

**SPORT**

**Adams' Brighton dream is over**

MARK Adams' dream move to second division Brighton ended in heartbreak last week. The Harrow Borough winger was told that he was no longer wanted on Thursday — just days after settling personal terms with the South Coast club. Brighton coach Peter Suddaby, who broke the news in a brief phone call, told Adams that the transfer had been blocked at the 11th hour by his board. Yet only three days previously, Suddaby, Seagulls' boss Alan Mullery and Adams had enjoyed a

drink together to celebrate the impending closure of the deal. Adams, 24, went back to his job at a Stanmore car leasing firm this week still stunned by Brighton's about turn. "I spoke to Mullery and Suddaby after training last Monday for a long time," he said. "There was absolutely no hint whatever that they would drop this on me. "I could have lost my job over all this," he added. "It's a good thing my company were going to let me go without serving any notice." Adams, who became friends with

Suddaby during their time together at Hayes, continued: "I feel let down by him. He said he would get back to me but he has not had the courage to call." Both Boro boss Keith Chamberlin and his board, who accepted Brighton's offer for Adams two weeks ago, were outraged by the deal's collapse. A statement issued by the Earlsmead directors said: "Adams was invited to the Goldstone Ground, trained with the club and after agreeing personal terms with Brighton manager Alan Mullery, was introduced to his new colleagues.

"He was told contact would be made with Harrow Borough to complete formalities. On this understanding he made arrangements to leave his present job and has sorted out accommodation in Brighton." Chamberlin said: "Mark is obviously devastated by these events. Everyone at Harrow Borough did everything to allow Mark to move and progress. Brighton have let him down badly." A Brighton spokesman said yesterday that manager Alan Mullery and coach Peter Suddaby were both unavailable for comment.



● Mark Adams: Devastated.

**Wasps go for Bath**

WASPS will be looking to avenge last year's John Player Cup Final defeat at the hands of Bath when the two clubs meet in Avon on Saturday. But Wasps will still be without full back Nick Stringer, hooker Alan Simmons and number eight Mark Rose. There are also doubts over scrum-half Steve Bates and full back Huw Davies, who are both working their way back to fitness. Rugby round up — Page 24.

Kingsbury Town boss Terry Dyson, who has taken his side to the top of the Vauxhall-Opel first division, has been pipped for the Hunting Gate Homes manager of the month award by Leytonstone's John Still. Still has taken his team from mid-table to second place.

The winner of the Premier Division award for October was Chris Kelly of Kingstonian, while Alan Marzon of Collier Row and Clive Howse of Chertsey Town were the regional winners of division two. Meanwhile, Town's plus 16 goal difference has won them an £80 prize under a Vauxhall-Opel League awards scheme.

Four other first division clubs also won an £80 prize each for their healthy goal differences.

Sudbury Court Rugby Club were saddened this week by the death of their chairman, Mr John George. Mr George will be remembered as a strong supporter of junior club rugby in Middlesex.

Wealdstone's on-loan striker Steve Galloway returned to Maidstone last Wednesday and hit the 89th minute goal which kept the Kent club in the FA Cup in their 1-1 4th qualifying round replay with Southwick.

Ex-Wealdstone striker Steve Ragan has signed for Vauxhall-Opel Premier Division side Dulwich, who are managed by former Stones boss Alan Batsford. However, since signing, Ragan has not been seen by the South London club.

Harrow Boro defender Jon Turner has joined Vauxhall-Opel Premier Division side Windsor and Eton on a month's loan.

Former Edgware midfielder Troy McAuliffe has signed for Vauxhall-Opel Premier Division side Hendon.

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**Fireworks fly during post-match grilling**



● Firing blanks — Paul Morris sends in a shot as Bobby Dell (no 6) clears the way.

**Borough boss blasts fall guys**



● Chamberlin: "Worst display since I took over."

Harrow Borough 1, St Albans City 3

BORO received a pre-fireworks night rocket from manager Keith Chamberlin after slipping to a disappointing defeat at the hands of St Albans on Tuesday.

Two defensive lapses just before half time gave the struggling Hertfordshire side only their third win in 14 outings and left Chamberlin fuming.

He locked his team in the dressing room for 45 minutes afterwards and emerged to say: "You had to be there to believe it. After half an hour we should have been two or three goals up. Yet ten minutes later we found ourselves two down.

"At this level you cannot give any side that kind of start," added Chamberlin. "Our defending was scabulous and I would say that was the worst Boro display since I took over."

Centre-half Steve Bateman's 41st minute clanger turned the tide with the score poised at 1-1 and Boro were still looking dazed when

by **Simon O'Neill**

the visitors scored their third minute later.

