

News briefly

Farooqi crowned junior champion

Hasnaat Farooqi has won the Under-15s East of England squash champion. The Harrow ace competed in Ipswich last weekend where he did not drop a single game. Farooqi impressed throughout the tournament and won the final 3-0. The teenager also successfully defended the Hertfordshire County Championship last month.

Harrow extend lead despite not playing

Harrow RFC strengthened their position at the top of London Three North West after their opponents London New Zealand failed to field a team. Harrow were awarded five points after the call off and this meant they extended their lead because second-placed Finchley failed to pick up a bonus point. Meanwhile Harrow Lions were in fine form as they eased to a 65-5 win over OMT.

Tennis team win charity trophy

Harrow Lawn Tennis Club's B team came top of Division Four as they won a trophy in Hatch End Ladies midweek charity league. Their reward is promotion to Division Three for the new season in the spring. Harrow's A team compete in Division One. Harrow are holding their last open morning of the year on Saturday, November 2 from 11am.

Stones face leaders in FA Trophy clash

Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett admits the FA Trophy has taken on a greater significance after their early exit in the FA Cup.

The Stones suffered a disappointing 6-1 defeat at AFC Hornchurch but have the chance to progress in the FA Trophy this Saturday when they host Ryman Premier leaders Maidstone United in the second qualifying round.

Bartlett said: "Our priority is the league but we want to have a decent cup run. It is very important after going out of the FA Cup. It is financially good for us and also carries a lot of prestige.

"I will never forget the buzz we got two years ago from reaching the semi-finals and it would be great to go far again. We've had wonderful runs in the competition before and all the players want to play in the big games."

Wealdstone will have to produce one of their best displays of the season to get past a Maidstone United side full of confidence.

Bartlett said: "They are a very well supporter club that are on the crest of a wave after winning promotion last season.

"They are getting some very good results and they will be up there until the death but I expect us to be as well."

The Stones, who have signed midfielder Luke Pigden from Carshalton Athletic, earned a 3-1 home win over Grays Athletic last weekend.

Wealdstone got off to a poor start and were 1-0 down through Jeff Hammond's fifth minute opener.

But the hosts equalised shortly after the restart when a handball in the area resulted in Scott McGleish converting a penalty. Tom Hamblin bundled home their second after 76 minutes and Tom Pett rifled home to seal the win.

Bartlett said: "We started very slowly but the good news is we responded very well.

"Some of our football in the second half was excellent and we passed the ball for fun.

"The lads showed good character to come back from a sluggish start."



Stones boss Gordon Bartlett was delighted with his side's comeback against Grays Athletic. Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Borough through to Wealdstone tie

Harrow Borough will travel to rivals Wealdstone in the Ryman League Cup after a 4-1 win at Soham Rangers on Tuesday night.

The Reds will travel to their neighbours in the third round after their comprehensive midweek win.

The visitors only had to wait six minutes to net the opener when debutant Victor Osobu, signed on a dual registration from St Albans City, found the net.

Dave Anderson's side continued to dominate the tie and added their third goal when Osobu squared the ball and Gareth Chendlik, on his first start, hammered his effort into the net.

Boro continued to create chances and put the ball in the net when Chendlik scored again but it was ruled out for offside. The rampant Reds scored their fourth goal before the break when Jordan Berry held off three defenders and unleashed a fierce 25-yard strike past the keeper.

The home side upped their game in the second half and got on the scoresheet when they conceded a penalty which Joey Abbs converted.

The Reds had more chances to extend their lead and came closest when substitute Daniel Llacer chipped against the bar.

Boro will hope they can take this form in front of goal into their home game against Ryman Premier Division bottom side Cray Wanderers this weekend.

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