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Savage Tigers destroy Boro

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS cruised to a 3-0 win at Haringey Borough in the South Midlands Premier on Tuesday night. Edson Cata found the net for the visitors and a brace from Franclin Manuel sealed the points. Nine-man Tigers twice fought back from behind to salvage a 2-2 draw at Colney Heath on Saturday after goals from Renars Zarchenko and Cata. Evaldas Beicius and Zarchenko were sent off.

Promotion hopes over after defeat

PARKFIELD AND HEADSTONE'S Division Five promotion hopes were dashed after a six-wicket defeat to Berkhamsted on Saturday. Prashant Nagarajan top scored with 51 in their total of 212 all out. But Berkhamsted recovered from 80 for four to seal a comfortable win.

Middlesex star picks up award

ANDREW STRAUSS was named as player of the series after guiding England to a 2-1 Ashes victory over Australia. The Middlesex batsman was the top run scorer and was acclaimed for his leadership as England captain. Strauss scored 55 and 75 over the two innings as England won by 197 runs at the Brit Oval.

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Bartlett: We're not frightened of them

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WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett says he is not frightened about taking on early pacesetters Dartford this weekend.

The Stones face a trip on Saturday to the promotion favourites who have stormed to the top of the Ryman Premier after winning their first four matches. It does not get any easier as they return to Grosvenor Vale on Monday to face Sutton United.

Bartlett said: "It's certainly going to be very tricky but we're not frightened of facing them.

"Everybody can beat each other in this league as you've seen because Dartford are the only side with a 100 per cent record. They have paid an awful lot of money and won 5-0 in their last game so they're the team to beat.

"They were my tip at the start of the season alongside Carshalton and Sutton so if we can be in the middle of that lot then we will have had a decent year."

The Stones earned their first win of the season on Tuesday night after an early penalty from Ryan Ashe fired them to a 1-0 victory at Boreham Wood. Wealdstone also picked up a 2-2 draw at home to Maidstone United on Saturday after goals from Charlie Mpi and another Ashe penalty.

Bartlett was pleased with the effort of his side but believes there is still a lot more to come.

"Our energy levels were good," he said. "We stopped them from playing well and their manager complimented us on our work ethic. I thought we worked very hard. Our passing needed to be better but I was pleased to get the three points.

"It will take us a little bit of time to bed in but I'm happy with the squad. I don't think we are anywhere near what we are capable of achieving yet."

The saga of Carl Martin's future dragged on as the defender played yesterday for Crewe Reserves. The talented youngster joined the League Two club on trial last month but has still not been offered a deal. It is understood Martin is unlikely to sign permanently for Crewe due to their financial constraints but a number of other clubs are thought to be chasing the 22-year-old.

Bartlett added: "I'm surprised it has taken this long to make a decision on him. I think it will be resolved by the end of this week."



On target: Ryan Ashe's penalty handed the Stones their first win of the season.
Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Boro allow Carshalton out of jail

HARROW BOROUGH manager David Howell says Carshalton got out of jail after they rescued a 3-3 draw on Tuesday night.

Boro were in superb form but defensive mistakes meant they squandered a 2-0 and 3-2 lead at Earlsmead. Dewayne Clarke fired the hosts in front and a brace from new striker Rocky Baptiste put them in control before the late setback.

Howell said: "I'm bitterly disappointed because we gave Carshalton the keys and they got out of jail. Even after we conceded three minutes from time, we still had a couple of chances to pick up the win.

"Their bench cost more than our entire squad so it is a credit to our players that they did so well."

The match marked the first home appearance for new recruit Jonathan Hunt. The former St Albans City midfielder played alongside Japanese talent Kenta Nakashima who set up all three of Boro's goals.

Boro host Margate on Saturday before travelling to Waltham Abbey on Monday.



Frustrated: Harrow Borough manager David Howell says Carshalton got out of jail.
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