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News briefly

Harrow school win **Youth Games finals**

NORTH LONDON COLLEGIATE won the badminton tournament at the Balfour Beatty London Youth Games finals The Harrow school took the female key stage three bad-minton crown. North London took on Sutton's Wallington School in the final and edged

Lohana youngsters end year unbeaten

LOHANA CRICKET CLUB Under-13s A finished their indoor season unbeaten after seven wins and a draw from their eight games. Their form follows on from last year when they went without losing a game. The team ended up joint first but missed out on the MCA North Area League final by virtue of their run rate. Lohana Under-13 Bs won their league after seven wins, one tie and a defeat.

Acorn host delayed doubles final

ACORN LAWN TENNIS CLUB held their mixed doubles final on Monday after it had been delayed due to injuries. Ravi Gupta and Lyn Hamlin regained the title with a 6-3 6-3 win over first time finalists Barbara Chapler and Greg Ostroff. The Canons Park club is based at Arnold House Sports Centre in Donnefield

Now we have to capitalise on this great situation'

WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett has urged his players to capitalise on the strong position they are in by winning promotion this season.

The Stones' 2-0 win over rivals Harrow Borough on Monday means they are ten points behind Ryman Premier Division leaders Whitehawk but have three games in hand.

Bartlett said: "We would have accepted this position in August and now we have to capitalise on the great situation the players have put us in.

"All we can do is keep winning and putting the pressure on everyone else. We've had one defeat in the last 17 league games and it's a good place to be heading into the last month of the season.

'Whitehawk have four games left and they are ten points clear so I'd take their

position all day long."

Despite being Whitehawk's closest challengers, Bartlett's initial focus is on ensuring they reach the play-offs and seal a home tie.

He said: "Our immediate target is to make sure we're in the play-offs. Then we want to secure a home semi-final and if and when we do that then we can try to win the title."

Wealdstone's hectic schedule has seen them take ten points from four matches over the last week.

Their victory over Boro was secured by a Sean Cronin header coupled with an own goal from Danny Leech.

Bartlett, whose side face back-to-back fixtures against Bury Town over the next

week, said: "At this stage of the season we are in a results business and the conditions on Monday were not conducive to good football.

"We went in 2-0 up and it could have been a couple more. În the second half, it was a very professional performance.

Reflecting on their efforts over the past week, he said: "If you had offered me ten points from seven days I would have been delighted with that.

"Full credit to the lads because they have shown a great attitude even though there were a lot of tired legs out there.

Wealdstone snatched a vital 2-1 home win over third-placed Concord Rangers at the end of last week after late goals from Esmond James and Tom Pett.
The Stones followed this up with a 1-1

draw at Wingate & Finchley despite Richard Jolly heading them in front.

Bartlett admitted they were lucky to beat Concord but is unsure how important the win will prove to be.

The Stones boss, who has brought in striker Romaine Walker from Northwood, said: "It is still wide open. All it does is put us in the driving seat over Concord but we are still a long way behind Whitehawk.

"If I'm being honest, we were a bit for-tunate to beat Concord. Their work ethic and physical strength was very impressive but we kept going and nicked it late

on.
"To come through that game on the backfoot definitely set us up for the two local derbies.



The Stones' win over Harrow Borough kept their hopes of catching leaders Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC Whitehawk alive.

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