lawrence, who was unavailable for last week's match with Bromsgrove, should also be back.

On Tuesday, Stones face their first test against Vauxhall Conference opposition since being relegated, when they entertain struggling Aylesbury United in the first round proper of the Premier Inter League Cup (formerly the GMAC Cup).

Wembley travel to Spartan League Hanwell Town, who put out Erith in the last round,

for their FA Cup tie. Harry Hutchinson is carrying a leg injury which may keep him out, but John Walsh and Steve Ray are both fit and fighting to win back their places.

Meanwhile, Harrow Borough are at home to Croydon in the Vauxhall-Opel premier division. Lee Humer is likely to start in goal as Stuart MacKenzie is still very doubtful through injury. Stuart Howard is injured, so Steve Mowle could come in at left back, and Greg West will keep his place alongside Jimmy Bolton up front.

Also in the Vauxhall-Opel League, second-placed Kingsbury Town are at home to mid-table Chalfont St Peter, in a division one game re-arranged from Tuesday.

And Edgware Town's problems also continue to pile up. They travel to Thamesmead in the Spartan League without Lee Bingley, Mark Bridges, Lee Rider, John Adams, Andy Gerardi, Steve Long and Kevin Charalambos.

Rayners Lane play Didcot Town at Lucas Avenue in the Federated Homes League.

### Soccer fixtures

**Saturday October 1**  
FA Cup 2nd qualifying round: Wealdstone v Arlesey Town (Lower Mead, 3pm), Hanwell Town v Wembley.  
Vauxhall-Opel League premier division: Harrow Borough v Croydon (Earlmead, 3pm).  
Vauxhall-Opel League division one: Kingsbury Town v Chalfont St Peter (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).  
Federated Homes League premier division: Rayners Lane v Didcot Town (Lucas Avenue, 3pm).  
Queen King Spartan League premier division: Thamesmead v Edgware Town.  
Middlesex County League: Maple Cross v Heston St Marys.

**Tuesday October 4**  
Premier Inter League Cup first round: Wealdstone v Aylesbury United (Lower Mead, 7.30pm, or away to Arlesey in FA Cup replay if needed).  
Vauxhall-Opel League division one: Wembley v Basingdon (or Hanwell Town in FA Cup replay if needed, Vale Farm, 7.30pm).

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