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**Tigers held at Hertford Town**

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS drew 1-1 at Hertford Town in the South Midlands Premier on Saturday. Attila Korsoveczki fired the home side into the lead after ten minutes of the match. But the visitors were much better in the second half and deserved their 74th minute equaliser which came from Edson Cata.

**Free goalkeeper training offered**

BUDDING goalkeepers can get free training in a new coaching programme called Just 4 Keepers. Jason Jamal was a semi-professional goalkeeper who worked with Shaka Hislop and Peter Bonetti at Birmingham and Reading. He is offering weekly coaching sessions and can be contacted on 07931 359323 or by emailing [jason.jamal@just4keepers.co.uk](mailto:jason.jamal@just4keepers.co.uk)

**Middlesex start their campaign**

MIDDLESEX CCC got their new season underway yesterday [Wednesday] with their County Championship Two clash against Glamorgan at Lord's. Australian batsman Philip Hughes made his competitive debut for Middlesex after starting his six-week spell with them.

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## Bartlett pleads for cash to retain side

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WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett has appealed to supporters to help ensure their talented young squad is kept next season.

The Stones have run into financial difficulties and last month launched 100:400 - a scheme designed to raise £40,000 for next year's playing budget. They have reached 75 per cent of their target but Bartlett fears he will have to break up the side if they do not get more backing.

Bartlett said: "I have had to break up the side so many times during my 14 years here and I don't want to be doing that again. I believe we have something special here and everyone can see that.

"The fact is there is a shortfall here and it needs a financial commitment from those who can afford it. We are nearly there but we need a last push to keep the current group of players so we can look forward to an exciting campaign next year.

"There will be an awful lot of clubs cutting their budgets next season but I don't want us to be one of them. If we can keep our side together then I would expect us to be knocking on the door of the play-offs."

Wealdstone's promotion hopes ended on Saturday when they lost 3-1 at runaway champions Dover. The Stones suffered a poor start when they conceded after just four minutes.

The Stones fell further behind ten minutes into the second half before Andy Hessenthaler's side added the third. Wealdstone salvaged a late consolation through in-form striker Greg Ngoyi but it was too late to keep their play-off push alive.

Bartlett said: "It was nice to be involved in the race and it was testament to how well we did in the season. It was brilliant to take it so far but I think it would have been too early to go up due to our financial restraints. What the players have achieved will stand them in good stead."

Wealdstone end their Ryman Premier season on Saturday when they face Hastings United at Grosvenor Vale. The visitors still need a point to ensure their status in the division for next season.

Bartlett said: "We will finish in the top-eight and want to go out on a high. We owe it to our fans to go and produce on Saturday."



Proud: Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett took the positives from their unsuccessful play-off bid.

Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

## Boro win earns top ten spot

HARROW BOROUGH moved closer to David Howell's target of a place in the top ten of the Ryman Premier after beating Maidstone United 2-0 on Tuesday night.

The manager set his side the task of finishing in the top half at the start of the month and their away victory has put them within touching distance of achieving the goal.

Boro took the lead in the 75th minute when striker Gary Noel fired into the net. The visitors sealed their win when Jonathan Constant's corner was headed home by substitute Dewayne Clarke.

Howell praised his side for their efforts on Tuesday.

He said: "It is a difficult place to go and it was the third time we were meant to go there after the last two games were called off. Three games ago they were in contention for a play-off place so it was a good result.

"The performance was very professional and the result fitted in with the display. I thought we were very comfortable and could have won 3-0 when James Fraser almost scored in the second half."

The result was a good response after Boro lost three consecutive league games. Howell's side were beaten 3-2 at home to Tonbridge Angels on Saturday despite taking the lead after a minute through Dorian Smith. But three goals in 12 minutes put the Angels in control before a late reply from Wayne Walters.

Boro play their final match of the campaign on Saturday when they visit Horsham.

Howell said: "The lads want to win the game because it's in our hands. If we win then we'll finish in the top ten and that would be good psychologically for next season."

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