

# observer SPORT

## Parkside are National champs

PARKSIDE AC's senior squad clinched the national cross-country team title on Saturday, beating favourites Birchfield in style at Birmingham.

They beat 79 teams from all over Britain to scoop the coveted trophy after finishing the day on 56 points - just three ahead of Birchfield.

Now Parkside will be competing in the European club team champion-

ships as Britain's representatives.

Christine Kennedy ran a magnificent race to take the individual bronze medal with an impressive run while Alison Wyeth finished 7th, Andrea Whitcombe 10th and Gabby Kaminski 36th.

Parkside's girls team finished 8th out of 53 teams in the championships.

Thalia Beston came 96th, Leona Sydney 106th, Alexis Coleman 107th,

Fay Burden 115th, Lynne Bennett 441st.

In the minor girls race Caroline Brown came 122nd, Liz Bowers 253rd, Naomi Koten 351st, Georgina Scaries 415th, Suzanne Miller 455th, and Claire Moore 456th.

Hannah Bowers came 171st in the intermediate race with Sinead Harrell 212th and Karen Hutcheson 239th.

## Bateman's goal puts Boro' on the way up

**Harrow Borough 2 Dulwich Hamlet 1**

BOROUGH'S lift-off from the Premier Division danger zone continued on Tuesday night with this crucial win over fellow strugglers Dulwich, writes John Comfort.

But while Saturday's success against Grays was achieved with an inspired and impressive performance, on this occasion it took a patient, hard grafting display to finally break down a Dulwich side which appeared content for the most part just to avoid defeat.

However, justice prevailed against these dull, dowdy tactics thanks to a majestic solo goal from Jimmy Bolton and a winner via the trusty forehead of Steve Bateman.

Borough began in bright fashion, threatening to overrun the visitors with Gleeson stabbing just wide after keeper Sullivan had dropped a Cassidy corner and Hardy heading just over from a Cassidy free kick.

Defender Kingston had to hook the ball away to deny Gleeson when Sullivan dropped another Cassidy corner and just before the break Phil Dicker's cross presented Bolton with a clear chance only for him to shoot tamely at Sullivan, but generally Borough were finding life hard against a tight packed Hamlet defence.

Although Poultney had to come out and block Nobilly's shot following a poor back pass from Dicker, the second half was of similar vein and it took a superb Bolton run to finally prize open the visitors' defence in the 68th minute. Picking up the ball just inside the Dulwich half, he jinked past a posse of defenders before firing home a low shot from 15 yards.

Eight minutes later a rush of blood by Poultney as he raced crazily from his goal to try and cut off Ward's break on the right cost Borough their lead as the winger's cross left Lewis with an open goal to head into.

Three minutes late Bateman headed home a Cassidy cross to restore the Borough lead and although they had a few anxious moments in the remaining minutes, they held on for a deserved victory.

**Harrow Borough:** Poultney, Payne, Flynn, Bateman, Gleeson, Scott (Evans), Hopsop, Bolton, Hardy, Cassidy, Dicker. Sub: Gravette.

# 'We'll beat drop' says Chamberlin

HARROW Borough have finally turned the corner and will avoid the big drop from the Premier Division of the Vauxhall Opel League.

After successive wins over high flying Grays Athletic and fellow strugglers Dulwich Hamlet, that is the confident prediction of manager Keith Chamberlin, the man entrusted with the unenviable task of saving the club following the recent sacking of Alan Mayes.

A month ago the despondent mood at Earlsmead was one of virtual resignation to the inevitable both on and off the field. Now the club is brimful of confidence as the daylight at last starts to appear between Borough and the precarious perch they formerly occupied among the would-be drop outs.

"Yes, we're confident we can stay up," says Chamber-

lin, "after two good wins we have to be.

"We've still got a fair bit to do but we've obviously got the players now who can do the business and the team spirit is tremendous."

The team itself is virtually unrecognisable from that of a month ago. Goalkeeper Mark Poultney and ex-Wealdstone midfielder Maryn Hirst have arrived from Tooting. Duncan Hardy has signed from Hendon while centre back Rory Gleeson has been brought in to tighten up a defence which still has the useful Andy Waddock waiting on the sidelines through injury.

