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SUNAK ALLIES' RAGE AT PENNY

++ Mordaunt fails to quash rumours of a coup ++ Tory MPs spend weekend plotting ++ Now Rishi launches fightback

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RISHI Sunak will launch a political fightback today as he tries to persuade plotting Tory MPs that the economy is poised to 'bounce back' under his leadership.

The Prime Minister will use a speech in the Midlands to try to shift the political debate on to the economy after a bruising week which triggered speculation he could be deposed before the election.

Allies of the Prime Minister are furious with Commons leader Penny Mordaunt after she failed to publicly distance herself from weekend reports that she is being lined up as a potential unity candidate to replace Mr Sunak.

Transport Secretary Mark Harper warned plotters that politics was a 'team game' – and insisted that Mr Sunak will lead the party into the election. 'I'm going to be supporting him all the way through, and I'm confident that my colleagues will,' he said.

Tory grandees also appealed for calm, with Sir Iain Duncan Smith telling the party to 'stop turning inwards on ourselves'.

Rebel MPs are targeting the May bank holiday for a potential push against the Prime Minister if the Conservatives take a drubbing in the local elections on May 2. One source said it would be the 'May Day from Hell' for Mr Sunak.

Senior Conservatives acknowledge there is widespread dismay at the party's standing in the polls, but insist that active plotting is

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