

# observer SPORT

## Goal a game Lynch leaves it late

**Wealdstone 2 Aylesbury United 0**  
TONY Lynch left it late but still managed to keep up his goal-every-game start to the season as Stones turned over Conference strugglers Aylesbury in the Clubcall Cup on Tuesday night, writes Aaron

Gransby. The competition, formerly the OMAC Cup and then the Premier Inter League Cup, now has a new name. But Stones fans voted with their feet on this pointless competition, a crowd of only 293 watching the game.

Wealdstone took the lead two minutes before half time when Samson Olaleye won the ball in the middle of the pitch. Corey Browns took it up and lofted a superb pass back into Olaleye's path for the striker to shoot home despite keeper Tim Garner's

valiant effort. Substitute Paul Wilkins shot strongly across goal and had an effort cleared off the line as Stones pressed for a second goal to kill the tie.

Then a minute from time Tony Lynch finally struck. He beat the entire visitors' defence before backtracking and swung in a typical shot from the edge of the box past Garner to seal the match.

**Wealdstone:** Williams, Bailey, Harrison, Risk, Corbin (Wilkins), La Ronda, Brown, Morris, Lawrence, Olaleye, Lynch, Sub: Cordie.

## Chamberlin takes new post and Randall quits in big shake up

# BORO' IN HUNT FOR NEW BOSS

CRISIS club Harrow Borough are searching for a new manager this week after Keith Chamberlin suddenly quit as team boss to become general manager and coach Alan Randall sensationally resigned.

At a board meeting on Monday night, Borough's directors accepted Randall's resignation, tendered on Saturday after the 0-3 home defeat by lowly Croydon, and agreed to change Chamberlin's job title to general football manager.

To all intents and purposes, 37-year-old Chamberlin had been doing the job for some months already, with Randall in charge of team affairs. But a statement issued after the meeting officially confirmed the end of Chamberlin's three-year reign as first team manager.

The statement, in the name of club chairman Eric May, said: "The club is now considering applications for the post of 1st XI team manager and is hopeful of making an appointment in the very near future."



BY AARON GRANSBY

The timing of the announcement was significant. Pressure had been building up on the management duo for weeks, but the final nail in their coffins was Borough's defeat by fellow strugglers Croydon. It left the once-proud club in the bottom five of the Vauxhall-Opel League premier division, with just one win from nine games, and already out of two cup competitions, including the FA Cup.

Randall said of his decision to leave: "I felt there was no more I could do for the club and consequently decided to resign."

Chamberlin, meanwhile, says it was his own

decision to move to the newly-created post of general manager.

"I put the idea to the board in the first place and it is something I have wanted to do since the summer. I think it is the right move for the club and it is time someone else had a go now."

"I still think the partnership of myself and Alan Randall was a good one but it did not work with our existing players. Changes had to be made and they had to be made now rather than later on, so the new manager has a chance to get things right," said Chamberlin, who is also a director of Borough.

His new post of general manager means he has to make sure the football side of the club runs smoothly. "I will deal with players' contracts and the administrative side. The new manager will have complete control over the team and will not have to worry about anything else."



Keith Chamberlin - relinquished the manager's job to take on a new role.



Alan Randall - quit his job as team coach.

## Barnes the front runner for Earlsmead hot seat?

COLIN Barnes is emerging as one of the favourites for the vacant job as Harrow Borough manager.

Barnes, the boss of Besser Homes League Burnham, has previously been with Hounslow, Harfield, Hillingdon and Rushall. He was mentioned for the Borough post three years ago when Mick Tomkys retired and has been seen at Earlsmead this week.

But Mick Tomkys, the most successful manager in Borough's history, has ruled himself out of a return to his old club. And in doing so, he launched an amazing attack on the way the club has been run.

"I welcome the news as the slump at the Borough has reached alarming proportions. Keith Chamberlin probably deserved the chance to manage a successful side but the job has proved patently beyond him and action could well have been taken long before now," he said.

