

SPORT

Bosses hit double tops



ALAN DAFFORN ... February's manager of the month in Division One.

HARROW BOROUGH boss Keith Chamberlin and Alan Dafforn of *Wembley* have won the February manager of the month awards in the Vauxhall Opel League premier and first divisions respectively.

Neither award will come as a surprise when the records of their sides during the month are taken into consideration.

Under Chamberlin, Boro won all six of their games, rocking from mid-table to fourth in a few short weeks.

With new signing John Kerr making an immediate impact on opposing defences, they scored

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19 goals, conceding just two at the other end.

"I am obviously pleased to have won," said Chamberlin. "It is great for the club and all credit to the players and staff for making it possible."

Dafforn wins his second award of the season for once again guiding his side into the division one promotion frame, despite losing several key players through injury or suspension.

They now lie fifth in the table, with games in hand on all four teams above them.

"It reflects well on the side," he said modestly. "The boys did all the work and I am just taking the credit."

But both men are keeping their feet firmly on the ground — for they face tough tests this Saturday.

Boro's unbeaten away run in 1987 faces its sternest test at runaway league leaders Wycombe Wanderers, while Wembley go to ninth-placed Billericay.



KEITH CHAMBERLIN... Premier Division manager of the month for February.

New deadline

DUE to a change in The Observer's production deadlines, all sports copy must reach our offices no later than first post on Tuesday.

Gary way out West

WINGER Gary Donnellan has joined his old manager Brian Hall at Yeovil. Donnellan, one of four players to quit Wealdstone since Hall's departure, also joins former team-mate Steve Rutter in the West Country.

Goals from new signings Byron Walton and Steve Hatter gave Wealdstone a 2-1 victory at Wycombe in last Tuesday's Capital League clash.

Good Lord

MIDDLESEX Ladies AC's Tracie Lord took the bronze medal in the senior race at the Wycombe Phoenix Cross Country Open Meeting. She has spent the winter fighting back to full fitness following a fall in a race pile up last year.

Good Evans

DARTS playing grandmother Babs Evans scooped two more titles in the Isle of Man last week. Babs, who beat the ladies world champion last year, won the Steam Packet Trophy Singles and the Palace Group Trophy Ladies pairs.

First class

HARROW'S boys raced into two first places and a second in the London Borough Cross Country Championships at Cophall Stadium, Barnet.

They won the 14-16 and 16-18 age groups and were a close runner-up in the 12-14s. The 16-18 team registered a near perfect score, claiming first, second, fourth and fifth through David Baker, Alistair Cryan, Daniel Kirk and Matthew Toozee respectively.

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Chamberlin hits double trouble

Neighbours locked in dispute over Middlesex Senior Cup quarter final last month.

Boro won the match 2-1 in extra time at Earlsmead after the two sides had drawn 0-0 at Claremont Road.

But they could now be forced to play the match again because Hendon claim that Boro's two new signings, John Kerr and Tony Guard, were ineligible for the replay.

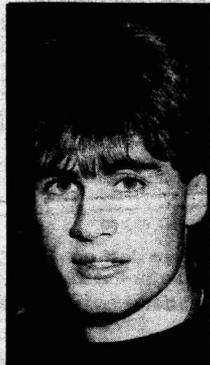
For their part, Boro say they had permission from the Middlesex FA to play the duo again and have vowed to fight any move to stage the game again.

Kerr and Guard, who joined Boro after the first tie, were both cleared to play in the replay by the Middlesex FA's competitions committee.

American International Kerr made one goal and scored the other in the battle to earn his side a semi-final clash with Hayes. Guard was substitute.

Hendon immediately protested, claiming that under Middlesex rules, both men had not been registered in time.

They were over-ruled by the county's competitions



John Kerr — scored the winner in disputed match.



To play or not to play — Keith Chamberlin with new signing Tony Guard.

committee, but took the matter to appeal — and won.

Boro have now launched a counter appeal and are awaiting the outcome.

The row revolves around an ambiguous County rule which states that a player must be registered seven days before a match to be eligible.

Hendon say the 'match' referred to is the first 0-0 meeting between the two sides. Boro insist it means the replay.

Whatever happens, the dispute has prompted a promise from the county that the badly worded rule will be changed next season.

"As far as I am concerned, we won fair and square," said Boro boss Keith Chamberlin. "We were given permission to play Tony and John by the Middlesex FA's competitions committee secretary. "Everything was above board and I do not understand how they can order the game to be replayed."

