

News briefly

Tennis club land floodlit league

HARROW Lawn Tennis Club have been crowned champions of the Kenton Winter Floodlit League Mixed Division One. The club took first place after winning all three rounds convincingly. The intra club tournaments are in full swing and the team handicap final is due to take place next month.

Wealdstone Ladies step up title bid

WEALDSTONE LADIES boosted their title hopes after a 9-1 victory over Oxford City Seconds. Despite going 1-0 down early on, the side responded emphatically to ease to the win. Natalie Osman stole the lead with five goals while Rosie Watts grabbed a brace. Danielle Forde and Nicola Dixon completed the rout.

Teenage Stones see off Caversham

AFTER three defeats Wealdstone Under-18s notched their first win of the year with a 2-0 victory over Caversham. The opening goal came when Sarah Key unlocked the defence and found the net. The second arrived after 40 minutes when Key's shot was parried by the keeper and Ria Bird netted from three yards out. The Stones controlled the game in the second half as they ended their losing run.

Reds stun leaders to boost survival hopes

HARROW BOROUGH manager Dave Anderson described their shock 3-1 win over Ryman Premier Division leaders Whitehawk as their best performance of the season.

The Reds boosted their survival hopes with a superb victory over the title favourites before backing it up with a 1-0 win over Kingstonian on Tuesday night.

Anderson said: "It was our best performance of the season because we played against a team that are nine points clear at the top and we deservedly beat them.

"Our performances over the last five or six games have been good but they peaked for the Whitehawk match.

"It has to be our best performance of the season beating a team that will go on to win the league. We've taken four points off them this season."

He added: "We did everything well. Our defending was good, we scored three goals and had half a dozen other chances to score.

"It was difficult to pick out one particular element we did well because it was a strong all-round performance."

Boro, who earned a 0-0 draw at Whitehawk in December, fell behind in the game when Michael Malcolm netted.

But Garry Jones' penalty brought them level before Shaun Lucien's free-kick and Ola Williams' finish

sealed a memorable win at Earlsmead.

It was a much tighter affair on Tuesday as the Reds rode their luck to defeat Kingstonian.

Jones again scored from the spot but the hosts were indebted to an excellent performance from goalkeeper Ross Fitzsimons.

The manager admitted: "I thought we deserved to beat Whitehawk but we had a bit of luck against Kingstonian. Our keeper had to make three great saves in the first half but that's what you need to happen sometimes.

"I have been saying for a while that our performances have been decent but we've not been getting the results. But all of a sudden we've won three of our last four league games."

Their next match on Saturday sees a trip to bottom side Thurrock.

Anderson said: "They are six big points for us. But we now have a massive match at Thurrock at the weekend.

"They're below us in the table but have games in hand and we won't be taking them lightly. Now we go there confident, whereas if we hadn't got the results there would probably be an edginess about us.

"We know what this league is all about. You can beat anyone as we've just proved, but you can also lose to any side which we've also shown."



Dave Anderson's side have boosted their survival hopes with two excellent wins this week.

Stones consolidate second after win

WEALDSTONE kept the pressure on leaders Whitehawk after a 2-0 win at East Thurrock United on Tuesday night.

The Stones opened the scoring after 35 minutes through Peter Dean and added their second goal when Wes Parker was on target in the second half.

The victory means Gordon Bartlett's side are nine points behind Whitehawk in second place but have two games in hand over them.

Wealdstone had to work hard for a 0-0 draw at in-form Hendon at the weekend.

The hosts came into the match having won six of their previous eight games which gave them real belief heading into the match.

Hendon came close to taking the lead in the first half when the ball fell to Junior Morias but his shot was cleared off the line by a defender.

The visitors came under more pressure when Dean Ricknell fired in an effort which Rikki Banks pushed round the post.

Bartlett's side looked more threatening in the second half and Esmond James fired just over the bar from 20 yards out.

Alex Dyer also had an opportunity but his shot was straight at the home goalkeeper.

The best chance of the game came when Lee Angol found Morias who was put through one on one with the keeper but Banks denied him with a superb reflex save.

Cracknell had one last chance to win the game for Hendon but he fired straight at Banks as the Stones battled to a decent point.

Wealdstone travel to play-off hopefuls Met Police this weekend.

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