

## Stones set sights on double



The Stones celebrate their title triumph after ending the league campaign with a victory.

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Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett insists winning the Middlesex Senior Cup final this weekend and clinching the double would be the icing on the cake this season.

The Stones wrapped up the Ryman Premier Division title two weeks ago and can claim another trophy on Saturday when they host Hampton & Richmond Borough in Saturday's final [4pm kick-off].

Bartlett said: "It would finish off a fantastic season for us. This would be the icing on the cake if we could

get another piece of silverware.

"The priority is undoubtedly achieved because even if we don't win we'll still be playing at a higher level of football next season which is exactly what we set out to achieve."

Bartlett added: "We haven't got to the final for a long time and it's a bonus that this year it's at our home.

"Hampton won the last time they came here and they are a very good side on their day. We will have to be at our best to ensure we get two cups in the cabinet."

The Stones finished their championship winning campaign with a 2-0 home victory over Canvey Island on Saturday. Charlie Penny and Peter Dean scored in the last ten minutes before the team lifted the title.

Bartlett said: "It was the perfect weekend of football. To win the last match, have the trophy presentation followed by a brilliant awards evening and then the veterans match against a Watford Legends XI on Sunday.

"It was a fitting finale for us when

Peter came on and got the second goal. It was nice going into the last day with no pressure and the celebrations were brilliant.

"You couldn't have asked for any better, everybody had a smile on their face and it was just a great day. I will cherish these moments for a long time."

Tom Pett won the players' player of the year and the supporters player of the year. Elliott Godfrey was named the management's player of the year.

## Bessborough hit by late defeat

Bessborough CC were knocked out of the ECB National Club Championship after losing in the last over by one wicket at Ickenham.

The visitors were put into bat and Ian Barrie hit 25 as Bessborough reached 53 for three.

Opener Phil Bush made an impressive contribution as he scored 81 including three consecutive sixes.

Youngster Vivek Patel also showed plenty of form on his way to 56 as they finished up on 219 for nine.

The match was in the balance as Bessborough restricted Ickenham to 73 for four off 20 overs.

Nirav Ghantiwala chipped in with three for 49 while Roan Karkhanis took two for 56.

Eranda Jayasinghe took two for 26 to briefly swing the tie back in Bessborough's favour as Ickenham stuttered to 164 for seven.

But the hosts recovered and needed only one run from the final over as they edged into the next round of the competition.

## Borough beaten

Harrow Borough ended their Ryman Premier Division campaign with a 3-0 defeat at Lowestoft Town on Saturday.

Dave Anderson's side fell behind just before the break when Robert Eagle struck a superb 25-yard shot into the net.

The hosts doubled their lead midway through the second half when Shaun Bammatt fired home.

Boro conceded their third goal in the 90th minute when Michael Frew found the net.

It means the Reds finished the season in 18th place, nine points clear of the relegation zone.

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