

### News briefly

#### Tigers beaten at home

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS crashed to a 3-2 home defeat to Berkhamsted Town in the South Midlands Premier Division on Saturday. The Tigers took an early lead when Marco Tagbajumi netted. But the visitors replied with two goals. Edson Cata equalised for Kingsbury but Berkhamsted grabbed a second-half winner.

#### Wood sunk by Brackley

NORTHWOOD conceded two late goals as they lost 4-1 at home to Brackley Town in the FA Trophy on Saturday. Michael Gordon handed Wood the lead three minutes before half time. But they were punished by four goals in the second half of the match. They host Tilbury in Ryman One North on Saturday.

#### Joyce to quit Middlesex

MIDDLESEX CCC batsman Ed Joyce will leave the club at the end of the season to join Sussex. The 30-year-old Irishman attracted interest from six counties but opted to head south. Joyce will stay with Middlesex for next month's Champions League before completing his move. He made his debut for Middlesex in 1999.

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## Howell: We are not that far off

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HARROW BOROUGH manager David Howell is confident his side will climb off the bottom of the Ryman Premier League.

Boro have picked up only one win from 13 league matches this season and they badly need a positive result when they host Dartford on Saturday.

Howell insists his players are still together and the morale is good despite their lowly league position.

He said: "The morale has been great and the spirit is brilliant. If it wasn't that way then I would be worried."

"The players realise that it's important that we have to be together to get out of our current predicament and that is encouraging."

"We have not been getting the results but the performances have been there or not that far off."

Boro were dumped out of the FA Trophy on Saturday after a late goal sent them to a 3-2 home defeat to Hastings United. The home side had a terrible start when they conceded an own goal after just three minutes. And they soon found themselves 2-0 down when Sam Adams netted.

But a revitalised Boro fought their way back to 2-2 after a comeback in the second half. Bobby Highton's cross was poked home by Dewayne Clarke.

Boro equalised in the 77th minute after Kurt Morlese crossed for Highton to sidefoot in their second goal. But the hosts were stunned by an 87th minute winner from Jack Franklin.

Howell was pleased with their second-half response and felt the finale summed up their disappointing start to the season.

He said: "The first half was disappointing but we came back really strongly. We didn't really adjust to the wet and windy conditions early on."

"Hastings will be the first to admit they got away with murder. But we were probably guilty of being a bit naive and gung-ho as we pushed for the winner. It's obviously disappointing but now we need to concentrate on clawing back points on the teams above us in the league."



Harrow Borough manager David Howell insists the squad morale is good despite their precarious league position. Picture: PIPPA DOUGLAS

## Boothroyd exit saddens Bartlett

WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett says he is convinced Aidy Boothroyd will be back in management soon.

The Watford manager left the Championship club by mutual consent this week and Bartlett enjoyed a good relationship with him. Marvin Sordell, the teenage striker, was the latest in a line of young Hornets to join the Ryman Premier Division club on work experience and Bartlett appreciated Boothroyd's support.

Bartlett said: "The way he conducts himself is a credit to him but unfortunately results are all that matter. I thank him for everything over the last couple of years and I'm sure he will be back in management soon."

Sordell, who follows in the footsteps of Watford players such as John Joe-O'Toole and Liam Henderson to the Stones, made his debut in their 2-1 home defeat to Tiverton Town in the FA Trophy.

Wealdstone fell behind in the first half but midfielder David Hicks claimed an unlikely equaliser when his corner curled directly into the net. But they were beaten when Phil Walsh fired in Tiverton's winner.

Bartlett felt his side dominated the game but were punished for their poor end product.

He said: "We controlled the majority of the match but our decision making with the final ball let us down."

"We did not really create enough and it was a big disappointment. But the way we respond is important."

The Stones have won their last two games in the league and they will be looking to extend this run on Saturday when they travel to face Heybridge Swifts.

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