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Trophy defeat for the Tigers

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS crashed out of the Challenge Cup after a 4-0 home defeat to Broxbourne Borough on Tuesday night. But the Tigers edged to a 4-3 win in the FA Vase at Hatfield Town on Saturday after extra time. Roleio Doe's brace put Kingsbury in front before Town made it 2-2. Edson Cata restored their lead before another equaliser. Cata's last-gasp second earned the dramatic win.

Wood slump to away defeat

NORTHWOOD lost 3-0 at Lowestoft Town in Ryman One North on Saturday. Their longest journey of the season brought no joy as they were comfortably beaten by the title chasers. It leaves Wood in sixth place in the table just outside the play-offs. Wood host Wingate and Finchley in the FA Cup on Saturday.

Walker knock fires Harrow to win

DAVID WALKER scored a century as Harrow ended the season in mid-table after a 127-run victory over Uxbridge in Middlesex Division Two. Walker was in superb form for Harrow hitting 104 in their total of 302 for five. Rock bottom Uxbridge were never in the running and they were bowled out for 175 as their miserable campaign ended.

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Howell fired up for Boro's cup opener

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HARROW BOROUGH manager David Howell has challenged his side to try and match their best run in the FA Cup.

The Ryman Premier side reached the third round of the competition seven years ago when they lost 3-0 to eventual semi-finalists Wycombe.

Boro begin their campaign on Saturday with a trip to Chesham United in the first qualifying round and Howell says a cup run would provide a much-needed financial boost for the club.

Howell said: "It was a good experience for everyone at the club and I would like to repeat that but at the moment we're just concentrating on Saturday at Chesham."

"It's a very important match for the club and the individual players. The financial reward which comes with a run is drastically needed. It's one distraction which we certainly wouldn't mind."

"The team would like to get some recognition for how they play and one way of doing that is by going on a cup run."

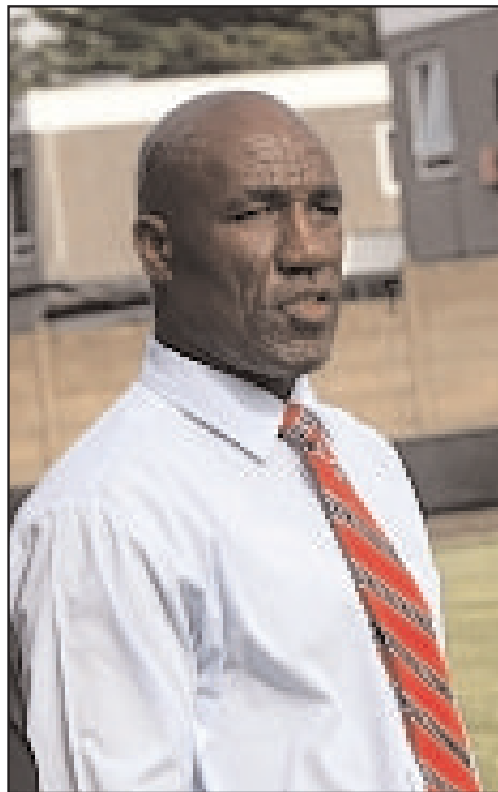
"In the league you can go on a run of winning or losing games but in the cup it's different. It is all about Saturday afternoon and that's as far we can look. It's just about trying to get past Chesham."

United are riding high in the third place in Zamaretto Division One Midlands and Howell knows his side will have to be well prepared for the tie. The Boro boss knows Chesham boss Andy Leese and has had a difficult time whenever his team have come up against him.

Howell said: "We will not be under-estimating them. They are a strong side and we know it will be a tough game. Andy's side's are always set up well and he has managed to get the better of me whenever we have played each other."

Boro crashed to a disappointing defeat on Saturday when they lost 3-0 to Hastings United in the Ryman Premier.

A controversial penalty gave the visitors the lead 15 minutes from time and two more late goals handed United a flattering win.



Hopeful: Harrow Boro boss David Howell would love to mastermind a famous FA Cup run this year. Picture: HOLLY CANT

Late blow for Stones

WEALDSTONE were denied victory at highflying Aveley on Saturday after a last-minute goal earned the Ryman Premier hosts a 2-2 draw.

The Stones were in the driving seat after twice taking the lead but in the fourth minute of injury time Martin Tuohy scrambled home the ball from close range to deny the visitors.

Wealdstone took a little while to get going but they found their feet and began to take control of the contest. Ryan Ashe thought he had headed them in front after 11 minutes of the contest but his effort was ruled out for offside.

There was more frustration when skilful midfielder Mark E'Beyer also put the ball in the back of the net only to see the offside flag waved once again.

The Stones deservedly took the lead after 29 minutes when Alan Massey headed in Lee Chappell's free-kick. But Aveley pulled themselves level at half-time when Tuohy struck with their first shot on target.

Marvin McCoy restored Wealdstone's lead after 58 minutes with his first goal for the club. He picked up the ball 40 yards out and went on a mazy dribble before lashing the ball into the net.

The Stones looked fairly comfortable and were poised to take the three points back to Grosvenor Vale until the late setback.

Wealdstone take a break from the Ryman League on Saturday when they kick off their FA Cup campaign.

Gordon Bartlett's side will be looking for a decent run in the competition which begins at Zamaretto Division One Midlands side Arlesey Town.

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