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FOOTBALL: Stones Under-12s win championship

Wealdstone beaten in pre-season friendlies

A MIXED bag of trialists and Wealdstone regulars fell to a 2-0 defeat at Biggleswade Town on Saturday.

A pair of first-half strikes condemned the Stones to defeat against the side who play one league below them, with Tony Burnett and Inih Effiong on target for the hosts.

Josh Hutchinson came closest for Gordon Bartlett's side after the break, but in a Wealdstone performance perhaps disrupted by the unfamiliar line-up, they were comfortably beaten at The Carlsberg Stadium.

Evo-Stik Premier Division side Biggleswade took an early lead through Burnett's sixth-minute strike, and they could have scored more in the opening stages.

Another scare almost put Wealdstone two behind when keeper Harry Doherty was forced to make a strong save, but this appeared to spring them into life.

From that point, Ricky Wellard began to come into the game, orchestrating some fine attacking moves through midfield, but they fell a second goal behind when Effiong struck before the break.

Sehr Kabba, who signed for the

By Ron Walker

club last Thursday after a successful trial, had looked lively in the Stones' previous friendly with Leyton Orient and was again bright – but could not find his way past a resolute Waders defence.

The Stones were also beaten 3-2 by Egham Town on Tuesday night, with goals from Kabba and Jonny Wright not enough against their Evo-Stik League Southern Division 1 Central visitors. They will host Brackley Town on Saturday.

Elsewhere, the club's under-12 side were crowned ESF Championship winners at St George's Park, the home of the England national team.

The young Stones team faced Welwyn Pegasus, Harborne Youth, FITC Woodford Green and Arsenal SS Lincolnshire in the grand final, and sealed the victory in a nail-biting final round of fixtures.

They went into the fourth and final match of the day one point ahead of Welwyn, and a narrow 3-2 win over Woodford Green, coupled with their rival's 0-0 draw with third-placed Harborne, was enough to give them the title.



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Boxer set for 'knock out' fight

JEZ SMITH SETS SIGHTS ON EXPLOSIVE RING RETURN

HARROW welterweight Jez Smith has returned from a training camp in Spain convinced he will knock out his next opponent.

The 22-year-old spent a week in Marbella preparing for his next fight at York Hall in Bethnal Green on Saturday, July 30.

The fight is scheduled for six rounds but Smith insists it won't go the distance.

Smith said: "I don't want to get the rounds in, I want to be explosive. "I'm going to be throwing some big punches and this fight should be all over inside three rounds."

"I really want to kick on and fight for titles by the end of the year."

"I'm not in any rush, but I feel I'm ready to start climbing the rankings and fighting for titles."

"I want to get my name out there and get the big fights."

Smith, who boxed in the European Schoolboy championships as an amateur, has won all seven fights in his professional career.

He currently trains with Dave Streetfield in Kings Cross and says that for future fights, he plans to prepare in Marbella.

Smith said: "I've come back feeling fitter and stronger than ever."

"People are going to see a better Jez Smith at the York Hall this month."

Tickets for the show at the York Hall are available from 07759 855171.

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