"The delay means that the new man has a king-sized task on his hands and will first need to concentrate his efforts on keeping the club in the premier division. With the present set-up that appears to be no foregone conclusion."

"It is not my practice to apply for jobs and in any

event it is always difficult to re-tread old ground. My heart remains with the Borough however, but all I can do at the moment is to wish the club every success and a speedy return to championship status."

Another Borough old boy who will be in the running is Hayes manager Harry Manoe. He told the Observer this week: "I have never seriously considered going back to Harrow, but I wouldn't rule myself out." Manoe is sure to have many supporters among the Borough faithful.

His predecessor at Hayes, George Goode, who also managed Addlestone, will be applying. He has been out of the game for a year and a half, but said: "Yes, I would be interested in the job. I miss the involvement and it's time I gave it another stab."

Ex-Kingsbury boss Terry Dixon will be another contender and his successor at Silver Jubilee Park Alan Dafforn cannot be ruled out of the reckoning.

Others on the short list could include Borough's current player-assistant manager Steve Emmanuel and former Ipswich and Chelsea star Colin Viljoen, who nearly became Borough's coach last year.

## Transfer trio are set to go

HARROW Borough's three transfer-listed players are all likely to move this week despite the uncertainty over the manager's position.

Striker Lawrence Holmes has agreed terms with Leytonstone-Liford and it is now remains for the clubs to agree a deal, and Matt Luddy has been given permission to speak to Windsor as Borough have accepted an offer from the Berkshire club.

Full back Robbie Johnson looks certain to turn professional with Fourth Division Cambridge United. A final decision is expected today.

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## Borough have a keeper problem

MANAGERLESS Harrow Borough have goalkeeping problems as they face a Slough side that will include former Burnham players Bobby Doh, Trevor How and Ray Duffy.

Smart MacKenzie is probably out so Wealdstone's Kevin Foster may be called up on loan once again. Striker Greg West is out for at least a month and is likely to need a cartilage operation after being injured against Croydon on Saturday.

Wealdstone return to Besser Homes League action with a home game against Leicester United. Solomon Eriemo, Lance O'Brien and Dennis Byatt, now recovering from a knee operation, are all still out.

Kingsbury Town face Wembley in a Vauxhall-Opel League local derby, with Town boss Alan Dafforn and several of his players facing their old club.

Malcolm White is missing from the Kingsbury line-up with a foot injury, but Dwight Marshall is expected to have recovered from flu. John

Walsh is still unfit for the Lions and Steve Smith is doubtful with a back injury. But Paul Bryan is likely to return.

Raysers Lane manager Don Durkin has almost his full squad to choose from for the first time this season. Only Lee Randall and Russell Payne (groin injuries) are missing for Saturday's FA Vase preliminary round game at Royston Town.

Edgware Town are also playing in the FA Vase, at Berkhamshead. Manager Brian Rider expects to have Gary Allen, Steve Long and Leo Rider back, while Paul Smith has returned to the club and could play.

## Soccer fixtures

Saturday October 8

Besser Homes League premier division: Wealdstone v Leicester United (Lower Mead, Spn).  
Vauxhall-Opel League premier division: Slough Town v Harrow Borough.

Vauxhall-Opel League division one: Kingsbury Town v Wembley (Silver Jubilee Park, Spn).  
FA Vase preliminary round: Berkhamshead v Edgware Town; Raysers Lane v Raysers Lane.

Middlesex County League: Harrow St Marys v Connaught (Roxborough Road, Spn).  
Tuesday October 11  
Vauxhall-Opel League premier division: Windsor and Eton v Harrow Borough.

Westsex Insurance Cup first round first leg: Ruislip v Wealdstone.

Wednesday October 12  
Greene King Spartan League premier division: Edgware Town v Harrow Town (or FA Vase replay) Berkhamshead, White Lion Ground, 7.30pm.

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