

News briefly

Harrow well beaten by impressive OMTs

HARROW RFC lost 57-18 at home to Herts Middlesex One title rivals OMTs on Saturday. The match was in the balance with Harrow leading 8-7 at the break but a yellow card to Simon Bram proved costly as the visitors ran in six tries in the last 20 minutes. The result now means the title is in OMTs' hands.

Middlesex get new season underway

MIDDLESEX CCC started their new campaign yesterday [Wednesday] against Nottinghamshire in the LV= County Championship at Trent Bridge. Chris Rogers led out the side featuring Gareth Berg and Neil Dexter. Middlesex's first home match of the season starts on Wednesday against Derbyshire at Lords. The side will be hoping to better their third place finish from last season.

Wealdstone Ladies suffer cup defeat

WEALDSTONE LADIES were knocked out of the Middlesex Cup semi-finals after a 3-1 defeat to Enfield Ladies. The Stones found themselves 1-0 down after just ten minutes of the match. Enfield extended their lead just before the break. The third goal for Enfield ended their hopes before Rebecca Mills netted a consolation effort.

Promotion setback for Stones after Bury loss

WEALDSTONE boss Gordon Bartlett admits it is highly unlikely they will be able to catch Ryman Premier leaders Whitehawk after losing 3-2 at home to Bury Town.

The Stones could only manage a goalless draw at Bury on Saturday and the return match on Tuesday night has left them facing the probability of a play-off at the end of the season.

Wealdstone have slipped to third in the table and are 12 points behind Whitehawk with two games in hand.

Bartlett said: "It is highly unlikely we can catch Whitehawk now. In the space of a week, we have not only seen first but also second go out of our hands.

"We have to dust ourselves down and make sure that we go and get a home semi-final now."

Wealdstone came so close to an ideal start in the opening minute of the clash at Grosvenor Vale.

Scott McGleish sent in a cross but Chris Moore's header was deflected behind for a corner.

The hosts' bright start continued when Moore's dipping volley flew just over the bar.

Wealdstone's pressure on the visitors did not let up as

keeper Marcus Garnham was forced to save McGleish's low strike.

Home goalkeeper Jonathan North was called into action when he tipped John Sands' spectacular volley over the bar.

The visitors took the lead in the 33rd minute when Sam Reed cut inside and fired past North into the corner of the net.

Wealdstone equalised after the restart when Moore flicked the ball home and the hosts took the lead when McGleish turned in Lee Chappell's cross.

The hosts were looking in control but against the run of play Bury levelled through a long-range free-kick from Reed.

Wealdstone conceded the third goal after 76 minutes when Sands drilled the ball into the net.

Bartlett, whose side host Cray this weekend, said: "It was both frustrating and disappointing. At 2-1 up we were dominant and looked like we could beat them comfortably but their equaliser changed the game completely.

"They got a fortunate goal and the manner of it deflated us and also gave them a big lift."



Wealdstone suffered a costly home defeat to Bury Town on Tuesday night. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Borough target one more win

HARROW BOROUGH boss Dave Anderson believes his side need one more win to ensure Ryman Premier Division safety this season.

The Reds picked up a crucial 4-2 home win over Enfield Town at the weekend which has eased their relegation fears as they moved up to 17th in the table.

Anderson, whose side travel to second bottom Hastings United this evening, said: "I think that we're one win away from being safe. But even if we get that then we won't rest on our laurels and start to relax.

"We are in a reasonable position but we're looking to get three to six points as quickly as possible. If we can get to 40 points then we should be OK so the sooner we get the result the more it will ease the pressure."

Boro opened the scoring after just six minutes when Saheed Sankoh latched onto a clearance and fired the ball into the net.

Liam Hope netted the equaliser for Enfield Town before Boro regained the lead in the second half. Simeon Akinola rounded the keeper and set up Sankoh who netted his second of the game.

Anderson's side made it 3-1 in the 72nd minute when substitute Rob Wollaston sent Akinola clear and he fired past Noel Imber.

Hope headed home again for the visitors before Wollaston was sent clear and he smashed in Boro's fourth goal.

Anderson said: "If I'm being honest Enfield were better than us in the first half. But in the second period I thought we played well and it was a big three points."

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