TABLES

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE							
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Barnet	31	20	7	4	73	31	67
Scarborough	32	19	9	4	45	27	66
Altrincham	33	18	11	6	53	40	59
Maldenstone	30	16	5	9	51	35	53
Telford	31	15	9	7	55	40	53
Exeter	32	16	4	12	47	39	52
Boston	33	15	5	13	63	80	50
Hendon	32	11	7	10	58	49	48
Sutton	31	13	9	9	81	40	48
Kidderminster	31	15	2	14	63	62	47
Chesham	32	12	10	10	45	48	48
Bath City	32	12	10	10	45	48	48
Yeovil	30	12	9	11	57	53	53
Weymouth	30	12	9	11	45	58	48
Wendlebury	34	10	9	15	48	57	39
Widzew	32	11	11	10	44	60	37
Widzew	34	7	13	14	44	57	34
Kettering	30	8	7	15	39	40	31
Frickley	34	8	11	15	38	53	28
Welling	30	9	11	15	45	61	27
Hemel Hempstead	31	5	12	14	34	60	27
Grays	31	3	11	17	33	70	20

VAUXHALL OPEL PREMIER							
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	
Wycombe	34	25	4	5	84	29	78
Yeovil	32	19	8	5	47	22	66
Slough	32	18	5	9	52	33	59
Harrow Boro	33	17	7	9	55	33	58
Bognor	29	15	9	10	55	39	54
Windsor	31	16	10	6	53	46	53
Farnborough	30	15	9	10	53	46	53
Croydon	30	15	8	9	39	34	51
Barking	32	13	9	10	52	39	48
9 Counties	32	11	11	10	47	43	44
Brackley	29	12	6	11	45	49	42
Cardiff	32	12	15	5	43	43	41
Cardiff	32	11	16	6	52	41	41
Hayes	33	10	10	13	37	53	40
St Albans	32	11	8	15	50	32	36
St Albans	31	10	8	16	50	32	36
Widzew	32	8	10	14	34	49	34
Widzew	30	10	13	17	42	43	33
Dulwich	34	8	8	17	53	62	33
Widzew	32	8	4	19	30	46	31
Widzew	30	8	11	11	41	74	28
Widzew	30	2	4	24	25	94	10

FIXTURES

Saturday, March 14
 Vauxhall Opel League — Premier Division:
 Wycombe Wanderers v Harrow Borough (Leeds Park, 3).
 Division One: Billericay Town v Wembley; Oxford City v King's Lynn.
 London Sports League — Premier Division:
 Edgware v Corinthian Casuals (White Lion, 3).
 Middlesex County League — Division One:
 Hamworth Villa v Harrow St Mary's.
 Southern League: Farnham v Harrow Borough.
Sunday, March 15
 Vauxhall Opel League — Premier Division:
 Croydon v Harrow Borough.
Tuesday, March 17
 Vauxhall Opel League — Division One:
 Harrow v King's Lynn; Wembley v Southwick (Wals Farm, 7.30).

Steve Sutton and John Brencley set Posidonia Celtic on their way to an easy 3-0 victory over struggling West Harrow in Division Three of the Harrow Sunday Challenge.

Morgan powers to gold for H and W youngsters

SEVERAL Harrow and Wealdstone swimmers were in action at the Ealing Novices Gala, Barnet Distance Meet and Stevenage Age Groups. The young Girls and Boys all born 1975/76/77 swam well and are coached by Allan Thornton at the Harrow Leisure Centre. All events were one length.

Morgan Whorwood excelled to take first place at Stevenage. He won gold in the Breaststroke in 27.61 and was also triumphant at Barnet, winning gold in the 200m Breaststroke in 3.27.60.

Mark Codling touched home in second place in the Backstroke in 28.03 and won bronze medals in the Butterfly and Freestyle, making 25.63 and 22.25 respectively.

Brett Haslegrave, Natasha Sal, Sanjit Ray and Hesham El Hensawy all took third places and won bronze medals. Brett touched home in 29.35 in the Breaststroke. Natasha made 28.89 for the Girls Breaststroke. Sanjit won his bronze for his Backstroke swim in 28.69 and Hesham touched in 27.75 for the Butterfly.

Richard Sherman was fourth in the Freestyle and Butterfly events. His times were 22.09 and 28.95 respectively.

Mark Becarelli swam into fourth place in the Freestyle in 22.09 and came sixth in the Breaststroke in 29.48.

Daniel Thawle was fourth in the Breaststroke in 31.80 whilst Lucy Dixon was sixth in both the Freestyle and Breaststroke. In the Freestyle she came eighth in 24.97 and in the Breaststroke made 33.72.

David Cutts took sixth spot in the

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Breaststroke event in a time of 31.93.

The Hewlett Packard International Open Meet at the Crown Pools, Ipswich saw several senior Harrow and Wealdstone swimmers make consolation finals.

Paul Shackley took third place in the consolation final of the 50m Breaststroke event in 30.84 whilst team mate Tim Rose managed fourth spot in the 50m Butterfly in a personal best time of 27.20.

Alison Derby took two fifth places in the consolation finals of the 50m Backstroke and the 50m Freestyle. In the Back event she touched in 32.76 and the Freestyle event made 27.82. Both swims were personal best times.

Rebecca Gloor made two consolation finals. She took sixth place in the 200m Breaststroke in 2.48.02 and eighth in the 50m Breaststroke in 37.31.

In the Men's Medley relay, Damian LoCasio, Paul Shackley, Tim Rose and Geoff Stewart touched home in third place in 1.50.20 whilst in the Freestyle relay the team of Tim Rose, Spencer Wheeler, Geoff Stewart and Paul Shackley came eighth in 1.42.06.

The Women's Freestyle relay team of Rebecca Gloor, Helen Williamson, Julie Riegall and Alison Derby was seventh in a time of 1.54.17, and the Medley team came home eighth in 2.09.38. They were, Julie Riegall, Rebecca Gloor, Amanda Connell and Alison Derby.

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