

## Losing run ended with ten-man win

Bessborough ended their three-match losing streak with a six-wicket victory over S.K.L.P despite only being able to field a ten-man team.

Taking the ball first up Bessborough struggled to contain the opposition batsmen before spinner Mitesh Vyas turned the tide with five vital wickets.

Vyas, featuring for the first time in the first XI, gave away only 28 runs from 14 overs while the leading wicket taker Rohan Karkhanis continued to shine with the ball taking three for 30.

Set a lowly target of 115 to win it was a relatively easy chase as captain Daniel Hawes hit an assured 56 to see him team home within 44 overs having lost just four wickets.

The victory propelled Bessborough up to fifth, 21 points behind leaders M.T.S.S.C, keeping alive their hopes of clinching the Middlesex Championship.

The Seconds fell to a 64-run defeat against Southgate Seconds that kept them rooted to the bottom of Division Three.

Bessborough Thirds earned a draw in Division Four against Southgate Thirds.

The Fourths enjoyed a 40-run victory against North Middlesex Fifts.

# Chelsea's rising stars beat Stones at The Vale

A youthful but talented Chelsea side ran out 4-1 winners in an entertaining pre-season friendly against Wealdstone at The Vale on Saturday.

The visitors were skippered by Nathan Ake, who played against Everton on the last day of the Premier League season in May, and fielded Andreas Christensen and Islam Feruz who both recently went on the first team's pre-season tour to the Far East.

The Stones were more than competitive but Chelsea eventually made their class tell as they scored twice in three second-half minutes to take the game just out of a spirited Wealdstone's reach.

Despite the away side starting with an air of superiority, it was The Stones who had the game's first chances, with Tom Pett and Scott McCubbin both forcing early saves from Beeneey.

Striker Chris Moore then gave the hosts the lead from the spot, coolly slotting home mid-way through the first half, after being hauled down by Chelsea 'keeper Mitchell Beeneey.

However Isaiah Brown applied the West Londoners' equaliser seconds before the break, before the effervescent Alex Kiwomya gave Chelsea



Chelsea's Nathan Ake, who played for the Blues first team in the Premier League last season, challenges for a header against Wealdstone. Picture: Steve Foster

the advantage moments into the second period.

Brown added his second and his team's third minutes later, while John Swift completed the scoring late on to give the Premier League side a

deserved victory.

Wealdstone used the occasion to unveil their new £32,000 Bulla Stand in front of 1,123 supporters who gathered for the one-off contest at The Vale.

Wealdstone: North, Hammond, Siva, Parker, Okimo, Bailey, McCubbin, Martin, Moore, Godfrey, Pett. Subs used: Hill, Brooks, Grant, Rodrigues, Montoya-Ospin, Hutchinson, Webb, Haxhia.

## Youngsters into national last four

Harrow St Mary's Under-15s stand just two games away from being crowned National Champions after thumping victories over Mildenhall and Finchampstead saw them crowned London and East champions for the first time.

Unbeaten Mildenhall were made to bowl first as all HMS' Ian Harris (47) and Kushal Patel (38) helped Saints finished on 168 for six from their 20 overs.

Mildenhall's reply never really started as they stuttered along to 65 for four off 15 overs, before a late surge, with the game all but over, saw them reach 127 for four from their allotted overs, some 41 runs short. Patel, (two for 13) and Vaibhav Dubey (one for 13) were the wicket takers.

Finchampstead were also left shell-shocked as Saints romped to a ten wicket win to secure a place at the national finals.

Finchampstead batted first but were pegged back by spin and the medium pacers, finishing on 121 for eight.

With a modest target to chase, HSM did not hang around with Harris (51) initially playing the anchor role, whilst Rawal blasted away at the other end, scoring 51 from 34 balls, including three sixes as HSM won at a canter inside fourteen overs.

They will now play in the National finals at Shrewsbury School on Monday.

Joint team manager Sadhna Patel said: "I am thrilled, whatever happens now we will be very proud of our boys."

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