Paul Flynn, Mark Hopsop, Robert Haynes and Stuart Howard have all been promoted from the reserves to vye for first team places and Chamberlin further bolstered his squad this week by signing 20 year old former Tottenham striker Wayne Gravette on a month's loan from Maidenhead United as well as getting back midfielder Eamonn O'Connor from Kingsbury who left in disaffected mood during the reign of Alan Mayes.



BY JOHN COMFORT

With such a proliferation of players at the club, speculation will now surely start as to the likelihood of departures, but Chamberlin declines to be drawn on the subject.

"We've got a lot of players here and I've got to take stock of the situation, looking at those who are playing as well as those who aren't," he said.

"Obviously the ones who are not in the side won't be happy to play in the reserves forever but no decision has been made yet about any players. That is for others to speculate."

But whatever decisions Chamberlin finally makes about his squad, the recent change of playing system seems to have worked wonders and Borough's Premier Division future is at long last beginning to have a more assured look about it.



Confident that Boro' can avoid relegation - Keith Chamberlin.

## League tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts			
VS Rugby	26	16	5	5	37	21	53			
Dartford	26	15	6	5	35	24	51			
Cambridge City	31	12	9	10	53	41	45			
Bromsgrove Rovers	27	11	10	6	55	36	43			
Dover Athletic	22	12	6	4	43	23	42			
Gosport Borough	23	12	6	5	42	32	42			
Burton Albion	28	11	8	9	51	46	41			
Worcester City	27	10	6	10	40	35	38			
Corby Town	29	11	8	9	37	39	41			
Moortown	28	11	6	11	43	52	39			
Methur Tyell	23	10	8	8	43	40	38			
Ashford Town	22	10	8	8	43	40	38			
Bath City	29	9	10	10	47	40	37			
Dorchester Town	29	8	12	7	32	37	37			
Crawley Town	27	8	12	6	36	33	36			
Wealdstone	26	8	8	9	36	32	35			
Alvechurch	28	10	5	13	41	44	35			
Farnham Town	28	10	4	12	29	37	34			
Waterlooville	26	8	7	11	38	46	31			
Leicester United	27	4	6	17	31	50	18			
Buckton United	29	4	4	21	23	44	16			
Bedworth United	29	2	4	23	23	68	10			

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts			
Farnborough Town	30	18	8	4	53	33	62			
Leytonstone Ilford	30	17	4	9	45	30	55			
Slough Town	30	17	2	12	55	41	45			
Bishop's Cleeve	29	14	8	7	34	21	50			
Kingstonian	29	14	8	7	34	21	50			
Grays Athletic	28	14	8	6	43	32	50			
Hendon	28	11	10	8	35	29	43			
Merkingham	28	11	10	8	35	29	43			
Carshalton Athletic	24	11	8	5	30	19	41			
Leyton-Wingate	29	11	8	8	40	35	41			
Bognor Regis Town	29	12	5	5	21	28	41			
Windsor & Eton	28	10	9	9	34	33	39			
King's Lynn	30	9	9	12	46	41	36			
Hayes	30	9	8	13	35	36	36			
Bromley	31	7	12	12	42	40	33			
Dagenham	30	8	9	13	35	49	33			
St Albans City	29	8	13	13	35	34	32			
Dulwich Hamlet	28	7	6	15	38	39	27			
Harrow Borough	30	6	8	16	36	62	26			
Tooting & Mitcham	29	4	4	16	29	51	25			
Croydon	30	4	7	19	16	43	19			
Marlow	29	3	7	19	28	65	16			

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE										
Division One										
	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts			
Staines Town	27	19	6	3	54	19	60			
Basingstoke Town	26	16	6	4	57	23	54			
Kingsbury Town	29	16	6	5	43	33	53			
Lewes	29	16	5	8	54	43	53			
Wivenhoe Town	25	15	3	7	44	28	48			
Woking Town	24	12	4	14	44	21	44			
Hitchin Town	28	12	9	7	43	28	45			
Boreham Wood	28	12	7	9	43	36	43			
Watton & Hensham	24	12	4	14	35	25	42			
Uxbridge	27	12	5	10	38	35	41			
Leatherhead	27	12	4	11	43	35	40			
Wembley	27	11	12	12	28	41	37			
Metropolitan Police	27	9	5	14	33	49	32			
Chesham United	27	8	6	13	34	51	30			
Southwick	24	7	8	9	30	30	29			
Chalfont St Giles	27	7	13	13	38	28	28			
Worthing	29	6	7	16	35	61	25			
Bracknell Town	29	6	8	17	25	45	24			
Hampden	28	4	4	16	29	28	21			
Basildon United	28	5	6	17	25	50	21			
Collier Row	25	5	6	15	25	56	21			

