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BOROUGH halt leaders Chesham's run at home

Struggles continue for Harrow

THIRD STRAIGHT LOSS IN LONDON 3 NORTH WEST



Harrow Borough pictured earlier in the Southern League Premier Division South season against Poole Town.

Picture: Bruce Viveash



Harrow in action against Enfield.

THE struggles continued for Harrow in London 3 North West as they suffered a low-scoring 7-0 defeat to second-placed Enfield Ignatians.

A second-half penalty try was all that separated the two sides in a game largely dominated by the weather, which made passing almost impossible for both sides.

Harrow had the elements in their favour in the first half but were unable to string any cohesive moves together, with the driving rain making the ball difficult to grasp.

The few times they did manage to get forward, it was their own indiscipline that let them down as none of the attacking moves came to fruition.

Ignatians, meanwhile, kept their shape and looked the better of the two sides in a scoreless opening period, although they too were being hounded by the weather.

While the game remained scoreless for a large period of the second half, there was to be one key moment and it resulted in Enfield snatching the full haul of the points.

After some good carries and driving runs from the Ignatians forward pack, they found themselves within inches of the line where their attacker was illegally taken out from the side.

The referee awarded a penalty try in the home side's favour and that proved to be the difference.

Ignatians had chances to worsen the score from a Harrow perspective, but no further points were ultimately required to secure the win.

Harrow remain third bottom of the table, level with Finchley and ten ahead of basement side Royston.

Next up for Harrow is the visit of league leaders Old Streetonians this Saturday.

Preddie goal earns draw

By Nat Goodlad

SHAUN Preddie's equaliser ensured that Harrow Borough held Southern League Premier Division South leaders Chesham United to a 2-2 draw.

Michael Bryan had Harrow in front at the break before Chesham turned it around in the second half through David Pearce and Bradley Clayton, but Preddie's drive ensured a share of the spoils.

Steve Baker made one change to the side that drew with Poole Town the previous weekend, bringing in Brendan Matthew for his full debut, which saw Okem Chime drop to the bench.

After absorbing lots of Chesham pressure in the opening stages, it was Harrow who nearly took the lead on half-an-hour when Marc Charles-Smith's cross took a deflection off a defender and forced Ben Goode into a smart save.

Buoyed by this, Borough came forward again and went in front when Matthew played the ball into Bryan and he cut onto his right foot before clipping the ball over Goode.

It only took Chesham four minutes of

the second half to find their leveller. Eoin Casey's shot was blocked by a Harrow defender but looped up into the air and fell nicely for Pearce to fire over Luca Ashby-Hammond.

The league leaders were soon in front, taking the lead shortly after the hour mark when Karl Oliyide switched the ball out to Clayton on the left and he held off the challenge of Chinua Cole before chipping the ball over Ashby-Hammond.

Borough though, were not to be denied and they found a deserved equaliser in the final quarter of the game when Bryan's free-kick found its way to George Moore and he played the ball back across for Preddie to hammer home the leveller.

The draw sees Borough sit 16th in the table, a point ahead of Blackfield & Langley, ahead of their long trip to Cornwall this weekend to face second-placed Truro City.



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