

Teens miss out on Wimbledon

Harrow tennis starlet Sebastian Langdon insists he is hungrier than ever to see his name in lights after falling just short of booking his spot at a prestigious Wimbledon tournament.

The 14-year-old attempted to secure a place at the Road to Wimbledon South East Regional Qualifier at West Worthing Tennis and Squash Club over the weekend.

Langdon was playing for a spot at next month's HSBC Road to Wimbledon 14 & Under Challenge at the All England Club but, despite winning his first-round match, didn't advance.

He lost 7-6 6-4 in the first qualifying round to Niklas Weber but the John Lyon School pupil Langdon is adamant we haven't seen the last of him yet.

"I played some good tennis and it was quite close as we held our serve the whole way through the first set," said Langdon.

"In the tie break he won 8-6 and in the second set it was going with serve again but he got the break and served it out.

"He played the important points better and his first serve was really consistent which made it difficult for me to return.

"It was great to be involved in the tournament though and see so many quality tennis players, it was a really professional atmosphere."

Also in action was fellow John Lyon School pupil Darshan Shah but the 14-year-old couldn't find a way past Andrew Johnstone, losing a thrilling first-round match 6-4 3-6 6-2.

And, while he will also now miss out on a memorable outing at SW19 next month, Shah insisted the way he performed against Johnstone meant defeat wasn't too painful.

"I played well so I'm not that sad about the loss. It took me about a set to adjust to the grass court but I think I showed what I'm capable of in the second set," he said.

The HSBC Road to Wimbledon National 14 & Under Challenge is the UK's largest national junior grass court tournament and forms part of HSBC's investment in the stars of the future.



Sebastian Langdon missed on a place at Wimbledon.

Borough sign French defender Maissiat

Harrow Borough have agreed a season-long deal with French centre-back Anthony Maissiat.

The 26-year-old joined the Reds last year on a dual registration with Hemel Hempstead Town but has committed his future to Boro after discussions with manager Dave Anderson.

Maissiat began his career in France playing for Beaune Youth, before moving into adult football with Ligue 2 side Digon FCO.

He joined Ligue 1 side Evian-Thonon-Gaillard FC

before moving to England.

Maissiat made 13 appearances for the Reds last season, scoring once.

His agreement takes the squad to 19 players that have signed for the new campaign.

The Reds have lost Danny Leech to retirement, Victor Osobu to Canvey Island and James Shea to AFC Wimbledon.

Anderson will now turn his attention to finding a new keeper to replace Shea in time for the new season next month.

Bessborough ease to win

Bessborough stayed top of Middlesex Championship Division One after an eight-wicket win over Edmonton.

After putting their opponents into bat, Neal Patel made a decent impact as he returned figures of three for 43.

His form got rid of Edmonton's top three by the 13th over. Captain Rohan Karkhanis came away with four for 32 while

Sherrick Chavda claimed two for 49. This helped restrict Edmonton to 181 for nine from 49.3 overs.

A blistering 138-run partnership between Jigar Shah (79 not out) and Ian Barrie (73 not out) in just 14 overs helped the side reach the target for the loss of two wickets.

The win sees Bessborough remain five points clear at the top.

Stones claim friendly win over Dagenham

Wealdstone defeated League 2 side Dagenham & Redbridge 2-1 in their first home friendly on Tuesday night.

Gordon Bartlett's side fell behind after just four minutes when striker Ashley Chambers

found the net.

But the Stones grabbed an equaliser within seven minutes from a superb free-kick by Luke Pigden.

Man-of-the-match Joe Turner set up the winning goal in the

56th minute when he played the ball to Michael Malcolm and he fired past the visiting keeper.

Wealdstone substitute keeper Warren Carter prevented a late equaliser with an excellent late save.

The Stones' one setback was a shin injury picked up by sub Johnny Wright.

Wealdstone travel to Harrow Borough for a friendly on Saturday before hosting a Watford XI on Wednesday night.

English title opportunity

Mitchell Smith took on Peter Cope at Bethnal Green for the vacant English super featherweight title yesterday [Wednesday].

The Harrow boxer was

unbeaten, going into the fight, having knocked out half of his eight opponents.

For a report on Smith's fight log on to the Harrow Times website.

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