## Waterman is new Wembley skipper

PETER Waterman has taken over as the new captain of Wembley Cricket Club. Waterman, who spent a season with the Surrey County Club, replaces John Haskell whose four year reign ended last season when he skippered the first XI to the Blue Arrow Championship.

New first XI vice-captain is Gordon Chetwood who has also taken over as the club's secretary from John Malley. Malcolm Simons continues in charge of the Wembley second XI while Tony Smith, who will lead the third XI, has taken over the chairmanship of the club

from John Miller. In the National Cockerup Cock draw Wembley have been drawn to play Staines on Thursday May 4 and in the Middlesex Grosvenor Cup they play the winners of the Hayes/Uxbridge tie on Saturday June 10.

## Poly into County Cup final

NORTH London Polytechnic are through to the final of the Middlesex Cup after a fine 5-2 semi final win over Teddington.

The successful Poly trio of mixed doubles pairings were Neil Dyson and Sue Carter, Lee rider and Amanda Margerrison, and Darren Quilty and Linda Beverley. In the final Poly meet either Pinner of Temple Fortune.

Poly's Neil Dyson had a sweeping success in the open competition at Wilton. He won the under-21 singles and was also in the winning mens and mixed doubles partnerships.

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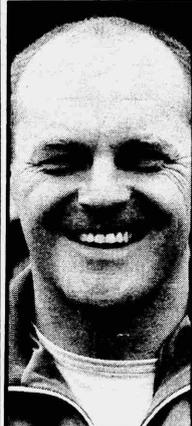
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## Byatt and La Ronde are latest injury problems for Jennings



● Tony Jennings - the injury problems are piling up for him.

THERE is no sign to an end of the injury problems which have haunted Wealdstone boss Tony Jennings.

This Saturday Stones face Corby in a Beazer Homes League fixture with Dennis Byatt and skipper Everal La Ronde added to an already lengthy list of crooked players.

Byatt, who has a calf injury is likely to be fit, but La Ronde's injured knee will almost certainly keep him out.

With Kevin Foster away in Portugal, Jennings also has a goalkeeping problem and he is hoping that Darren Williams will have recovered from the foot injury he sustained two weeks ago.

Harrow Borough's bid to steer clear of the relegation zone takes them to Hendon who suffered a 9-1

battering at Leyton-Wingate last Saturday.

Manager Keith Chamberlin will be conscious of the possibility of a backlash but has no injury problems and will almost certainly field the same squad which accounted for Grays and Dulwich.

Wembley visit title chasing Lewes on Saturday with manager Tony Waugh facing a selection problem over whether to bring Bobby Hutchinson and Glen Charles back into the side after serving suspensions.

Both were on the subs bench last Saturday but neither were called into action and Waugh could well stick with the side which earned a point against Chesham - including keeping himself in at full back.

Martin Kidd with a hamstring injury and Peter Grant who has a badly bruised leg are both doubt-

ful for Edgware's top of the table Spartan League clash at home to Northwood on Saturday.

Rayners Lane face a formidable task on Saturday when they take on unbeaten Federated Homes League leaders Sharpness Town at Lucas Avenue. Lane, who lost to Sharpness 5-1 away from home earlier in the season, have injury doubts over Richard Stukes (ankle) and Jimmy Schurer (knee).

**Soccer fixtures**

Saturday February 25  
Beazer Homes League Premier Division: Wealdstone v Corby Town (Lower Mead, 3pm).  
Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division: Hendon v Harrow Boro'.  
Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Lewes v Wembley.  
Green King Spartan League Premier Division: Edgware Town v Northwood (White Lion ground, 3pm).  
Federated Homes League Premier Division: Rayners Lane v Sharpness Town (Lucas Avenue, 3pm).  
Tuesday February 28  
Friendly: Hertford v Harrow Borough.  
Wednesday March 1  
Capital League: Welling United v Wealdstone.

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