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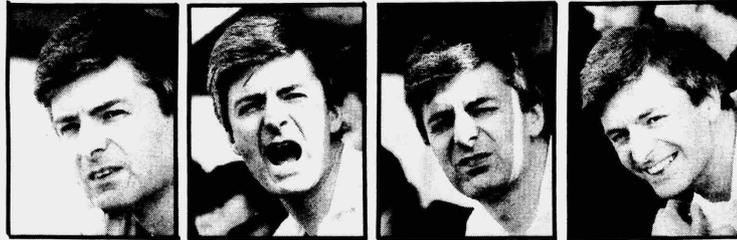
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The changing faces of a soccer boss under pressure

WHO'D be a football club manager? When your club is fighting a grim battle against relegation, the tension of the occasion can really get to you, as Harrow Borough boss Keith Chamberlin found out on Saturday. As his side magnificently fought off the challenge of Windsor to earn the 3-0 victory which ensured their safety, the long suffering Chamberlin went through a wide variety of moods. Some of them are shown right.

Pictures by Peter Wilson

Pensive.. Angry.. Agony.. Ecstasy..



● "If only I could figure out how we're going to win this game." ● "Any chance of you scoring to bring down my blood pressure?" ● "Still another 89 minutes to go, I just can't watch any more of this." ● "We're 3-0 up now, perhaps I can afford a little smile after all."

National award for Belmont

BELMONT United Boys FC have won a National award for the third year running in the Non-League programme of the year survey conducted annually by the Wirral Programme Club.

This year a total of 872 programmes were entered from clubs ranging from the GM Conference down to junior clubs such as Belmont who came out winners in the youth and schools section secured a magnificent position in the top 40 of all programmes surveyed.

SFC Wealdstone, Wealdstone FC's supporters club, won the Sunday section of the awards and came an incredible 14th nationally - three places higher than Wealdstone themselves who came 17th overall and were second best of the Beazer Homes League clubs.

The award for the best programme went to Sussex County League club Selsey.

Tony's double

TWO goals from Tony Lynch against his old club saw Wealdstone to a 3-0 win over Brentford in the Capital League at Griffin Park on Monday. Solomon Eriemo scored Stones' other goal.

Stones play their final Capital League game of the season tomorrow (Friday) night when they meet Cambridge United at Lower Mead, kick off 7.30pm.

Will he stay now relegation threat is over

Carry on Keith?



BY JOHN COMFORT

WITH the awesome task of saving Harrow Borough from the threat of Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division relegation having been finally accomplished, manager Keith Chamberlin was this week busy trying to dodge the most obvious of questions - "Will you be staying on in the job next season?"

Chamberlin was put back in charge in February when the Borough board brought to an end the unhappy three months reign of Alan Mayes. His brief was to save the club from the big drop but his position after that has never been clearly defined.

And in the aftermath of the prolonged celebrations which followed Saturday's magnificent 3-0 win over Windsor which ensured the club's safety, Chamberlin was offering few hints to satisfy those inquisitive about his future role at the club.

"The matter hasn't cropped up yet," he said. "We'll let the dust settle and then

talk about it at board level." Did he want to keep the job? "I don't know if I want to answer that. Saturday was a good win and everyone is delighted and I don't want to say anything to detract from what the players did.

"We've got to take stock of the situation and decide what's best for Harrow Borough and what the board think is correct. I'm happy to do whatever is right for Harrow Borough."

Any board decision is certain to be influenced by Chamberlin's impressive 14 match record since he took over control. In that spell Borough won five, drew five, and lost just four matches - and two of those were to last minute goals.

That fine run culminated in Saturday's super win over Windsor which Chamberlin said gave him an immense feeling of satisfaction. "I'm very pleased for the lads and everyone at the club that we pulled it

off," he said. "We worked hard in the week preparing for this big game and it was nice to see a just reward for it."

Chamberlin, who was kept in touch with the fortunes of the other relegation threatened clubs - Tooting at Slough and Marlow at home to Carshalton - by a series of mobile phones, said his only really anxious moment in the game came when goalkeeper Mark Poultney suffered a knee injury which eventually led to him being replaced in goal by Duncan Hardy.

"But after we scored our second goal I got a phone call to say that Slough were 3-0 up and I knew that barring a major disaster it was all over," he said. "But I still wanted us to win and to stay up on our own merit."

Ironically, Chamberlin had considered the possibility of a goalkeeping injury but had then decided against using Stuart MacKenzie as one of his substitutes.

