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LATE goals deny Wealdstone at Hayes & Yeading



Wealdstone were forced to settle for a draw against Hayes & Yeading United in their second pre-season friendly.

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Two draws in three for Harrow

SIGNS OF IMPROVEMENT BUT LEAGUE POSITION REMAINS



HARROW'S winless run extended to seven games despite their second draw in three at Acton in the Middlesex County Cricket League Division Three on Saturday.

Harrow stormed into a big lead after hefty scores from Ronald Etienne (85), Sachin Patel (78) and David Morris (64).

Further additions from Nathan Fernandes (42 not out) and Hashim Hussain (23 not out) saw the visitors declare on 309-4, with the wickets taken by Alex Brennan (1-96), Scott Kojak (1-78) and Jordan Eggar (1-26).

Raj Raikar top-scored for Acton with 42 after they entered the crease while Yasir Mehmood was only one behind with 41 in the best individual scores. The most effective partnership came as Sahil Kher and Lucas Carlisle put on 84 for the second wicket.

Acton closed their innings on a score of 228-9, enough to earn them a draw due to the format of the match.

Meanwhile, Harrow Town remain bottom of the league after they were brushed aside by Southgate in a 10-wicket loss.

Aravinth Nagarajan top-scored with 24 not out, while opener Asim Mohammed and Mumtaz Ali put on 14 apiece.

However, they were the only three to hit double figures as Southgate's bowlers ripped though their opponents, with Michael Stevens taking 5-28 and David Woffinden 2-10 to dismiss Town for 95.

All Southgate needed in their innings was the opening pair of James Murray (41 not out) and Stevens (51 not out), putting on 92 together with the bat to reach 96-0 with the help of four extras.

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Stones allow two-goal slip

WEALDSTONE let a two-goal lead slip away at Hayes & Yeading United in their second pre-season friendly, forcing them to settle for a 2-2 draw on Tuesday.

Danny Green and Ross Lafayette had the Stones in command at the break, but two goals in the dying minutes for the hosts meant Wealdstone failed to build on their previous 4-1 win against Bracknell Town.

In a game made up of two 55-minute halves as opposed to the usual 45, the away side took the lead early on when new signing Lafayette threaded through for Green to finish well.

The new addition then played his part at the end of the half, coolly converting a penalty after Jake Sheppard was fouled in the area.

Hayes pulled one back in the 103rd minute - due to the extended halves - when their striker seized the ball to fire past Dylan Paterson.

Then, in the final minute, Hayes levelled the game as their forward broke free in the box to again fire past the Stones

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keeper, ensuring the game ended in a draw.

Meanwhile, the Stones will be hosting a charity match against a Queens Park Rangers legends side on Sunday to celebrate two great servants of the club and raise funds for Wealdstone Foundation Trust and QPR Trust, recognising the contributions of Gordon Bartlett and Leo Morris.

Bartlett was in charge of Wealdstone for 22 years until 2017. He took the team to eighth place in the National League South and won two league titles, one play-off final and reached the semi-finals of the FA Trophy, while Bartlett is still involved with the club nearly 25 years after joining.

Kick-off is at 2pm at Grosvenor Vale and admission is £5 for adults, £2 for concessions and Under-18s and free for Under-14s.

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