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Tigers keep form going

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS maintained their unbeaten record this season after a 1-0 win over Colney Heath in the South Midlands Premiership on Saturday. The hosts were given a penalty in the second half after Edson Cata was brought down in the area. Skipper Tarik Ellekhlifi made no mistake from the spot to seal the win.

Shah signs new contract

MIDDLESEX CCC batsman Owais Shah has committed his future to the club by signing a new long-term contract. The England one-day international star helped his club side win the Twenty20 Cup earlier this season with a superb performance in the final. The 29-year-old made his Middlesex debut in 1996.

Town taught lesson by City

NORTHWOOD TOWN CC were thumped by Welwyn Garden City in Hertfordshire Division Two after an eight-wicket defeat on Saturday. Town looked solid on 70 for two but they collapsed to 116 all out. Dave Bushnell and Johannes Van Ee claimed a wicket apiece but they failed to put the visitors under any real pressure.

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Boro slip bottom of table

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HARROW BOROUGH manager David Howell is not worried about his side's form despite seeing them slide to the bottom of the Ryman Premier League after two successive defeats.

Boro were thumped 5-1 at home to Carshalton on Saturday and followed this up with a 1-0 defeat at Staines on Bank Holiday Monday.

Howell believes his side did not prepare properly for Saturday's game but was satisfied with their display on Monday where he felt they were unfortunate not to get a result.

Howell said: "We had to take stock at half-time during the Carshalton game. We were 4-0 down after 30 minutes and were out of it. I made the maximum amount of changes I could but if I was able to I would have made more.

"I felt the lads didn't prepare and focus for the game. Perhaps they thought we had turned the corner after the draw with Heybridge but you always need to prepare properly.

"I was much happier with the performance at Staines and I didn't feel there was much between us. We had the best chance in the first half when Daniel Grieves almost scored."

Boro lost their first four matches last season but eventually climbed up to mid-table. Howell remains convinced that once he is able to get a stable squad together their form will again pick up. And he is unconcerned by their paltry total of one goal from four games.

He said: "If we weren't creating chances I would be worried. But we had four good chances against Staines so I'm not concerned.

"It's frustrating we don't know the full squad at the moment but that's the nature of the beast.

"It's just a matter of time until we confirm our squad and then you will see more consistency. It's difficult when the players are changing every week."

Boro return to Earlsmead this Saturday for the game against Ramsgate, another winless side. Jerome Hall is expected to return after being unavailable for the Staines clash and Danny Leech is rated at 50-50 at recovering from his ankle injury.



Harrow Borough manager David Howell believes it is only a matter of time before they get their first win of the season.

Picture: RYO HAYASHIDA

Stones battle to Wood draw

WEALDSTONE earned a 1-1 draw at home to Boreham Wood in the Ryman Premier League on Monday.

But it probably felt more like two points dropped after squandering an early lead to leave the Stones winless after the first four games.

Wealdstone made the ideal start to the game by taking the lead after just six minutes. The hosts were awarded a free-kick and Ryan Ashe floated the set piece over the wall into the net.

But the Stones failed to make their advantage count and the visitors managed to get back on level terms within a couple of minutes. Danny Barber drilled a shot through a crowded penalty area and beyond unsuspecting goalkeeper Sean Thomas.

Wood's Gregg Morgan was sent off for two bookings just before half-time. But the hosts still could not break down the opposition and had to settle for a point.

Wealdstone threw away a 2-0 lead on Saturday as they lost 3-2 at Billericay. Lee Chappell and Stephen Hughes netted but it was not enough to hold out for a result.

The Stones travel to Dartford on Saturday as they aim to get their first win of the campaign.

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