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#### News briefly

#### **Castle League win** for tennis team

HARROW Lawn Tennis Club's first team have won the Castle League. The competition was launched for men's doubles teams and rounds were played in Harrow on Friday nights before drinks were held afterwards in The Castle pub. The league trophy went to John Walker after his team picked up 42 points from their five matches. Meanwhile the club is hosting an open day on Saturday from 11am

#### **Presentation day** for Vagabonds

VAGABONDS Tennis Club held their annual presentation event on Sunday. The Pinner-based club hosted a men's exhibition match as Jonathan Smy and Chris Shaw were winners over Vahe Vartanian and Nigel Orlans 6-4, 3-6, 10-7. A junior Under-9s final also took place with Sabarish Ganesh beating Dhruv Velani 8-10, 7-4, 7-4. The club welcomes new members of all ages and standards. For information call 0208 8685360.

#### Survival bid alive for Bessborough

BESSBOROUGH Seconds will take their battle to avoid relegation from Middlesex Division Three down to the final game after a winning draw against-Wycombe House. It means Bessborough need at least a winning draw from their final game at South Hampstead.

## **Seventh heaven for Stones in Cray rout**

WEALDSTONE extended their unbeaten start to the season after thrashing Cray Wanderers 7-1 in the Ryman Premier Division.

Gordon Bartlett's side were in ruthless form as they crushed their opponents for their fourth consecutive win to move up to third in the table.

Seven different players found the net for the Stones which bodes well for the rest of the season as Weald-

stone look to mount a promotion challenge. The hosts opened the scoring after 12 minutes when Chris Moore was clattered in the area and Sean

Cronin blasted home the penalty. Wealdstone made it 2-0 on the half hour mark when Moore got his head on a cross shot from James Hammond.

Glen Little was brought down in the box and the assistant flagged for a foul to award them a second penalty. Scott McGleish's effort was saved by goal-keeper Andy Walker but the former Wycombe Wanderers striker followed up to net the rebound.

The visitors hit back and got on the scoresheet with an effort from James Frey.

Wealdstone netted their fourth goal just before halftime when Elliott Godfrey struck a superb strike into the net against the bottom side.

Substitute Reece Grant had only been on the pitch for 90 seconds when he netted their fifth goal following a goalmouth scramble. There was six minutes of injury time and Weald-

stone managed to score two more goals to seal the comprehensive win.

Stefan Bailey scored before substitute Jack Hutchinson netted his first goal for the club.

The visitors ended the match with ten men when Danny Young received a second yellow card for a foul on Grant.

Bartlett's side travel to Bury Town this weekend before visiting AFC Hornchurch on Tuesday.



Scott McGleish tries to surprise Chris Moore during the Stones' one-sided victory. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

### Harrow Borough clinch first win

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HARROW BOROUGH finally got off the mark with their first victory of the campaign after a 1-0 win at Leiston in the Ryman Premier Division.

The Reds have had a miserable start to the season but Dave Ander-son's side clinched their first three points after a hard-fought away win.

Fulham recalled young goalkeeper Max Oberschmidt on the eve of the game which forced Boro to bring Alex Tokarczyk from Hemel Hempstead Town at the last minute. The visitors' first opportunity

came when Simeon Akinola fired over from Shaun Lucien's pass. At the other end, Michael Barima

was forced to clear the ball off the line while new keeper Tokarczyk made a couple of decent saves.

There was more pressure on the Reds' goal at the start of the second period as Tokarczyk saved a Stuart Boardley free-kick while also pushing away a Ryan Crisp strike.

Kevant Serbonij went close as his shot was saved by home keeper Alex Street.

The visitors were unlucky to see Shaun Lucien's powerful 15-yard strike cannon off the crossbar.

The hosts then enjoyed their best spell of the match as they went in search of the winning goal.

But Boro managed to keep them at bay after some last-ditch defending and impressive goalkeeping from Tokarczyk.

The match appeared to be head-ing for a goalless draw when the visitors struck the decisive blow in injury time.

Adam Louth's inswinging freekick was parried but substitute Rhys Murrell-Williamson was in the right place to score from a yard out.