St Albans had gone in front after only ten minutes when Lavender was caught in no-mans land as John Watts' 25-yard drive dipped over him into the top corner.

But Boro kept their cool and drew level six minutes later from a cleverly worked free kick. Johnson knocked the ball sideways and Lawrence Holmes beat keeper Pearson with a low shot from 20 yards.

However, nothing went right for the home side after that. Steve Emmanuel placed his shot well wide in the 25th minute after racing clear on the right and Paul Morris saw his downward header cleared off the line.

Emmanuel squandered an identical opportunity in the 35th minute when he breached the City defence again only to push the ball too far ahead of him.

The game, up until then firmly in Boro's grasp, was turned on its head in the 41st minute with the help of the unfortunate Bateman.

His shocking backpass beat the onrushing Lavender and former Chelsea winger Phil Driver walked the ball into an empty net.

A minute later, with Boro's defence rooted to the spot, a free kick from the left was headed back across goal for Steve Perrin to add insult to injury.

Not surprisingly St Albans' confidence grew after the break while Boro's rapidly diminished.

Two shots from Holmes came to nothing and the 62nd minute introduction of winger Matt Loddy for Townsend failed to unsettle the visitors.

As Boro's frustration grew, Morris was booked for a foul on Pearson and Holmes and Emmanuel were lucky to escape with only a ticking off after they both clashed with Mick O'Shea near the end.

**Harrow Borough:** Lavender, Duffy, Bateman, Payne, Johnson, Emmanuel, Townsend (Loddy 62), Dell, Holmes, Morris, Adams. Other Sub: Dawson (not used).

**Revival wins tie**

Harefield United 1 Wembley 2

WEMBLEY needed a second half revival to overcome Harefield United in the Middlesex Charity Cup on Tuesday night.

Wembley had a 31st minute Eamonn O'Connor effort disallowed for handball before United went ahead in the 45th minute after Sead Murphy clumsily conceded a penalty.

Just before the interval, Wembley had another "goal" ruled out — Peter Shodeinde being ruled off-side.

The visitors finally equalised after 54 minutes through Paul Bhatia and then hit the winner three minutes from time. Lance Cadogan handled home a loose ball after Adrian Smith's shot had been mis-handled by ex-Wealdstone keeper Paul Cotter.

**Wembley:** Fanner, Flaherty, S Lucas, Murphy, Simpson, Smith, Bhatia, Alexander (Kearns, 45), Shodeinde, D Lucas (Cadogan, 45), O'Connor.

**Soccer Fixtures**

**Saturday, November 8**  
**GM Vauxhall Conference:** Wealdstone v Kingston Boro (Lower Mead, 3)  
**Vauxhall-Opel League Premier Division:** Harrow Boro v Carshalton (Earlsmead, 3), Division One: Finchley v Wembley, Leyton-Wingate v Kingsbury Town.  
**Middlesex League:** Morris Motors v Raynes Lane.  
**Spartan League:** Edgware v Becton (White Lion Ground, 3)  
**Middlesex County League:** Pinner v Dynamos v Harrow St Mary's  
**Suburban League:** Wembley v Farnborough  
**Suburban League Cup:** Walton Casuals v Harrow Boro.  
**Southern Amateur League Division 3:** Casco v Old Lyonians.  
**Essex-Herts Border Combination League Cup:** Kingsbury v Billericay.

**Tuesday, November 11**  
**GMFC Cup (Round 1):** Wealdstone v Sutton United (Lower Mead, 7.30); Witney Town v Harrow Borough.  
**Vauxhall-Opel League Division One:** Billericay v Kingsbury Town. Lewes v Wembley.

**Wednesday, November 12**  
**Suburban League:** Edgware v Hayes.

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**But awayday blues continue**

HARROW Borough's awayday blues continued when the draw for the 3rd qualifying round of the FA Trophy was made on Monday.

For Keith Chamberlin's men must travel to Canterbury City of the Southern League on Saturday, November 22.

Chamberlin, who has never had a home cup draw in his time as manager, said: "I sometimes wonder what we have to do to be drawn at home. Apparently their ground leaves a lot to be desired and our attitude will have to be 100 per cent right on the day."

Wembley's reward for their 4-0 drubbing of Kingstonian is a home 3rd qualifying round tie with Crawley Town, also of the Southern League.

"It's nice to get a club that you don't play a couple of times every season," said Lions boss Alan Dafforn. "It adds a bit of interest. It will be an interesting challenge but I'm sure we can compete with anybody."

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