

News briefly

Six youngsters get Herts call-ups

SIX of Harrow RFC Under-16s have been picked for the final Hertfordshire RFU County squad. Their club form has earned them spots for the season in the county-level competitions. The players are Conor Nicholson, George Hurford, Harry Thorogood, Lawrence Armitage-Brain, Rory Akers and Will Donovan.

Tigers dumped out of FA Vase

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS were knocked out of the FA Vase in the first round after a 2-1 defeat at Biggleswade United on Saturday. Luke Lincoln netted the opener for United after just eight minutes and they added the second six minutes later through Ross Kane. The Tigers managed a consolation through Renars Zarchenko. Kingsbury also lost 2-1 in the London Senior Cup this week to Fisher.

Stones to hold soccer funweek

WEALDSTONE are holding a half-term funweek for young footballers this month at Grosvenor Vale. Boys and girls aged between six and 12 can take part in the week which starts on Monday, October 26. The cost is £60 which includes qualified coaching, a football and a gift. For more information contact James Klarfeld on 07979 795414.

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Martin seals dream move to Crewe

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WEALDSTONE defender Carl Martin has agreed a move to League Two side Crewe Alexandra.

The versatile right-back almost landed a move to Crewe in the summer but former manager Gudjon Thordarson, who was sacked last week, did not want to sign him. Dario Gradi has taken over at the club again and he moved quickly to agree a two-and-a-half year deal for 22-year-old Martin, subject to him passing a medical.

The Ryman Premier side will host a friendly against Crewe over the next couple of years and could be entitled to more than the initial £5,000 compensation they are receiving if Martin, who was out of contract, makes a certain number of appearances for Alexandra.

Stones manager Gordon Bartlett said: "I have the utmost respect for Carl and he thoroughly deserves this opportunity. He is an excellent footballer and a quality bloke.

"I think he has a wonderful chance of playing for the first team this season. He is going to the right environment to blossom.

"I wanted to help him fulfil his dream of becoming a professional footballer and all parties are delighted with the news. We are proud at this club of the conveyor belt of talent we continue to develop and professional clubs know this very well."

The Stones climbed up to second, their highest position of the season, on Saturday after a 1-0 home win over Canvey Island. Despite going down to ten men after only six minutes when Rob Fitzgerald was sent off, