

News briefly

Harrow Borough held by Chesham

HARROW BOROUGH drew 1-1 at Chesham United in their latest friendly on Tuesday night. Rob Wolleaston netted the goal for the Reds. Boro's busy pre-season schedule also included a 1-0 home victory over Northwood on Monday. Danny Buckle's effort was enough for Dave Anderson's side to see off their rivals.

Tennis club host annual finals day

HARROW Lawn Tennis Club have hosted their annual finals event. Mick Hooker was crowned the men's singles champion and Elena Synesi won the women's competition. The pair also managed to combine to win the mixed doubles event. Rakesh Gowda and Sam Iman won the men's doubles while Synesi and Kate Howson were the women's doubles champions.

Acorn men's team seal promotion

ACORN Lawn Tennis Club's men's team have won promotion for the second year in a row. The Canons Park side secured the feat, with a game to spare, following their 12-12 draw at Pinner West End V. Gigi Christea and Greg Ostroff won all four sets and the team also featured captain Neil Phillips, Kavi Shah, Jeff Rubinstein and Alex Bota.

Stones ease to friendly win over Northwood

WEALDSTONE extended their unbeaten run during pre-season with a comfortable 3-0 win at Northwood on Tuesday night.

The Stones opened the scoring after just seven minutes when Peter Dean netted.

Former Watford striker Scott Fitzgerald grabbed a brace within a two minute spell during the first half which gave Gordon Bartlett's side a commanding lead.

Wealdstone made a string of changes in the second period and the home side came close to getting on the scoresheet twice hitting the woodwork.

Bartlett's side worked hard to earn a 2-2 draw at home to Conference Premier outfit Forest Green Rovers on Friday evening.

Wealdstone took the lead after 35 minutes when Alex Dyer laid the ball off for Richard Jolly and the prolific goalscorer calmly slotted past the goalkeeper.

It got even better for the home side just before the break when Dyer surged forward and clinically fired home their second goal.

Forest Green pulled one back in the 68th minute when Ben Wright curled home a spectacular free-kick.

The away side piled on the pressure and were rewarded with the equaliser in the 88th minute. Reece Styche drilled the ball across the face of the goal and it was turned into his own net by Alan Massey.

The Stones' next friendly is on Saturday at the Vale when they entertain Hemel Hempstead.

Meanwhile, it has been confirmed Wealdstone's Ryman Premier match at Lewes will kick off at 12.30pm on Monday, August 27.



Chris O'Leary attacks the ball during the Stones' draw against Forest Green Rovers. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Baddeley fails to reach final

ANDY BADDELEY failed to reach the Olympic final of the 1500m.

Baddeley's [pictured] race was run at a decent pace but he crossed the line eighth in a time of 3.36.03.

Frustratingly for the Harrow AC member, all of the fastest losers for the final progressed from his semi, meaning had he finished one place higher, his Olympic quest would have continued.

The athlete told the Liverpool Echo: "I'm disappointed not to make the final.

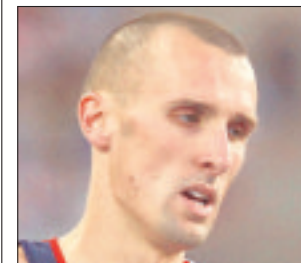
"But if anything it makes me even prouder of what I did last time (when he finished ninth in Beijing) but I wanted to go to the final and do even better.

"That was the kind of heat that I thought suited me, but I did feel as if I was going as hard as I could go.

"The Bird's Nest was incredible, although I ran even better there, but this is even better – the crowd and the noise they made.

"I think the way the heat was going the noise would have gotten me through to the final but that would have been them not me.

"I feel like I've had a great season, but sometimes it doesn't happen."



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