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Baddeley fails to make final

BRITISH number one Andy Baddeley was unable to make it into the final of the 1500m at the World Championships. The Harrow star got through Saturday's heats to qualify for Monday's second semi-final in Berlin, but Baddeley finished a disappointing 11th in a time of 3.38.23. The athlete had been a major doubt for the Championships after suffering an ankle injury in the build up.

Stones still to open account

WEALDSTONE are still looking for their first win – and first goal – after their opening two matches of the season. Following Saturday's 0-0 Ryman Premier draw at Billericay Town, the Stones suffered a 2-0 reverse at home to Tooting & Mitcham United on Tuesday night. Gordon Bartlett's men are at home again on Saturday when they take on Maidstone United.

Modi helps Parkfield win

THIRTY NINE not out from Chetan Modi helped Parkfield and Headstone to a 29-run victory over Old Owens on Saturday. Parkfield made 116 all out before Owens were dismissed for 87.

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Bouncing back from an early knock down

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DAVID HOWELL compared his Harrow Borough side to a bloody-nosed boxer after they recovered from conceding a goal in the first 15 seconds to beat Kingstonian 5-3.

Borough started Monday night's game in the worst possible fashion but recovered to go into the break level at 3-3, thanks to goals from Dean Fenton and a double from James Fraser.

Then second-half strikes from Dewayne Clarke and Charlie Wassmer handed Harrow their first league win of the season to move them up to fifth in the Ryman Premier Division table, after drawing the opening-day game against Canvey Island on Saturday 0-0.

"I am pleased with the result, especially considering we conceded a goal in the first ten seconds," Howell said.

"We were 3-2 up within the first 14 minutes and I couldn't wait to get them in at half time to re-group and sort our shape out.

"The first half was like when a boxer takes a whack early on in a fight, gets a bloody nose and then just keeps slugging it out, so I wanted to get my defence sorted out at half time."

Harrow finished 14th last season and Howell is hoping for a better campaign this year, although he refuses to discuss the possibility of targeting promotion.

The manager said: "I am excited by the squad I have together this year. We had a pretty decent season last year and I think the squad we have this year is a stronger squad and if we can keep together, stay injury free and remain competitive then it should be a good season."

He added: "I am not talking promotion, play-offs or relegation. At the moment we are just going to let our football do the talking. My aim is to do our talking on the pitch."

On Saturday, Harrow travel to Horsham and Howell is expecting another tough fixture.

He said: "We played them in the last game of the season and lost 1-0 and they seem to have had a decent start this time around.

"One thing you can be sure of with Horsham is that they will be a good passing side. But I am confident, as I am going into all of our games."



Eyes on the ball: Harrow Borough had to settle for a 0-0 draw against Canvey Island on Saturday before Monday's goal-fest.

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