

News briefly

Kenton inaugural winners of league

HARROW Lawn Tennis Club have successfully held their new league with six teams competing as part of the new men's doubles competition. At the end of the first season team Kenton, captained by Peter Pilides, won with 48 points. The closest team to the winners (12 points back) after five matches was HLTC 1.

Promotion celebration

ACORN Lawn Tennis Club men's firsts celebrated going from Division Nine to Division Six in just two seasons by winning their final match 23-1 over Harrow Leisure. Their journey has been an impressive one and this victory highlighted their prowess. The Acorn team completed their brilliant last two seasons by fielding one of their strongest teams available.

Tamil's title hopes still alive

MIDDLESEX Tamil Sports and Social Club kept their title hopes alive with an eight-wicket win over Old Lyonians. Hammad Bukhari starred with six for 43 and Raghu Loganathan picked up three for 30 as Old Lyonians were all out for 120 in 46.3 overs. Middlesex Tamil chasing down the total for the loss of two wickets in 19.3 overs.

Harrow Borough suffer first defeat

HARROW BOROUGH suffered their first defeat of the season after losing 4-2 at Kingstonian in the Ryman Premier on Monday night.

The visitors got off to a promising start when Simeon Akinola netted after 15 minutes but this was quickly cancelled out by Kingstonian.

Two goals in as many minutes at the start of the second half opened up a comfortable lead for the hosts. A second penalty of the night for Kingstonian made it 4-1 before Garry Jones netted for Boro late on.

It was a disappointing night for the Reds after they started their campaign with an impressive 4-1 victory over Thurrock at Earlsmead.

A dominant opening 15 minutes from Dave Anderson's side saw them ease into a three-goal lead. New skipper Rob Wollaston gave the home side the lead and they doubled their advantage when Jones scored from a tight angle.

Thurrock were caught out again as they conceded a third goal when striker Akinola clipped the ball past Adam Seal.

The hosts were awarded a penalty in the second half which Jones netted but the referee ordered the kick to be retaken due to encroachment.

The left-back held his nerve and tucked the ball away for their fourth goal before Thurrock grabbed a late consolation.

Wealdstone also enjoyed a winning start after earning a 1-0 home win over Met Police.

The decisive goal came in the first half when the visiting goalkeeper's shanked clearance fell to Richard Jolly and he calmly found the net.

But Met Police could have equalised immediately when keeper Rikki Banks pulled off a superb save from Billy Crook's strike.

Missed chances cost Wealdstone dear as Gordon Bartlett's side had to settle for a 1-1 draw against East Thurrock on Tuesday night.



Richard Jolly.

The home side dominated the first half and created countless opportunities, the best of which fell to Jolly who fired over after Alex Dyer had pulled it back to him on the edge of the box.

Thurrock failed to heed the warning signs and two minutes before the break the Stones got the breakthrough.

Dyer was again involved, threading a ball through to Jolly who made no mistake, finishing smartly for his second goal in as many games.

Thurrock equalised when Kris Newby found himself unmarked at the back post and lifted the ball over the keeper.

Wealdstone's next encounter is at home against newly promoted Leiston on Saturday.

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Wiggs aiming to shock the world

EMMA Wiggs is already writing her name into the Paralympic record books just by reaching London 2012 – but the Harrow sitting volleyball player insists she isn't content just to make up the numbers in the capital.

No matter what happens at London 2012, Wiggs' place in history is assured as she will captain the first-ever British women's sitting volleyball team at a Paralympic Games.

But if the 30-year-old's CV is anything to go by it could be a very strong first impression as she led Britain to bronze in Division B of the 2010 World Championships, the team's first major event.

And, although Wiggs is delighted to get her chance to show what she can do on the biggest stage of all, she is hopeful they haven't stopped making history just yet.

"We're part of history and we understand that, but we're not here for that. We want to make history by shocking the world and winning a medal," said Wiggs.

"We're very confident, and we feel we can match any of the other teams.

"The last few weeks have been a great opportunity for all of us to be together. We don't really get that very often, and I'm sure it's helped us as a team. We've had some huge achievements and we end each day knowing we're better than we were yesterday."

Wiggs has been an integral part of the British squad ever since it was formed in 2009. And, although London 2012 is their first Paralympics, courtesy of a host nation place, Wiggs is adamant it won't be their last.

"We're a new sport this time around, so we're really aiming for Rio 2016," she added. "But this is a brilliant opportunity, and we have to use it as a springboard.

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