

News briefly

Shah out but Strauss in for India Test

MIDDLESEX batsman Owais Shah has been left out of the England squad to face India today (Thursday) although his team mate Andrew Strauss will feature. Both players are members of the England squad which returned to India this week after the two-test tour was in doubt following recent terrorist attacks.

New boss brings in players

NEW Northwood manager Dave Anderson has signed two young AFC Wimbledon players on loan to strengthen his squad. Michael Peacock, a 20-year-old centre-half and Dean Mason, a 19-year-old striker, have both come in to try and fill the void left by the departing Sean Sonner and Danny Murphy.

Wood knocked out of cup

NORTHWOOD were knocked out of the Middlesex Senior Cup after going down 1-0 away to Hampton and Richmond Borough on Tuesday night. The second round defeat came after Wood could only manage a 2-2 draw with Great Wakering Rovers on Saturday. Hugo Figueiredo and Otis Williams goals were not enough as Northwood remain in seventh place.

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Monty follows in Beckford's shoes

WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett has seen another of his young stars turn professional with this week's transfer of Graeme Montgomery to Dagenham & Redbridge.

The Stones boss could not be happier for the left winger with his move to the League Two club, which sees Montgomery follow in the footsteps of forward Jermaine Beckford, who joined Championship side Leeds in March 2006.

Speaking on the supporters' club website Bartlett said: "This is an excellent opportunity for Monty and good for the club to see yet another of our youngsters progressing into the professional ranks."

"I am delighted for him as he has worked extremely hard during his various trials and his undoubted talent has shone through especially in our recent five-match winning run."

"I know that Graeme will relish this chance to progress his footballing career at a higher level and follow in the footsteps of recent young Stones like Jermaine Beckford and [Aldershot's] Marvin Morgan."

20-year-old Montgomery has been on trial at Watford and Yeovil this season but was snapped up by Daggers boss John Still before January's transfer deadline.

He was recently invited for training with the East London Club and played in a squad match in which he scored.

The agreement between Wealdstone and Montgomery's new employers will take effect when the January transfer window opens and will involve an undisclosed fee and other potential payments



Graeme Montgomery will be hoping his move to Dagenham & Redbridge will work out as successful as Jermaine Beckford's (above) to Leeds.

based on appearances and progress, with Montgomery staying with the Stones until the end of December.

And Bartlett said Montgomery will not be the only one of his young squad to progress and find their way to the professional ranks.

He said: "With an average age of 21 in our first team squad, I am sure he went be last of this current group of players to

progress into full time football in the near future. He is a great lad and everyone at Wealdstone wishes him all the best and we thank him for all his efforts over the last three seasons."

Wealdstone have a chance of climbing three places to sixth in the Ryman Isthmian Premier League, with a win over Ashford Town, when they host the Middlesex club on Saturday.

Shroot hits trio treat for scouts

ROBIN SHROOT scored an extra-time hat-trick in front of Football League scouts to send Harrow Borough into the quarter finals of the Middlesex Senior Cup after a 6-2 win over Enfield Town.

Borough manager David Howell confirmed a number of clubs, including one Championship side have expressed an interest in the forward.

Shroot has now scored five goals in his past two games after netting a double in Saturday's surprise 3-0 victory over Ryman Premier runaway-leaders Dover Athletic.

It was a convincing win in the end for Harrow on Tuesday night but they needed a late Gary Noel goal to stop them from being knocked out by Enfield.

But the 6-2 win came at a price for Howell as a number of his players were injured, with former Bradford winger Jamie Lawrence being stretchered off with a serious gash to his knee, which will see him out until the new year.

It was the Ryman One North side took the lead in the second minute when Luke Marshall's chip was deflected in over Harrow 'keeper Gary Ross.

Harrow couldn't score in the first half but shortly after the break, Lee Hall fired in a long-ranged equaliser.

However, the lead lasted minutes as Enfield were awarded a dubious penalty, which was converted by Rudi Hall.

It looked like Borough were heading out of the competition, until Noel followed up a blocked Jonathan Constant free kick with seven minutes to go. This sent the game to extra time.

Substitute Miles Jones and Shroot both scored in the final minute of the first half of extra time to put their side 4-2 up, before Shroot completed his hat trick with another two in the second period.

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