

News briefly

Harrow Borough in six goal thriller

HARROW BOROUGH were held to a 3-3 draw at home to Lowestoft Town. The Reds had an early 3-1 lead following an own goal alongside a brace inside three minutes from Shaun Lucien. But Dave Anderson's side were pegged back and had to settle for a point. Boro visit Carshalton Athletic this weekend.

Wealdstone boys clinch county cup

WEALDSTONE YOUTH won the Middlesex County Cup after beating Brentford 6-1 in the final. Ashley Nathaniel-George opened the scoring before Reece Grant netted. Nathaniel-George added the third and Koran Goldson also scored. Aron Ruszel made it 5-0 and Nathaniel-George rolled the ball home to complete his hat-trick and seal the cup success.

Stones Ladies romp to emphatic win

WEALDSTONE LADIES thrashed Marston Saints 14-0. Natalie Osman continued her goal rush with six in the one-sided win. Katie Harling rounded the net five times while Rebecca Mills netted a brace. New signing Jo Monochello rounded off the scoring to continue their bid for the league title, League Cup and MCCA Junior Womens Cup.

Stones boss frustrated despite holding leaders

WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett admitted he was slightly disappointed to come away with a point at league leaders Whitehawk.

The Stones fought back from a goal behind to earn a 1-1 draw which kept them seven points behind the title favourites in second place.

But the Wealdstone boss felt their second-half dominance was such that they could have come away with the win over their rivals.

Bartlett said: "There are two ways of looking at it because you could say we were 1-0 down at the leaders at half-time.

"But the way the second half went with us dominating it we came away a bit frustrated."

The hosts took the lead after 25 minutes when a goalmouth scramble enabled Hakeem Araba to net from close range.

Wealdstone improved significantly after the restart and were well worth their 75th minute equaliser. Alex Dyer cut inside from the left and fired a 20-yard strike into the corner of the net.

The Stones were reduced to ten men when Chris Moore was sent off for a lunge but the home side also had Mark Knee dismissed shortly after-

wards.

Bartlett said: "When you have a side top of the league that plays with one up front at home then I think that shows the level of respect they have for us.

"They were seven points clear so instead of going for the jugular they played the safety job to protect their lead.

"I felt they edged it in the first half but in the second period we were comfortably the better team and were camped in the half."

Wealdstone have another pivotal game in the Ryman Premier Division on Saturday when they host third-placed Concord Rangers.

Bartlett, whose side travelled to Thurrock last night [Wednesday] said: "It's a very important weekend with Concord in our sights behind us and with a game in hand.

"I've watched them twice and I was really impressed with their work ethic and they keep grinding out results so they're right within our sights.

"If we want to have a chance this season then these are the games we need to win.

"With 11 games to go every match is massive and the closer we get to the end the bigger they will get."



The Stones claimed a valuable point at leaders Whitehawk. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Town picked as showcase club

HARROW TOWN have been selected by the England and Wales Cricket Board as this year's NatWest CricketForce showcase club this year.

The club are taking part in the initiative next month which is aimed at rejuvenating local cricket clubs and giving volunteers the chance to get involved.

Harrow Town, based in Rayners Lane, expect more than 200 volunteers including members of England's men and women team along with Middlesex players to help with projects around the ground between Friday, April 5 and Sunday, April 7. Mike Gattling, Angus Fraser and Mark Ramprakash will also attend the weekend.

Club captain Gihan Herath said: "NatWest Cricket Force will enable much needed work to take place at clubs across the county ensuring the 2013 season gets off to the best possible start.

"All players start their cricket careers at local clubs and it is crucial that we support the game's development.

"Good facilities and a fun environment can be the difference between youngsters staying with cricket or not and NatWest Cricket Force helps make clubs a real focus for community sports activities and volunteering opportunities."

The ECB's Cricket Factory will also be there on the day to help keep youngsters entertained and cricket coaches will be on hand to give young cricketers some useful tips ahead of the new season.

For more information on how to get involved email cricket-force2013@harrowtowncc.co.uk.

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