

News briefly

Harrow Borough sunk by Hendon

HARROW BOROUGH were beaten 3-1 at home to Hendon in the Ryman Premier Division on Monday night. A terrible start saw them fall 2-0 down after five minutes, Simeon Akinola pulled one back with his first of the season before Hendon added a third goal. Dave Anderson's side defeated Dulwich Hamlet 3-1 on Saturday after goals from Shaun Lucien, Jordan Berry and Marcel Barrington. Boro host North Greenford United in the FA Cup first qualifying round this weekend.

Cracking finals day for Acorn players

ACORN Lawn Tennis Club held a successful finals day. Ravi Gupta and Neil Phillips equalled the club record by winning the men's doubles for the fifth time beating last year's winners Petro Stoian and George Christea 6-4, 4-6, 10-7. Jeff Rubinstein defeated Steve Melzack 6-3, 2-6, 10-7 in the men's vets singles while Stoian took the singles title from his brother George Christea 6-2, 2-6, 6-3.

Harrow ready for season opener

HARROW RFC play their first game in London NW3 this weekend following their promotion. The rugby team will travel to Datchworth on Saturday afternoon. Their first home game is the following weekend against Grasshoppers.

Wealdstone on top despite late blow

WEALDSTONE moved to the top of the Ryman Premier Division despite conceding an injury time equaliser in their 1-1 draw at AFC Hornchurch on Tuesday night.

The Stones remain unbeaten this season but were left frustrated after a 96th minute goal cancelled out Chris Moore's superb opener in the tenth minute.

Wealdstone claimed all three points on Saturday after an excellent 1-0 victory at Bury Town.

Gordon Bartlett's side secured their fifth consecutive win after Tom Pett netted his third goal of the campaign.

The Stones boss said: "I'm going to emphasise the positives despite the disappointment of conceding so late.

"To come away with four points from two difficult away games, we've got to be delighted. We're top of the league and still unbeaten.

"We have shown a bit of everything so far. Our ball retention has been good along with our movement and we've been disciplined. All the players have put their bodies on the line as we are very much going in the right direction."

Wealdstone have a break from the league this weekend as they kick off their FA Cup campaign with a first qualifying round tie at home to Kings Langley.

Despite the hosts being strong favourites, Bartlett is not willing to take their South Midlands Division One opponents lightly.

He said: "It is massive from a financial aspect. All we want to do is maintain our momentum and they will be coming over to us in front of probably the biggest crowd they've played in front for a while.

"They will be doing everything to upset the party and we will give them respect but hopefully we'll do enough to get through to Monday's draw. We have to out there with the right attitude because we have no divine right to win."



Glen Little attacks during the Stones' win over Bury Town.
Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Survival relief for Bessborough

BESSBOROUGH Seconds and Thirds avoided relegation after results elsewhere helped them stay up.

The Seconds travelled to South Hampstead trailing second-bottom Edmonton by three points.

But after being put into bat they posted a season's best of 289 for seven declared. Skipper Phil Bush hit 51 while Ishan Shah scored 72 and Kushal Patel chipped in with 65.

South Hampstead were dismissed for 245 and with Edmonton falling short of victory against North London, Bessborough retained their place in Middlesex Division Three.

The Thirds also benefited from another result after they claimed a losing draw at home to Middlesex Tamil Sports and Social Club.

The opposition posted a total of 288 for nine. Bessborough responded by scoring 150 runs in ten overs before Sanjeev Gnanetheran was bowled for a brilliant 103. In the end they had to settle for a draw on 253 for seven.

Twickenham's draw against Old Actonians meant Bessborough managed to retain their status in Middlesex 1987 Division One.

Bessborough Firsts finished the Middlesex Championship campaign with a seven-wicket home win over Turnham Green & Polytechnic.

Man-of-the-match Alexander Haniff spun his way to eight for 61 as Turnham Green limped to 138 all out.

Skipper Daniel Hawes (67) and Wayne Whitson (36) put on 87 for the first wicket as Bessborough strolled home for the loss of three wickets in 24.5 overs. It helped the side finish sixth in the table.

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