

News briefly

**Bank of England deny Harrow win**

HARROW RFC squandered a lead as they were held to a 27-27 draw with Bank of England. Harrow had a 12-point advantage with only ten minutes remaining. Shane Togher and Simon Bram scored in the first half as Harrow took the lead. Togher scored again at the start of the second half and Harrow looked to be in control. But a fightback from the visitors stunned Harrow and ensured the match finished all square.

**Cricket side reach Youth Games final**

HARROW BOYS will play at Lord's in next month's Balfour Beatty London Youth Games Indoor Cricket Finals. The team went through the qualifying round unbeaten as they defeated Bromley on a bowl out. Harrow also defeated Lewisham by 24 runs and eased to a 69-run victory over Hammersmith & Fulham.

**Wealdstone Ladies crush Woodley**

WEALDSTONE LADIES thrashed Woodley 10-0. Nicola Dixon was in prolific form as she netted four times in the one-sided victory. Natalie Osman came up with another hat-trick for the home side. Stevie Wickes netted a brace for the Stones and new signing Amber Charlton completed the scoring. The Under-18s lost 4-2 to Marston.

## Stones suffer promotion setback after Island loss

BY TOM BODELL

WEALDSTONE extended their winless away record to seven matches on Tuesday night – a streak which takes them back to November – as they went down 2-0 at Canvey Island.

Gordon Bartlett was able to call upon his two new additions, with former Canadian Under-20 and Under-23 international midfielder Elliott Godfrey – signed on transfer deadline day after his release by Conference South side Staines Town – and former Margate defender Michael Alaile both included in the starting 11.

Wealdstone had the first chance of the game after five minutes when Chris Moore laid up Alex Dyer whose 20-yard effort was beaten away by former Stones' goalkeeper Ashlee Jones.

Debutant Godfrey was next to come close for Stones on the quarter hour mark; the former Staines man curling a 25-yard free-kick over the bar after Lee Chappell had been brought down.

Canvey had their first chance of the evening a minute later when Bradley Woods-Garness burst into the box only for Rikki Banks to deny him.

The opener came on 33 minutes when Ashley Dumas swung over a free-kick from the left-hand side which Banks could only fumble with Richard Orlu on-hand to slam home.

Stones did create a chance on the stroke of half-time, with Esmond James embarking on a jinking run into the box before he was thwarted by a superb one-handed save by Jones.

The hosts came close to a second after the restart with Woods-Garness hitting a shot from 20 yards which Banks saved low to his left and Chatting crashing an effort against the bar with the follow-up.

Bartlett's men had their best chance of the half on 61 minutes; Dyer threading an inch-perfect ball through to Moore who found himself one-on-one, Jones again equal to the effort.

Canvey doubled their lead on 66 minutes when Dumas swung over a corner which was cleverly flicked on by Rickie Hayles into the path of Orlu who was able to fire home his second.

Only fine 'keeping from Banks kept the score down as Stones' number one denied Jay Curran and Woods-Garness before the end.

Further defensive chaos nearly handed Canvey a third goal as Curran screwed his effort wide with Banks left stranded in no-man's land.

Next up for Wealdstone is a trip to fierce rivals Enfield Town on Saturday.



The Stones suffered a promotion setback after losing to Canvey Island. PICTURE: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

## Reds earn vital Bury Town win

HARROW BOROUGH boosted their hopes of avoiding the drop after a 3-1 home win over Bury Town on Tuesday night.

The Reds badly needed a result after their defeat to Met Police last week and they upset the odds to defeat play-off hopefuls Bury Town.

The visitors had only taken one point off Boro in their five previous meetings and the jinx continued as Dave Anderson's side came out on top.

The hosts took the lead after 33 minutes when Garry Jones' corner was headed home by Michael Peacock.

Despite their first-half dominance, Boro were pegged back two minutes after the restart. The ball was slipped through to John Sands and he fired past Ross Fitzsimons for the equaliser.

Boro responded immediately and were unlucky not to regain the lead when Simeon Akinola's shot was parried by Marcus Garnham.

But the Reds grabbed their second goal after 55 minutes when Charles Ofusu-Hene's cross was turned in from close range by Akinola.

The final goal came in the 80th minute when Shaun Lucien pulled the ball back for Saheed Sankoh to volley home and seal the three points.

The result means Boro are fourth bottom in the Ryman Premier League but only four points off the foot of the table.

Anderson's side host mid-table Leiston in their next match this Saturday.

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