

Observer SPORT

Cadogan clinches it for Lions

Hampton 0 Wembley 1
WEMBLEY continued their fine away form at Hampton on Tuesday, but they made hard work of winning a game they dominated and had to wait until the 83rd minute before Lance Cadogan's superb solo goal settled the outcome.
 Cadogan picked up the ball midway

in the Hampton half with his back to goal. A subtle feint to his left bemused two defenders and created the space for him to accelerate goalwards and when he reached the Hampton area he drove an awkward bounding shot past keeper Orkney for his 19th goal of the season.
 Up to then the game seemed destin-

ed to end in a draw, as the five previous encounters between the sides had done. For although Wembley dominated, they were unable to put away their chances or capitalise on some poor goalkeeping.
 There was no joy for Kingsbury Town on Tuesday. They went down 2-0 in a league match at Uxbridge.

Sponsor hands over the cash



HARROW Borough FC chairman Eric May (left) received a cheque from Gary Sherman, chairman of Sherman Construction Ltd, during Borough's match with Hayes on Saturday.
 The cash handover sealed the company's sponsorship deal with the club for next season worth £20,000.

Clifton negotiates

THERE were two new twists in the Wealdstone FC saga this week.
 Acting chairman Alan Clifton has opened negotiations with former chairman David Morrill's representative, Michael Macario about the return of the club car park and shares.
 Mr Clifton said: "If David Morrill returns the car park, we can part amicably as friends. If he does not then legal action will ensue."
 The extraordinary general meeting to elect a new chairman and board of directors has been extended to take in not only shareholders, but also club members.

Chamberlin reprieved!

Boro' boss avoids the axe



BY AARON GRANSBY

UNDER-FIRE Harrow Borough manager Keith Chamberlin has won a sensational reprieve — after even he feared he was about to be sacked.
 Widespread rumours suggested his three-year reign as Borough boss was to come to an end at a board meeting called on Monday to discuss his position.
 The vultures had already begun to swoop. During the day two former Vauxhall-Opel League managers, Terry Dyson and George Goode, both made telephone applications for his job.
 But Charaberlin emerged from a 55-minute meeting at Earlsmead looking relieved and declaring: "Nothing has happened, I am still the manager of Harrow Borough."

Chamberlin has been much criticized this season as Borough have languished in the bottom half of the premier division table. In his three years in charge, the club has not won a single trophy.
 But the club's press director Steve Williams said: "It was a unanimous board decision that Keith should continue as manager and his contract be honoured."
 "His position was discussed and at the end of the day, everyone feels that the right decision has been made."
 But he made it clear that

Borough will not accept further failure.
 "Our aim is to finish considerably higher next season than we have done recently and if we are not doing satisfactorily, we will have to ask more questions."
 "Keith wants to get the club into the Vauxhall Conference and the board go along with that. But Keith has to realise that his current side will not do it for him."
 "He will be expected to get in stronger players in certain positions. We feel changes are necessary, but

we will not be letting any of our best players go."
 However, Chamberlin's wage budget will not be increased next season, so he will have to build his side on the same money the club is paying at present.
 Chamberlin admitted that he thought his job had been on the line. "I was aware of the rumours and the meeting could have gone either way," he said.
 "We have obviously had a very disappointing season and the ball is in my court to put it right. But I have been at this club for 11 years and this is the first bad season I have had. I don't become a bad manager overnight."
 He confirmed there will be changes in the playing staff during the summer.
 "There will definitely be



Keith Chamberlin — backed by the Boro' board.

changes and we already have a few irons in the fire regarding new players. I have until April 30 to decide which of the current players I want to retain too."

'Our fate in hands of others' — Jennings

WEALDSTONE manager Tony Jennings admitted this week that the club's slim chance of GM Vauxhall Conference survival now lies in the hands of others.
 "With just five games to go, and Stones second bottom of the league, he conceded: "If other teams continue to pick up points as they have been doing, I accept that we are going to go down."
 All the teams just above the relegation zone in recent months have picked up points and escaped from the danger area, such as Wycombe and Northwich.
 And now, Welling United, whom Jennings believed to be the most likely side to go down if Stones

escaped, have begun to do the same.
 Although most people would agree that our form of late hasn't been that bad, other teams have got their act together as well. I wouldn't be at all surprised to go down at the end of the season," said Jennings.
 Stones have five games remaining, at Lincoln and Northwich, and at home to Northwich, Fisher and Maidstone. Jennings is convinced Stones will have to be at their best to get much from them.
 "I think we have got as difficult a run-in as anybody. Although some of those teams may be near the bottom, they are all resilient and

are playing well at the moment. We will have to give our best in every game."
 "At least it is nice, with five games to go, to still be able to say we have some sort of a chance. With some of the farcical things that have been going on at Wealdstone this season, it is amazing we weren't down by January."
 Rayners Lane also face a relegation fight in the Hellenic League. They are just one place above the relegation zone, five points clear, but one of the two clubs below them, Pegasus, beat Lane on Saturday and have four games in hand on them.
 Manager Don Durkin admitted:

"Saturday's defeat does put us right back in the relegation battle again. If we had won, I think we would have been clear, but we now need another nine points from our last five games to be absolutely sure of staying up."
 Edgware Town however are sampling the pressure at the other end of the table. They still lead the London Spartan League and are hoping for promotion to the Vauxhall-Opel League at the end of the season.
 Edgware's only realistic challengers for the league title are Southgate, who were due to play at home last night (Wednesday). They must also still play them away.

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Kevin could get his chance at Lincoln

YOUNG goalkeeper Kevin Foster could be in line for a dream debut for Wealdstone at Lincoln City on Saturday.
 He is set to take over from regular choice Alex Welsh at Sincil Bank as relegation-threatened Stones bid to end the championship-chasing Imps' 16-match unbeaten run.
 Welsh has been going through a nightmare period of late and Foster, 23, who until two weeks ago was turning out for Chelms-

ford's reserve side, impressed Wealdstone boss Tony Jennings with his performance in last week's 3-1 Capital League defeat at Gillingham.
 "He is a good lad and performed well against Gillingham. None of the goals were down to him at all. He could well be in line for selection," said Jennings.
 Meanwhile, Stones will have problems in the centre of defence, with Dennis Byatt suspended and

Everald La Ronde under treatment for a groin injury.
 Harrow Borough will have striker Steve Long back for their Vauxhall-Opel League match against Kingstonian, which will be played at Hampton FC, with whom Kingstonian are now ground-sharing.
 Wembley face a programme of three matches in six days for the second consecutive week, but begin with a full squad to choose from for tonight's home game with Chesham. On Saturday they are away to Bracknell and on Tuesday visit Walton.

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Soccer fixtures
Thursday April 14
 Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Wembley v Chesham Utd (Vale Farm, 7.30pm)
Saturday April 16
 GM Vauxhall Conference: Lincoln City v Wealdstone.
 Vauxhall Opel League Premier Division: Kingstonian v Harrow Borough.
 Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Bracknell v Wembley; Kingsbury Town v Chesham Utd (Silver Jubilee Park, 3pm).
 Spartan League: Cheshunt v Edgware Town.
 Hellenic League: Rayners Lane v Moreton Town (Lucas Avenue, 3pm).
 Middlesex League Cup semi-final replay: Harrow St Mary's v Shamrock (Pinner Road, 3pm).
Tuesday April 19
 GM Vauxhall Conference: Wealdstone v Northwich Victoria (Lower Mead, 7.30pm).
 Vauxhall Opel League Division One: Watton & Hersham v Wembley.