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More woe for London Tigers

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS crashed to a comprehensive 3-0 home defeat to Harefield United in the South Midlands Premier on Tuesday night. It completed a disappointing week for the Tigers after they lost 1-0 at Hertford Town on Saturday. Daryl Mitchell converted the winning goal from the penalty spot in the second half. It leaves the Tigers struggling fifth from bottom in the table.

Harrow Boro to face pacesetters

HARROW BOROUGH face a daunting trip to Ryman Premier leaders Dartford this weekend. David Howell's side have not played since last week due to their early FA Cup exit. Instead they have held extra training sessions as they prepare to take on the league's pacesetters. Dartford have won eight and drawn once in their opening nine games.

Panthers trio fire England into semi

OWAIS SHAH, Eoin Morgan and Andrew Strauss helped send England into an unlikely semi-final in the Champions Trophy in South Africa. Shah was in superb form on Sunday hitting six sixes in a brilliant 98, while Morgan smashed 67 off just 34 balls. England will play their semi-final in Centurion tomorrow.

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Stones boss keen to avoid complacency

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WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett is refusing to get carried away despite his side posting their fourth consecutive win after a 4-2 FA Cup victory at Boreham Wood on Saturday.

The Stones are in excellent form and booked a home tie against Blue Square South strugglers Lewes after their emphatic victory at Meadow Park. Wealdstone sit third in the Ryman Premier and can leapfrog second placed Canvey Island with a home win on Saturday.

Bartlett said: "We have set standards and we mustn't get complacent. We are on a good run at the moment but we know there are 42 games in the league season and you cannot win the league at this stage.

"All we are looking for is a degree of consistency and at the moment we have got it. It would be nice to get points on the board in the league particularly if we go on a cup run, because we will fall behind in the amount of matches we play."

The Stones enjoyed a whirlwind start to the cup tie on Saturday as they stormed into a 2-0 lead inside the opening ten minutes. Kieron Forbes created the first goal for Ryan Ashe to slot underneath the goalkeeper and within minutes stand-in skipper Lee Chappell stroked the ball into the net.

The visitors added the third before half-time when Chappell struck a brilliant free-kick into the top left corner of the goal.

Boreham Wood pulled one back after the restart but the buoyant Stones struck the fourth when Alan Massey converted Ashe's corner.

Bartlett said: "Our finishing was very good and once again I thought the work rate in the group was good. The nice thing is that we have a home draw in the next round which puts it in our own hands."



Cup joy: Wealdstone celebrate their impressive FA Cup win at Boreham Wood.
Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Middlesex set for move to Radlett

MIDDLESEX are set to move their training headquarters to Radlett in a £1million project which could see England stars Andrew Strauss and Owais Shah playing at Cobden Hill.

The County Championship Division Two side will also move their administrative base from Lord's to Hertfordshire.

Middlesex will still play some matches at the home of cricket but this ambitious partnership is likely to lead to several matches being played at Radlett, if planning permission is given for building extensions and new facilities, such as dressing rooms and a fitness suite, are put in place by next year.

The county side will act as tenants sharing costs and helping raise development funding at Cobden Hill.

Radlett and Middlesex all-rounder Gareth Berg, who enjoyed a tremendous end to the season, said: "It's great for the Radlett crowd and committee. They have worked very hard with the second team fixtures and it shows all the hard work over the years with the hospitality there has paid off. They have reaped the rewards.

"It's a lovely ground and I'm pleased they've shown they've got the goods. I have no doubt Radlett will be a success whether it hosts a first class or one-day match. They definitely have the capability to hold matches there and the right people on board."

Middlesex chief executive Vinny Codrington said: "The set-up at Radlett is excellent. It's a 'real' cricket club. As you drive in, everything about the place is cricket."

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