The final league tables

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts			
Mertbyr Tydfil	42	26	7	9	104	58	85			
Dartford	42	25	7	10	79	33	82			
VS Rugby	42	24	7	11	64	43	79			
Worcester City	42	20	11	12	72	49	73			
Cambridge City	42	20	10	12	72	51	70			
Dover Athletic	42	19	12	11	65	47	69			
Gosport Boro	42	18	12	12	73	57	66			
Burton Albion	42	18	10	14	79	68	64			
Bath City	42	16	11	15	66	51	58			
Bromsgrove	42	14	16	12	68	56	58			
Wealdstone	42	16	10	16	60	53	58			
Crawley Town	42	14	16	12	61	56	58			
Dorchester Town	42	14	16	12	56	61	56			
Avechurch	42	16	8	18	56	59	56			
More Green	42	14	13	15	57	59	54			
Corby Town	42	14	11	17	55	59	53			
Waterlooville	42	13	13	16	61	63	52			
Ashton Town	42	13	13	16	59	76	52			
Fareham Town	42	15	6	21	40	58	51			
Leicester Utd	42	6	11	25	46	84	29			
Redditch Utd	42	5	7	30	36	105	22			
Bedworth Utd	42	4	7	31	36	102	19			

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE										
Premier Division										
	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts			
Leytonstone	42	26	11	5	76	36	89			
Farnborough	42	24	9	9	85	61	81			
Slough Town	42	24	6	12	72	42	78			
Carshalton Ath	42	19	15	8	59	36	72			
Grays Athletic	42	19	13	7	62	47	70			
Kingstonian	42	19	12	12	54	37	68			
Bishop Stortford	42	20	6	16	70	56	66			
Hayes	42	18	12	12	61	47	66			
Bognor Regis	42	17	11	14	38	49	62			
Barking	42	16	13	13	49	45	61			
Wokingham	42	15	11	16	60	54	56			
Handon	42	13	17	12	50	67	56			
Windsor & Eton	42	14	13	15	52	50	55			
Bromley	42	13	15	14	61	48	54			
Leyton-Wingfield	42	13	15	14	55	56	54			
Dulwich Hamlet	42	12	12	18	58	57	48			
St Albans City	42	12	9	21	51	59	45			
Dagenham	42	11	12	19	53	68	45			
Harrow Borough	42	9	13	20	53	75	40			
Marlow	42	9	11	22	48	83	38			
Tooting & M	42	10	6	26	41	81	36			
Croydon	42	4	9	29	27	81	21			

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE										
Division One										
	p	w	d	l	f	a	pts			
Staines Town	40	26	9	5	79	29	87			
Basingstoke	40	25	8	7	85	36	83			
Woking	40	23	11	6	71	30	80			
Hitchin Town	40	21	10	9	60	32	74			
Wivernhoe	40	22	6	12	62	44	72			
Lewes	40	21	8	11	72	54	71			
Walton & H	40	21	7	12	56	36	70			
King'sbury Town	40	20	8	12	65	40	68			
Udridge	40	19	14	7	60	54	64			
Wembley	40	18	16	6	45	58	60			
Boreham Wood	40	16	9	15	57	52	57			
Leatherhead	40	14	8	18	56	58	50			
Met Police	40	13	18	9	52	68	48			
Chesham Utd	40	12	9	19	54	67	45			
Southwick	40	9	15	16	44	58	42			
Chalfont St Peter	40	11	9	20	56	82	42			
Hampton	40	7	14	19	37	62	35			
Worthing	40	8	10	22	49	80	34			
Collier Row	40	8	7	25	37	82	31			
Bracknell Town	40	6	8	26	38	70	30			
Bassillon Utd	40	6	7	27	34	77	25			

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Another trophy for Paul

STAR Wealdstone defender Paul Morris, who won the Supporters Club's Player of the Year award a week ago, picked up another trophy on Sunday when he was named as the club's Players' Player of the Year.

Morris collected his second trophy at the club's annual presentation dinner held at Lower Mead.

The magnificent Vice-President's Player of the Year shield was won by midfielder Danny Bailey and there were special awards for long serving striker Alan Cordice to mark his achievement of over 300 appearances and 100 goals in nine years with the club.

Club chairman Alan Clifton said it had been a season of consolidation for the club. "We have been through some dramatic times over the last few years," he said. "But now we are back on target to get success for the club."



● Award winners Paul Morris (left) and Danny Bailey with their trophies.

Jeff is Lions' best

GOALKEEPER Jeff Fanner scooped the awards at Wembley FC's annual presentations on Saturday.

Fanner, who has had a superb season, won both the Player of the Year award and the Players Player of the Year trophy.

The Supporters Club Personality of the Year award went to club skipper Paul Janaway and the Reserve Team Player of the Year trophy was won by Mark Bryan. A special award was presented by Paul Janaway to the Supporter of the Year, Charlie 'The Shout' Whitty.

Hardy blow

HARROW Borough suffered a body blow this week with the news that striker Duncan Hardy is to emigrate to New Zealand and has probably played his last game for the club.

He flies off today (Thursday) for a provisional two months spell and if all goes well it will become a permanent move.

"It's a bombshell," said Borough boss Keith Chamberlin. "He has been an important part of our side and he will be sorely missed."

A test for youngsters

OLD Gaytonians AC's youth policy faces a tough test on Saturday when the Harrow club opens its 1989 British League Division Two season at Hayes.

Fifteen of Saturday's team have graduated from Gayts successful National Young Athletes League teams and se-

ven athletes will be making their British League debuts. Pinner sprinter Mark Collins, 15, will be the youngest athlete to represent Gayts in British League competition while Peter Lemon, Eddie Burton, Alan Wray, Alan Tapp, Keith White and Jason Diament are all team newcomers.

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All standards welcome

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