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Burrell hits treble in five-goal win

A second-half hat-trick from Garry Burrell secured a 5-1 victory for Harrow Borough in their friendly against Uxbridge on Saturday. Dave Anderson's side went ahead in the contest after just three minutes as Steve Ferguson powerfully headed home from a cross. Uxbridge had an opportunity to hit back soon after and despite the best efforts of goalkeeper Elvijs Putnins, they levelled the score. Alwayne Jones restored the Harrow advantage and they went in ahead at the break. The second period was controlled by Borough and Burrell scored three times in seven minutes to seal an impressive victory. Harrow are back in action on Saturday at Whitstable Town in the FA Trophy first qualifying round.

Stunning score

Wealdstone Ladies' outstanding start to the season continued with a staggering 18-0 demolition over Chiltern Saints at The Vale on Sunday. Natalie Osman led the rout with eight and Nicola Dixon (4) and new signing Cadey Rowe-Morrison also netted hat-tricks. The scoring was completed by Claire Holden, Katie Harling and Danielle Forde.

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Stones unable to avenge play-off loss

WEALDSTONE's FA Cup hopes came to an end after a 2-1 home defeat to Lowestoft Town at Grosvenor Vale on Saturday.

Having been knocked out in the first qualifying round of the competition last season, the Stones were looking to make an impact on this year's tournament. However they failed to get going against a Lowestoft outfit who are likely to be one of the front runners for this season's Ryman Premier League title on this showing.

Lowestoft triumphed over Wealdstone in last season's controversial play-off semi-final at Crown Meadow but there was to be no revenge for Gor-

don Bartlett's side on this occasion.

A misplaced pass from Scott McCubbin gifted the visitors their first chance of the afternoon on nine minutes as Joe Francis intercepted the ball and advanced on goal, with Rikki Banks doing superbly to beat away the winger's goal-bound effort.

There was a let off for the Stones when a simple ball over the top saw the dangerous Michael Frew presented with a great chance but he could only fire his effort into the side netting.

It was the visitors who were creating all the chances and Banks came to Wealdstone's rescue again as he saved well from Chris Henderson's driven

effort at the target.

He was again called into action to save Francis' free-kick but he was finally beaten after 36 minutes.

Chris Gaughran lofted the ball over the top to Henderson, who brought it down before firing past the keeper.

The hosts had a decent shout for a penalty turned down on the stroke of half-time as Peter Dean's effort appeared to strike the hand of a defender but the referee waved play on.

Wealdstone were offered an unexpected lifeline on 52 minutes when Kurtney Brooks was chopped down by Stuart Ainsley resulting in a spot-kick. Sean Cronin stepped up to slam home the penalty and bring the sides level.

The two teams were on terms for just four minutes as the Trawler Boys quickly regained the lead.

Ainsley whipped a cross into the front post where Frew was able to get in front of his marker and fire past Banks.

Only heroic defending from Lee Chappell stopped the visitors extending their lead as he headed Francis' effort off the line.

Wealdstone pushed forward late on in a bid to rescue a draw but they could not find their way through the Lowestoft defence.

Bartlett's side return to cup action on Saturday when they host Southern League Division One side Chertsey Town in the first qualifying round of the FA Trophy.



Wealdstone battle for the ball during Saturday's defeat.

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Trophy reward for young golfer

YOUNG Harrow golfer Zain Ahmed won a trophy at the Trailblazers Junior Golf Tour Championship final on Sunday.

After winning four out of the six regional events based in Kent and Surrey he topped the boys 11 to 13 age group order of merit. Ahmed, pictured, also faced a very strong line-up in the final at Hever Castle Golf Club in Kent.

He played through a very windy and tricky course, taking third spot at the tour finale. Ahmed practises every weekend and the hard work at Ealing Golf Club and Foxhills Golf Club has paid off.

Ahmed, a Year 7 pupil at Nower Hill High School, has been guided by Middlesex County coach Shaun Ferguson, based at Northwick Park Golf centre, for the past year.

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