

# Kerr's D-day on Pompey bid

**JOHN KERR** will decide this weekend whether to join Bees and Division Portsmouth.

Harrow Borough's American World Cup striker played for Portsmouth Reserves on Monday night and hit the only goal that beat Crystal Palace.

And Pompey manager Alan Ball, who first expressed an interest in 21-year-old Kerr two weeks ago, was on the phone to Boro boss Keith Chamberlin the following morning to say he wanted Kerr at Fratton Park.

Now, Kerr must decide whether he wants to turn professional or return to the States, as originally planned.

Kerr's father, John, plans to fly over from Washington this weekend to talk to his son about his future. The striker will then decide if he is going to join Portsmouth and can begin discussing personal terms.

"I do not think there is any doubt that he could be a pro," said Chamberlin.

"We are in regular negotiations with Portsmouth and I think things will be sorted out shortly to the satisfaction of all parties."

"John does not want to rush into a decision, quite understandably. There is still a lot of talking to do."

He added: "John has done over so well since he joined us. There is no doubt about the fact that he is a quality player, with a good attitude. I hope he gets what he is looking for in the game."

Liverpool also had Kerr watched on Monday night and have also expressed an interest. They wanted to see him again before making any further inquiries but their plans to watch him at Bognor

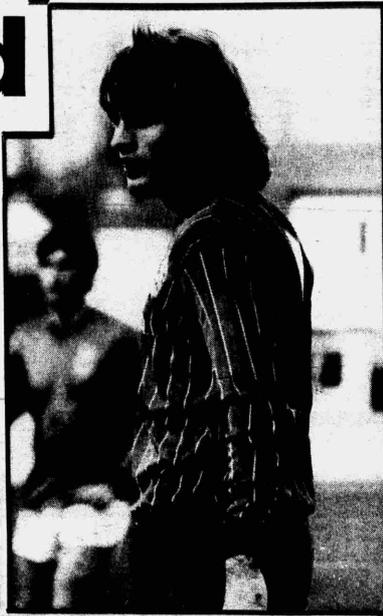
in a league game tonight (Thursday) were dashed when the match was called off.

Kerr, who played in two World Cup qualifying games for the USA, is in England studying English Law. He came to Earlsmead on the recommendation of one of Chamberlin's friends in the States and the Boro boss was immediately impressed.

He has hit six goals in nine games since making his debut, for the reserves at Wembley, two months ago.

Chamberlin missed a first-team match to watch him in action and said:

"That is the only first-team game I have missed since I became manager. But it was worth it. It was obvious we had something special."



● HARROW Borough's Middlesex Senior Cup quarter final replay against Hendon, postponed on Tuesday, has been rescheduled for tonight (Thursday) at Earlsmead, kick-off 7.30 pm.

If Boro win, they will travel to Hayes for the semi final on Saturday. Hendon return to Earlsmead next Thursday (April 16) for a Vauxhall-Opel Premier game.

## FIXTURES

Thursday April 9  
Middlesex Charity Cup, Semi-Final:  
Hounslow v Wembley.

Friday April 11  
GM Vauxhall Conference: Dagenham v Walthamstow.  
Vauxhall Opel League, Division One:  
Barnham Wood v Wombury (Brighthelm Road, 3).  
Hull Brewery Hellenic League: Raynes Lane v Merton Town (Lucas Avenue, 3).  
London Amateur League: Amersham v Egham.  
Middlesex County League, Division One:  
Tottenham Sports v Harrow St Mary's.  
Surrey League: Edgware v Slough Town; Wembley v Hounslow.

Saturday April 12  
Vauxhall Opel League, Division One:  
Wombury v Barnham Wood (Vale Farm, 7.30).  
Central League: Walthamstow v Orient (Lower Wood, 7.30).  
Suburban League: Egham v Harrow Borough; Wembley v Southall.

● Steve Costello claimed a hat-trick as Harrow Sunday Challenge side Poseydonia Celtic beat Harrow's Weald ark 5-0 in a friendly. The other goals came from Mick Mahony and Gareth Beard.

## Doyle out for rest of season

WINGER Derek Doyle will take no further part in Wealdstone's season after



● Derek Doyle

sustaining a knee injury in the match against Gateshead.

Doyle, who joined Stones from Harrow Borough for £500, may have to undergo surgery.

But skipper Dennis Byatt is making a good recovery from a calf injury, although

he is unlikely to be considered for Saturday's relegation battle with Dagenham at Victoria Road.

Three former Stones players, strikers David Pearce and Keith Tonge and midfielder Lee Holmes, should be in the Daggers line

up. Meanwhile, Harrow Borough also look to have lost a key player because of a knee injury.

Midfielder Paul Morris goes into hospital tomorrow, Friday, for an exploratory knee operation on a troublesome cartilage.

