

coming midway through the opening period when Jimmy O'Connor's free header at the far post forced an excellent save from Gainsborough keeper Henrich Ravas.

Moments later Harriers went closer still when they were denied by the post - Elton Ngwatala latching on to James McQuilkin's through ball only to strike the frame of the goal.

Kidderminster continued to dominate and nearly made a breakthrough on the verge of half-time when Fraser Horsfall's incisive through ball sent McQuilkin down the left.

He picked out Andre Brown in space but he flicked the ball wide of Ravas' left-hand post.

The fears of home fans were finally eased when Harriers took the lead a minute into the second half, Joe Ironside bun-

dling his way through on goal past a couple of defenders before clinically dispatching into the bottom-right corner with his left foot.

The Harriers' lead was extended on the hour mark when McQuilkin's corner ended up back with the midfielder. His cross was stopped on the line by Ravas but defender O'Connor reacted quickest to nudge the ball home.

Sub Yan Klukowski was forced off through injury after only six minutes on the pitch but the Aggborough outfit responded by netting a third when Declan Weeks exchanged passes with sub Emmanuel Sonupe before picking out the bottom left corner, leaving the Gainsborough keeper with no chance.

**Kidderminster Harriers .....3**  
**Gainsborough Trinity .....0**  
 KIDDERMINSTER moved into the play-off places with a comprehensive victory.

A fast-paced first half saw a flurry of chances for the home side, their first effort of note

but a double save from Danny Roberts denied Josh March.

Continued pressure from the hosts was quickly rebuffed by two quickfire goals for Belper Town. First Leandro Browne's rifled a half-volley into the corner before Lee Williamson's free-kick went all the way in through a crowd of players.

A third before half-time followed, Dominic Allen's diving header from Goddard's inch-perfect cross leaving the Church a mountain to climb.

Sub Nathan Waite restored some hope with a slotted finish just after the interval, but after several chances were spurned by Church, Williamson's dink over the keeper looked to have ended any revival.

Jordan Nadat's goal narrowed the gap with ten minutes remaining, but Belper held on for victory.

**Alvechurch .....2**  
**Belper Town .....4**  
 ALVECHURCH were left to rue missed chances as Belper ran out winners in a smash-and-grab raid at Lye Meadow.

The home side were awarded a spot-kick on seven minutes,

**Halesowen Town..... 1**  
**Marine..... 1**

IT WAS a point apiece for relegation candidates Halesowen and Marine after Ivor Lawton's late header saved the Yeltz

The first half eventually came to life midway through. After a mistake by Kyle Morrison, Marine striker Danny Mitchley forced a great save from Daniel Platt; followed by a chance down the other end as John McAtee's effort deflected into the path of Daniel Udoh, who had his first proper chance to test Marine stopper Martin Fearon.

The second half began in similar fashion to the first, only lighting up on 62 minutes when James Murray's swerving effort heading inside the post was palmed away by Platt.

Murray would get the better of Platt, however, when Asa Charlton backed off the Marine winger and allowed him the space to dink an effort into the top-left corner.

Halesowen had to throw numbers forward and edged

the late chances, drawing level from a corner when Lawton flicked in a near-post header on 84 minutes.



# BYFIELD IS OUT DESPITE DRAW

REDDITCH rescued a point having trailed by two with eight minutes to go – but it was not enough to save manager Darren Byfield from the sack (see page 9).

The Saints made a dream start on three minutes when Lewis Irwin's ball was latched onto by debutant Stefan Broccoli, a former Arsenal and Newcastle United trainee, who rolled it into the bottom corner past the advancing Ethan Ross.

St Neots doubled their lead on 17 minutes when Johnny Herd's corner was flicked in at Ross's near post by Tom Wood, as poor Reds defending made it the easiest of headers for him.

The only Redditch chance of note in the first half came through Ashley Sammons, who curled an effort towards

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the bottom right hand corner only to see it palmed away by Saints stopper Mike Emery.

With time ticking down, it was the impact of substitutes Spencer Weir-Daley and Bradley Maslen-Jones that made the difference.

Weir-Daley's squared ball to Sammons saw the playmaker slot into the bottom left corner to set up a grandstand finish.

A final throw of the dice saw a stoppage time corner headed against the bar by Maslen-Jones, but Weir-Daley was on hand to snatch a point.

STAR MAN: Stefan Broccoli (St Neots Tn)  
ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★

REDDITCH saw a first-half lead wiped out at the death by a resurgent Kings Langley in a thrilling draw at The Trico Stadium.

The Reds raced into a sixth-minute lead through debutant Joel Ambalu who latched onto a precise through ball from Ashley Sammons and, with his second touch, deftly placed his effort past keeper Martin Bennett.

A minute later that lead was almost doubled, Adam Page seeing his effort cleared off the line.

Jorell Johnson had the best chance for the away side, rising highest to meet a free-kick but diverting his header narrowly wide.

The Reds were comfortable in possession and deservedly extended their advantage before the break, Sammons seeing his initial effort saved, before meeting the

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rebound to fire low into the corner.

Gareth Pride's introduction livened up the travelling side who saw the woodwork tested from Matthew Ball's swerving free-kick.

With 25 minutes remaining, Kings Langley salvaged some hope when Mitchell Weiss was given the space to lash superbly into the top-left corner.

Prolonged Kings Langley pressure looked to have come to no avail, but deep into stoppage time captain Gary Connolly prodded home in a goalmouth scramble to punish Redditch and ensure his side left with a point.

STAR MAN: Ashley Sammons (Redditch)  
ENTERTAINMENT: ★★★★★

## Alvechurch .....1 Spalding United .....2

TEN-MAN Alvechurch fell to a late goal at Lye Meadow.

After a slow start to the game, the visitors drew first blood when Ben Davison arched back to loop a header over keeper Charlie Price.

Alvechurch were unable to make their possession count, with Aaron Lloyd's drive their only effort of note.

A free-kick on the edge of the area before the hour mark brought reprieve for the Church as Ashley Carter swept a low strike into the bottom corner on the hour.

But Spalding hit back on 83 minutes when Daniel Brooks' corner found Davison via a flick-on and he scored the late match winner.

Things went from bad to worse for the hosts when Carter was sent off.

# Lacklustre Reds are pinned back

## SOUTHERN LEAGUE

## Redditch United .....2 Kings Langley .....2

REDDITCH squandered a two-goal lead as relegation-threatened Kings Langley grabbed an injury-time equaliser.

The Reds made a perfect start on six minutes when debutant Joel Ambalu latched onto an incisive pass from Ashley Sammons, touching the ball out of his feet and deftly knocking it past Kings Langley keeper Martin Bennett.

Moments later the lead was almost doubled as a last-ditch

clearance off the line denied deny Adam Page. It was comfortable for Redditch, and they got a second goal before the break when build-up play between Sammons and Stuart Fleetwood ended with Sammons firing home.

Sub Gareth Pride's introduction sparked life into Kings Langley and when Mitchell Weiss capitalised on slack Redditch defending to pick out the top-left corner with his shot on 65 minutes, it was game on.

That pressure continued and deep into stoppage time captain Gary Connolly poked home an equaliser following a scramble to punish the home side's lacklustre defending.