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News briefly

Watts earns short term Barnet deal

HARROW BOROUGH defender Ryan Watts has joined Barnet on a one-month contract. Boro were beaten 4-1 at Ashford Town on Tuesday night in their latest friendly with Dave Lawrence netting the consolation. Boro were also beaten 2-0 at Hemel Hempstead Town on Saturday afternoon.

Youth league wins national award

THE Harrow Youth Football League has won the Charter Standard league of the year award. Chairman Andy Lowe will collect the league's award on Sunday at the Community Shield. The league has grown this year and currently has 336 teams and 5,939 registered players.

Harrow denied win over Middlesex

HARROW CC had the better of their draw with North Middlesex in Division Two on Saturday. The visitors set a total of 228 for nine with Darius D'Souza top scoring on 71. North Middlesex finished well short of the target on 147 for seven. In other action, Harrow Town lost to Southgate by six wickets despite 109 from Abid Javed.

Stones beaten by Crewe Sprinter looks to the future despite Jolly double

WEALDSTONE pushed League Two side Crewe all the way in their 3-2 friendly defeat on Monday night at Grosvenor Vale.

The Stones earned a 2-0 lead and will take plenty of positives from the performance despite losing to the young visiting side.

Gordon Bartlett's side almost took the lead early on when Danny Spendlove's cross was palmed out by goalkeeper Alan Martin and the follow up by David Hicks was blocked by Danny Ting.

The hosts did not have to wait long to open the scoring as they netted in the 13th minute. Alex Dyer won the ball in the midfield and quickly found Kieran Knight. He threaded the ball through to Richard Jolly and the striker calmly tucked away the opener.

The partnership of Knight and Jolly was causing Crewe all sorts of problems. This pressure nearly led to a second goal after 36 min-

Full-back Nathan Webb played a one-two with Scott McCubbin down the right wing and his cross was acrobatically hooked against the woodwork by Jolly.

Wealdstone came close again at

Spendlove's effort at the back post was blocked.

Crewe responded by hitting the post through Ajay Leitch-Smith.

But Wealdstone doubled the lead after 56 minutes when Dyer's long ball found Knight and he fired past Martin.

Crewe pulled one back almost immediately as Leitch-Smith found Darren Sarcevic at the far post and the midfielder made no mistake from close range.

It took just two minutes for Alexandra to equalise as substitute Michael Korel squared the ball for Kyle Vassell to finish easily.

The home side nearly regained the lead from the restart when Webb crossed and Spendlove's shot was superbly saved by Mar-

Both sides had opportunities to grab the winner and the League Two side managed to nick the win at the death.

George Ray chested the ball into the path of Brendon Daniels and he bundled the ball into the net.

Bartlett's side continue their preseason preparation with a game at Aylesbury on Saturday afternoon.



Richard Jolly netted during the Stones' defeat to Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

TREMAYNE GILLING started the year with the world at his feet but after an injury-wrecked season the Harrow sprinter has already set his sights on next year's World Indoor Championships in Istanbul.

On the comeback trail from a quad injury, Gilling crashed out of the heats of the UK Trials and Championships in Birmingham finishing fifth in 10.76 to miss out on the semi-finals.

That was the end of a miserable season for Gilling in which he struggled to get close to his personal best of 10.25 set last year as he surged to the top of the GB Under 23 rankings.

But despite failing in his main aim for the season and missing out on the European Under 23 Championships, Gilling insists if he has a good 2012, this year's problems will have been

"It's been a very frustrating year and I was disappointed with my performance in Birmingham," said the Middlesex University student.

"But I'm trying to take the positives from this year and I think I've learnt a

lot about my body.
"Even though this season hasn't gone to plan, if I can do well next year, then I will be able to look back on this as a good year.

"The performance was not what I wanted, but in a way I was just happy to finish the race."

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