## TABLES

GM	Conference	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scarborough	37	23	10	4	0	59	30	79
Barnet	37	17	11	7	0	44	33	52
Aldershot	38	17	12	7	0	57	44	63
Middlesex	38	17	12	7	0	47	33	52
Enfield	37	18	13	0	0	56	44	60
Tafford	35	18	11	0	0	47	38	58
Runcorn	38	17	12	0	0	54	35	55
Sutton	35	15	11	0	0	45	34	54
Boston	38	18	11	0	0	54	38	54
Bech City	37	14	11	0	0	44	34	44
Chartham	38	14	11	0	0	44	33	53
Kilmarnock	38	17	11	0	0	48	38	58
Weymouth	37	12	11	0	0	44	33	47
Stafford	36	12	10	0	0	48	43	43
Dagenham	38	12	10	0	0	43	43	43
Walthamstow	38	11	10	0	0	43	42	42
Marlborough	38	10	10	0	0	43	40	40
Kettering	35	10	9	0	0	48	39	39
Numorton	38	9	12	0	0	44	38	39
Welling	37	10	8	0	0	37	38	38
Frickley	36	7	10	0	0	41	37	31
Gateshead	37	6	12	0	0	41	47	27

Vauxhall-Opel Premier	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Weymouth	37	25	6	0	28	89	38
Yeovil	37	24	8	0	22	80	38
Slough	38	21	6	0	11	84	41
Hendon	38	21	6	0	11	84	41
Barnham	38	21	6	0	11	84	41
Harrow	38	18	10	0	0	82	41
Bognor Regis	37	17	9	0	7	43	60
Wokingham	37	17	8	0	0	48	58
Farnborough	38	15	11	0	0	51	58
Barking	37	15	10	0	0	44	58
St Albans	37	15	10	0	0	44	58
Kingstonian	38	13	7	0	0	48	48
Bishop C	37	12	13	0	0	51	48
Carshalton	39	12	9	0	0	48	48
Windsor	38	11	14	0	0	43	44
St Albans	37	12	12	0	0	56	44
Hayes	39	10	12	0	0	43	42
Hitchin	38	12	4	0	0	49	40
Wokingham	38	12	4	0	0	38	40
Tisbury	35	10	7	0	0	42	37
Teatling	35	10	7	0	0	32	37
Waltham	38	8	12	0	0	35	34
Worthing	36	7	10	0	0	48	29
Whitstow	38	3	6	0	0	28	14

Vauxhall Opel Division One	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leyton MI	28	17	6	0	26	83	38
Grays	37	20	12	0	0	77	72
Southwick	38	22	6	0	0	78	60
Bucknell	38	21	6	0	0	61	73
Grays	38	18	9	0	0	61	63
Waltham	40	18	8	0	0	84	63
Wokingham	37	18	7	0	0	61	61
Barnham	37	18	5	0	0	44	58
Luton	38	18	11	0	0	42	47
Bucknell	37	18	11	0	0	53	53
Uxbridge	37	15	14	0	0	53	53
Lowes	37	15	14	0	0	55	47
Staines	37	12	13	0	0	55	47
Hampton	37	14	10	0	0	47	46
Wokingham	37	12	10	0	0	48	45
Stevensage	38	12	17	0	0	54	43
Oxford	38	10	20	0	0	67	38
Tisbury	37	10	21	0	0	62	38
Walton	37	9	20	0	0	50	35
Epsom	38	8	12	0	0	54	31
Highwood	37	8	12	0	0	54	31
Fitchley	38	6	10	0	0	41	27

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## SWIMMING

### H and W county age groups

THE MIDDLESEX Age Groups continued at Feltham Pool Hounslow on Sunday afternoon and evening.

They are normally held at the Gurnell pool Ealing but due to an industrial dispute had to be moved to Feltham.

Harrow and Wealdstone swimmers were much in evidence and many swam personal best times.

The age groups were 'A' 1975/76, 'B' 1973/74, 'C' 1971/72, 'D' 1969/70.

Alison Derby and Julie Riegal both won gold medals in their events. Alison's victory was for her performance in the 100m Freestyle event, 'D' where she posted 1:00.66. Julie was triumphant in the group 'C' 100m. Backstroke race in a winning time of 1:09.07.

Rebecca Gloor won two silver medals for the 100m Freestyle 'D' and 200m Breaststroke 'CD'. Rebecca's times were 1:00.90 and 2:43.59 respectively.

Siohban Sullivan won her second placed silver in the 100m Backstroke group 'B' in a PB by several seconds which was a vastly improved finishing time of 1:13.06.

Duncan Belcourt took a silver

medal in the 200m Freestyle 'AB' in a PB time of 2:10.06 and he won bronze in the 100m Butterfly event group 'B' — a second PB in a time of 1:09.59.

Mark Maidment gained silver for his performance in the 100m Breaststroke 'D' when he touched home in 1:09.57.

