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Stones fly at Police

WEALDSTONE smashed Met Police 5-2 to progress into the third round of the Ryman League Cup on Tuesday. New signing Greg Ngoyi looked sharp and scored two with Jacques Floweday, Danny Spendlove and Ben Alexander also getting their names on the scoresheet. Stones, who are tenth in Ryman Premier, take on sixth-placed Tonbridge Angels on Saturday.

Wood win twice in one week

NORTHWOOD have stretched their unbeaten run to four games. Wood are seventh in Ryman One North after their 3-0 victory over Ilford on Saturday. They beat Corinthian Casuals 4-1 in the Ryman Cup on Tuesday.

Tigers snatch a point at City

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS remain in fourth place in the Spartan South Midlands Premier after a 1-1 draw with Welwyn Garden City on Saturday. Tom Lewis put Welwyn in front just after half time but Adriano Gomes Marques equalised with ten minutes to go to secure the point.

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Star player 'will be gone' by Christmas

BY ALEX HILL

NORTHERN Ireland under-20 international Robin Shroot will be gone by Christmas says Harrow Borough manager David Howell

The interest of league clubs in the prolific forward will have been further heightened with his two-goal display in Borough's 6-1 victory over Horsham at the weekend, and Howell expects the scouts to be present in increased numbers for the clash with top of the table Dover on Saturday.

He said: "There has been considerable interest but at the moment, until someone comes in with a serious offer he remains our player."

"I think he will be gone by Christmas. He has been playing really well and scoring goals for fun."

"I think he should be turning professional and can go to any league club above the Conference."

Asked whether he believes the teenager he brought from AFC Wimbledon can cut it in the Premiership, Howell said: "I don't think - I know. It's just the matter of someone giving him the opportunity. He is focused, has the ability and people around him that have his best interests at heart."

He added: "We will miss him, of course, but I try to have players coming through and no team is a one-man team. Everyone contributes."

One of those that contributed after being given his debut in Saturday's 6-1 victory was Bajan international Miles Jones, who scored either side of half time. The youngster "walked into the club" with former Bradford and Brent-



Manager David Howell (right) is looking to the future after Robin Shroot departs, while Ken Charley returned to St Lucia after his father's death.

ford player Jamie Lawrence, who now runs his own academy.

Howell said: "He is an exciting player. He is small and the way he looks he doesn't look like a footballer. He has been at the club six weeks and has been patient."

"We had to get his fitness up and he worked hard and I felt it was time to give him his debut."

"He responded with two goals and a good all round performance."

Another exciting young player was set to make his debut in the Ryman Cup game against Hendon on Wednesday (yesterday).

Gary Noel signed from Dulwich Hamlet at the beginning of the week and

the Borough boss has admitted he "sees" something in the forward from Ryman One despite not watching him start a game yet.

"We first watched him in October in their FA Cup game with Hendon and he didn't even start. He has been sub for ten out of 15 games and even though he does not seem good enough to get in the Dulwich team I think there is something that I may be able to unlock. He fits in the puzzle I am looking to put in the team."

● Howell's assistant Ken Charley has returned to St Lucia after the sad death of his father and the side will be looking to put in a couple of good performances in for him before his return said Howell.

Trio await England call

THREE Middlesex bowlers have reportedly been put on standby by their country as the England players consider whether they want to return to India following last week's terrorist attacks.

Reports in one national newspaper claims that Tim Murtagh, Alan Richardson and Steven Finn have all been lined up as possible replacements should some of the England bowlers decide against a return to India.

The national team were already half way through a tour of the country when almost 200 people died in the attacks in Mumbai last week.

The trio of Middlesex bowlers are apparently being considered for call ups because they have up-to-date visas for India as they were set to take part in the Champions League in the country before it was postponed.

England still have a two-test tour of India to complete, but the players have been told they do not have to return if they do not want to.

Bowlers Andrew Flintoff and Steve Harmison are said to be wary of returning so soon after the blast and Ryan Sidebottom and Stuart Broad are believed to be suffering with injuries.



Steve Finn.

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