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Wood draw on the road

NORTHWOOD's Ryman One North play-off hopes were dented after a 2-2 draw at Tilbury on Saturday. Their failure to win means they have taken just six points from their last five matches. After falling behind, Hugo Figueiredo equalised in the second half. Brad Hewitt fired Wood in front but the hosts earned a share of the points.

Tigers find their teeth

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS got back on track with a 1-0 win at Haringey Borough on Tuesday night. Aderito Manuel's goal helped fire the visitors up to fourth in the South Midlands Premiership. It was a much-needed result after the Tigers crashed to a 3-1 home defeat to Brimsdown Rovers on Saturday.

Pinner seal promotion

PINNER RFC wrapped up promotion to Herts/Middlesex Division Three after a six-try thrashing of Northolt. Aaron Nicholas and Warren Woad scored two apiece for Pinner. Two converted scores from centre Russell Joyn't rounded off an easy 34-6 win for the away side.

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Martin hoping to land Aldershot move

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WEALDSTONE defender Carl Martin could be set for a move to League Two club Aldershot this week.

The 21-year-old was due to play in a reserve match for the Shots against Gillingham last night [Wednesday] in a bid to earn a deal with them. Martin spent several days with Watford earlier in the season but any chance of a move broke down as it coincided in manager Aidy Boothroyd's departure.

Stones manager Gordon Bartlett said: "I have always thought from the moment he joined us that he could play at a much higher level. It's just taken others four years to recognise that. He is a great lad who has come through our scholarship scheme.

"Gary Waddock [Aldershot manager] has been very impressed with him but wants to see him in a game. I'm delighted Carl has been given this opportunity, which is reward for his consistent performances."

Meanwhile, the Stones closed within six points of the Ryman Premier play-offs after cruising to a 3-0 win at home to Heybridge Swifts on Saturday. Goals from James Gray, Greg Ngoyi and Ryan Ashe helped ease the memory of their cup defeat at Hendon last week.

Bartlett said: "It was very comfortable and we did well to put the disappointment of the cup defeat last week behind us. We came out of the blocks very quickly and Greg Ngoyi could have had a hat-trick after the first ten minutes.

"Everybody seems to be dropping points and if we look back we should be better off than we are."

Wealdstone face a stern test on Saturday when they travel to second-placed Staines Town. But Bartlett can draw on a 4-3 win over the promotion chasers in the home game and says his team have nothing to fear.

He added: "I've done my homework on them, but although they're flying in the league, I really don't think we need to be frightened of them.

"I don't think we're a million miles away from them. We've already beaten them once and took them to extra time in the cup."



Possible move: Carl Martin could land a transfer to Aldershot if he impresses this week.

Picture: WEALDSTONE FC

Boro seal place in cup final

HARROW BOROUGH are through to the Ryman League Cup final after a 3-1 win over Ashford Town on Tuesday night.

David Howell's side turned on the style in the second half, despite seeing Dewayne Clarke sent off, to book a final encounter with Tilbury on Wednesday, April 8.

The home side broke the deadlock after the restart when in-form striker Gary Noel scored and doubled the lead when substitute Jerome Hall netted. The visitors pulled one back late on but an injury time effort from Dorian Smith confirmed the win.

Boro manager Howell said: "We never really got going in the first half. But I was very pleased with our efforts in the second half. It showed we have got a bit of character and fight.

"Getting to the final is no minor achievement. It's a good achievement and it keeps the lads on their toes and buoyant. It's something for them to look forward to."

Boro boosted their hopes of avoiding the drop from the Ryman Premier League after an impressive 1-0 win at highlyflying Dartford on Saturday.

The visitors overcame a long injury list to post an unlikely victory at Princes Park. The decisive goal came nine minutes from half-time when Dean Fenton netted his first goal for the club after sidefooting in Clarke's cross.

It maintained their excellent form against the top sides in the division. They have already beaten leaders Dover and promotion chasers Staines this season.

Howell said: "It is easy to get a team going against the better sides. But against the lesser sides you can go through the motions and we have suffered from that."

Boro return to Earlsmead on Saturday when they entertain Tooting and Mitcham United.

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