Damian Lo Caselo and Andrew Pryce took home bronze medals in the championships. Damian's swim made 2:21.39 in the 200m Backstroke 'CD' whilst Andrew held on to third place in the 100m Breaststroke group 'D7 in a time of 1:11.13.

Claire Russ was fourth in the final of the 100m Backstroke 'B' in 1:15.58 and so was Vicky Sullivan in the youngest group 'A' 100m Breaststroke in a PB time of 1:30.56.

Helen Williamson and Matthew Young were also fourth, in the 100m Freestyle 'D' and 200m Freestyle 'AB' respectively.

Helen's time was 1:04.01 and Matthew touched home in 2:16.45, a PB.

Meredith Bass having swum the heats of the 200m Breaststroke 'CD' in a PB time of 2:57.03 managed sixth place in the final in a time of 3:02.50, whilst Tara Williams in the

younger group 'B' was sixth in her final in the 100m Backstroke in 1:17.99.

Maxwell Belcourt took sixth spot in his event, the 100m Freestyle 'A' in 1:11.79 and his heat time was considerably faster in 1:10.49.

Spencer Wheeler in the 'C' group 100m Butterfly was sixth in the final in a time of 1:05.25 although his heat time a PB, made 1:04.45.

The relay teams did very well in the finals this year and the boys 'CD' 4 x 50m Freestyle team managed second place in 1:44.57. They were: Damian Lo Caselo, Mark Maidment, Spencer Wheeler, Andrew Connell.

The Boys group 'AB' 4 x 50m Medley 'A' team also took second place in 2:16.72 and they were: Kieran Bass, Robert Sapsed, Maxwell Belcourt, and Matthew Young.

The 4 x 50m 'B' team in the same event came home fourth in 2:21.38 and they were: Mashiohi Ohashi, Stephen Perry, Duncan Belcourt, and Nicholas Russ.

The remaining Middlesex Age groups will be held back at the Gurnell Pool Ealing and also at Barnet Copthall in the coming weeks.

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## All-ticket Stones

WEALDSTONE'S match with Barnet on Easter Monday has been made all-ticket, with police imposing a 5,000 crowd limit for safety reasons. Tickets for the match are on sale at the club office during normal office hours, priced £3 for the grandstand, £2 standing and £1 for OAPs and children.

## Bolton blast

KINGSBURY TOWN netted up two wins from three matches, with former Watford defender Ian Bolton getting among the goals. A penalty from Bolton and his 35-year rocket of a free kick set them on the way to a 3-1 win at Oxford, Cecil Collins getting the third. And Bolton was on target twice from the penalty spot in Town's 2-1 win at Stevenage on Tuesday. In between, Town went down 5-1 at Billerica on Saturday, Zacharia netting.

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## Cricket call

CRICKET score sheets for the coming season are available from the Observer offices at 34 Greenhill Way, Harrow; telephone: 427 4404. Would all clubs please contact the Observer with details of their captains/secretaries for the new season.

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## DARTS

Brent Darts League PREMIER DIVISION	P	W	F	A	Pts
Apertons	20	10	4	162	98
Willesden Gas A	19	16	3	161	88
Willesden Gas B	19	12	7	145	102
Willesden WMC	18	12	7	138	108
Quella A	20	12	8	133	127
Quella B	19	11	8	120	117
Abbey CC	20	6	14	116	145
WISA A	19	5	14	144	143
Shrine	20	5	15	93	167
Fishermans A	19	3	16	91	156

DIVISION 2	P	W	F	A	Pts
Willesden Gas B	22	18	4	188	98
Hagglers	23	14	9	162	97
Willesden WMC	22	14	8	155	131
McVies	22	13	9	147	138
Willesden	22	12	10	145	140
Greyhound	23	12	11	148	147
Great Social	22	9	13	142	144
Willesden	22	9	14	140	148
Canal Flowers	22	9	13	132	154
Hunter Park	21	10	11	130	143
Crownhill	21	8	13	120	153
Flowers	21	4	17	113	160

DIVISION 2	P	W	F	A	Pts
Willesden Pro B	20	18	2	185	75
Brondebury	20	17	6	179	120
Willesden Boro	21	14	7	180	113
Willesden	20	8	15	157	103
Rising Sun	21	12	9	148	125
Services Road	22	10	12	142	144
Willesden Pro A	21	12	8	136	137
Dalmeians	20	10	10	132	128
Willesden	21	8	13	130	143
C M Hospital	21	8	13	125	151
Oaks	20	8	14	108	152
Abbey	18	15	8	89	165
Mitsa	19	0	19	63	174

● The Harrow Summer Darts League is inviting applications from sides for the coming season. Teams interested should contact Mr C. V. Lyons, 84 Queensway Avenue, Greenford, telephone: 578 6151; or ring Mr A. Armstrong on 579 2424, ext 2244/2247.