

**SPORT**

## Ref gives it away

**Wealdstone 2, Dagenham 3**  
A DUBIOUS penalty three minutes into injury time consigned Wealdstone to defeat at Lower Mead on Tuesday, writes *Jeremy Albert*.

Paul Bowgett appeared to trip John Campbell outside the area, but referee Keith Wenham awarded the spot kick. Greg Allen converted for his second goal of the night.

He had hit his first after 35 minutes, also from a penalty after a foul by Steve Hatter. And the spot kick drama continued after the break when Robin Wainwright stroked one home following a shove on Byron Walton.

Dagenham regained the lead when the ever-dangerous Samson Olaley left John Bolle with a simple chance to beat Alex Welsh.

But Stones refused to lie down and Steve Hatter headed powerfully home from Neil Cordice's cross to level, but Stones missed four good chances before that late penalty.

Wealdstone: Welsh, Pittaway, Bowgett, Rivers, Hatter, Wainwright, McCarthy, Hirst, Ferguson, Walton, Cordice. Subs: Meadows, Isaacs.

● **WEALDSTONE** manager Terry Burton has strengthened his squad with the signings of two players from his former club Arsenal.

It was no surprise when Burton and his assistant Tommy Coleman went back to their Highbury days to sign 19-year-old midfielder Tony Isaacs and 18-year-old full back Francisco Rivers.

Meanwhile, Burton has also given Don Cross, a supporters club player, an extended trial with the club. Cross, who has played for Stones already this season, was plucked from the Marathon Sunday League side SFC Wealdstone to help out in an injury crisis by former boss Colin Meldrum.

**Welwyn G.C. 4, Edgware Town 2**  
TONY Rich walked out on Edgware minutes before this Middlesex Senior Cup tie after being told he was to be substituted by manager Brian Rider.

And Wares proceeded to throw away their cup hopes with a series of defensive blunders. Keeper Phil Whelan failed to claim a cross as Welwyn went ahead, before Lee Bingley equalised.

Two more mix-ups led to goals although John Walsh pulled Wares back in to it. Then another mess-up made it 4-2.



● Stargazer Russell Grant at the Middlesex Charity Cup draw with Peter Clayton and Bill Jenkins of the County FA.

## Russell has charity ball

RUSSELL Grant made the draw for this season's Middlesex Charity Cup on Monday, and it threw up a few intriguing possibilities for local clubs.

The astrologer is sponsoring the cup this year as part of his campaign to save the county of Middlesex. His intervention has helped persuade Barclays League club Brentford to enter a side, and promise to play all their games away from home to help attract gates to the smaller clubs.

And while Hounslow have reaped the immediate benefit of that arrangement, with a first round home tie, both Kingsbury and Edgware may be thankful for it later in the competition.

The full draw for local clubs is: Preliminary round: Edgware Town v Northwood; Haringey Borough v Rayners Lane. First round: Ruslip Manor v Wembley; Kingsbury Town v Edgware or Northwood.

# Chamberlin safe, say Boro bosses

KEITH CHAMBERLIN has been given a massive vote of confidence by the Harrow Borough directors despite Boro's worst start to a season in year.

By *Aaron Granaby*

As speculation increased about Chamberlin's position as his team crashed out of the FA and AC Delco Cups and slipped to the bottom six of the Vauxhall-Opel Premier Division, the club's board stepped in to quash the rumours.

Press Director Steve Williams said: "Keith Chamberlin is very much still going to be our manager. The board recognizes that Keith is a 150 per cent club man and there are few people who would be so dedicated."

While Chamberlin's job is safe, others may not be so lucky. "Keith's position will not be undermined, all seven directors are united on that, but some other people will have to look over their shoulders," said Mr Williams.

Chairman Eric May has already met with Chamberlin to discuss the situation, and he has given his manager the go-ahead to buy players to put things right.

And Chamberlin has underlined his own determination to rectify the situation.

"I am not going to duck the issue, we have a duty to our supporters to get things right quickly," he said.

"One thing is certain — everyone at this club is going to work hard to get our show on the road. I am not going to tolerate anyone who is not prepared to give 100 per cent for the club's cause."

Chamberlin hopes to have international clearance through for striker Stokeley Sawyers, who has been playing in Sweden.

## Lance-a-lot



● Four-goal Lance Cadogan.

## Ruislip Manor 0 Wembley 5

LANCE Cadogan scored the first Wembley hat-trick since November 1984 — and added another for good measure — as the Lions ripped apart Ruislip Manor in an FA Cup replay.

The rout began in the 11th minute when Adrian Smith lunged forward to score from Peter Shodeinde's cross, writes *Richard Markiewicz*.

The second came after 36 minutes. A goalmouth scramble eventually saw the ball bobble to Cadogan who knocked in his first of the night.

On 54 minutes came the third. Derek Brown freed Cadogan and the striker raced through a square defence and floated the ball over the advancing keeper.

Cadogan headed his third after 74 minutes from Shodeinde's cross, and tapped home his fourth after a tricky run by Williams.

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## Meldrum's doldrums

FORMER Wealdstone boss Colin Meldrum is considering quitting senior football altogether after his sacking by the club two weeks ago.

Meldrum, 45, is still seething at the way he was told of the decision — when chairman David Morrill was in America — and says he is fed up with the current state of the game.

"I have been in the game for 30 years but there are just too many two-faced people in it now. Most of the

genuine people are not staying in the game," he said.

"Managers these days are stopped doing the job they want to because of chairman interfering. It is one reason that so many good coaches go abroad."

Meldrum says he is now considering coaching juniors for the rest of his time in football. "It is a different kind of coaching. It is more enjoyable to try and teach kids skills and help them to enjoy the game."

### FIXTURES

Saturday October 3  
GM Vaux Conf: Wealdstone v Kettering Town (Lower Mead, 3). Vauxhall-Opel Premier: Harrow Boro v Barking (Earlsmead, 3). FA Trophy 1st Qual: Boreham Wood v Kingsbury Town; Stevenage Boro v Wembley. Middx Senior Cup Prelim: Southgate Athletic v Rayners Lane. Greene King Spartan: Wandsworth v Edgware Town.

Monday October 5  
Vauxhall-Opel Div One: Stevenage Boro v Wembley.

Tuesday October 6  
GMAC Cup 1st Rnd: Harrow Boro v Hendon (Earlsmead, 3).

Wednesday October 7  
GMAC Cup 1st rnd: Maidstone United v Wealdstone. Vauxhall-Opel Div One: Kingsbury Town v Leas.

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