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Skipper angry at thrashing

MIDDLESEX and England captain Andrew Strauss was angered by England's innings and 23-run defeat in the first Test against the West Indies. The newly appointed national captain and opener scored just 16 runs in two innings as England posted 51, their third lowest total in Test history. "I am pretty angry with the way we've let ourselves down," he said.

League assault to continue

NORTHWOOD hope to get back to league action and their assault on promotion with a visit to Cheshunt on Saturday. Currently lying fifth in the Ryman North Division, the Chestnut Avenue side are ten points behind leaders Aveley.

Bartlett's boys host Harlow

WEALDSTONE'S Middlesex Senior Cup home match against Hampton & Richmond Borough face on Tuesday was cancelled and rescheduled for Thursday, February 19. Gordon Bartlett's men host strugglers Harlow Town on Saturday in the Ryman Premier League before travelling to Boreham Wood Tuesday.

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Constant craving move from Boro

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UNSETTLED striker Jonathan Constant has told manager David Howell he wants out of Harrow Borough Football Club.

The 20-year-old, who scored Harrow's consolation goal in the 3-1 visit from Canvey Island on Saturday, met with the Boro boss earlier this week to say he no longer wanted to be a part of the Ryman Premier side.

"I had a meeting with him last night [Monday] and he wants to leave. He said he didn't want to play anymore," said Howell.

The product of Boro's youth policy shot to prominence with a hat-trick as a substitute against Folkestone Invicta during the 2005/6 season, but his promising career was put on hold after a traffic accident.

"I found him at 15 or 16 and he had all the clubs courting him, but he broke his leg and that set him back. But he is back on track and is frustrated it's not happening quickly enough," said Howell.

Constant has scored four goals in the last four games and witnessed the likes of Robin Shroot – who moved to Birmingham City – make the transition to professional football.

Howell said: "He has seen Shroot and the others leave and all sign professional contracts and feels he should be doing the same.

"He is a complicated lad and doesn't look at the reasons he hasn't. He looks through rose-tinted glasses."

Where Constant will end up, however, the Boro boss was unable to say.

"I have no idea. I know where he thinks



Jonathan Constant told Harrow Borough boss David Howell he wants to leave the club.
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he should go, but where he is going to, I have no idea. But if he doesn't realise the opportunity he has here then he's no good to have around."

No clubs have come in for Constant and Howell has not ruled him out of playing in Saturday's clash against Boreham Wood.

"I have his registration and if he wants to go anywhere they will have to contact me. But I never say never and he could have a change of heart, which he has done before.

"But at the moment he doesn't want to

play for Harrow Borough Football Club."

Constant is not the only player that looks to be heading for the exit. Howell has confirmed he intends to release Ebenezer Massade and Tommy Higgins as he trims the squad to one ready for what could be a relegation dog fight.

He said: "It has got to the point where I am looking for players that are committed and realise the seriousness of the situation they are in and want to face that and help us. If not, it's a waste of their time and my time and everyone else's time."

Bowmen pull the strings

A TEAM from the Bowmen of Harrow archery club scooped the prizes at this year's Middlesex County Open Indoor Championship.

The two-day event saw club members take individual prizes courtesy of long standing stalwart Jonathan Paradi (first men's), Jill Moore (first ladies) and John Williams and Victoria Saduikis as first junior boy and girl respectively.

The weekend event also saw the club – which uses an indoor range at John Lyons playing fields in Sunbury – take the senior team title at Meadhurst Sports Hall.

Ben Gan and Mati Lang rounded off the medals coming second and third in the junior boys and ladies events respectively.

Club secretary Barbara Saduikis said: "They have done really well. We have always done pretty well there, but this year we have excelled ourselves."

She added: "I think we could have even won the junior team event, but we only had three juniors and we needed four to enter a team."

The event took the form of what is known as a Portsmouth, consisting of 60 arrows from 20 metres. Each competitor shoots three arrows before their opponent does likewise, with ten points for a gold in the middle of the target to one on the outside and nothing for a miss.

The total after three arrows is added up to reach the grand total after 60 arrows.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the club or about joining a beginners course can telephone 020 87239492 or 07743 590494.

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