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Goalless draw for Harrow Borough

HARROW BOROUGH drew 0-0 at home to Kingstonian in the Ryman Premier Division on Tuesday night. The Reds are still looking for their first win this season after they were beaten 3-1 at Margate at the weekend. A disastrous start saw them concede a goal after just 22 seconds before an own goal brought Boro level. But two second-half goals sealed the home win. Meanwhile Boro have received a £10,712 from the Football Stadia Improvement Fund which will go towards new floodlights.

Welwyn trophy win for Harrow side

HARROW RFC won their first trophy of the season after finishing unbeaten at the Welwyn 10s. The side started with a 28-7 win over Welwyn A before beating Sonny Bills 12-5 and Welwyn Under-20s 24-0. Harrow defeated Welwyn B 32-5 in the semi-final before a 26-7 final win over Sonny Bills.

Promotion bid over for Bessborough

BESSBOROUGH's promotion hopes were ended after a losing draw at Middlesex Division One leaders Crouch End. Their opponents reached 199 for eight with Akshay Hirani taking three for 48. In reply, Bessborough struggled to 132 for nine with Richard Edmands top-scoring on 37.

Stones boss ignores past derby success

WEALDSTONE boss Gordon Bartlett insists the club's recent success against Harrow Borough will have no bearing when they travel to their rivals on Saturday.

The Stones are unbeaten in the last six meetings between the sides dating back to April 2010 but Bartlett believes this will count for little when they clash at Earlsmead.

Bartlett said: "We have had the upper hand recently but that is all in the past. I don't look at past records or results because it's all about now. It's a new season so we will just focus on trying to do our best this weekend. "There is a bit of rivalry there but for us it's all about keeping the momentum going.

"I've always said that the local derbies are for the fans. It is important to everybody but it's no different to any other game for us."

The Stones remain unbeaten in the Ryman Premier Division and earned their first win after a 3-0 victory at Hampton & Richmond Borough on Tuesday night.

Joel Ledgister was sent off for a second booking after he handled the ball in the area. Sean Cronin took full advantage as he converted the penalty to give

Wealdstone the lead.

The visitors were in control during the second half and doubled their lead in the 72nd minute when former player Tommy Brewer scored an own goal.

Substitute Peter Dean sealed the win late on when he netted from close range.

Bartlett, whose side have drawn three of their four league games, said: "It's been a steady start but we could easily have been sitting here with 12 points.

"I don't think we've got things right yet but if you've come away and 3-0 there are no massive concerns and it's just a case of little tweaks here and there."

Wealdstone fought back twice to earn a 2-2 draw at home to Wingate & Finchley on Saturday.

The hosts required equalisers from Chris Moore and Tom Pett although Bartlett insists they should have won the game.

The manager said: "In the last 30 minutes it was no exaggeration to say that we had seven clear-cut chances.

"The big disappointment is we didn't make the keeper work. We hit the bar and missed the target so it's disappointing we failed to turn our superiority into three points."



Gordon Bartlett's side are unbeaten this season. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

American dream for teenage ace

FORMER Hatch End High and West Herts College student Max Walcott has signed a full scholarship worth \$200,000 over four years with Hartwick College, New York.

The 6ft 3in striker was recommended to United Sports USA director of soccer Andy Newman by West Herts College tutor Liam Walsh.

After being watched during a college match, Walcott, pictured, was asked to take part in a second assessment with other talented soccer players at The Arena in Baldock.

Newman said: "Physically Max was the most impressive athlete I have worked with in ten years of helping students gain scholarships in the United States.

"He has a tremendous physique, lightning pace and an eye for goal and will be a huge asset to the Hartwick Hawks who are managed by former Liverpool FC youth player John Scott."

Walcott moved to New York this summer and will combine playing football with studying business as a full time student.



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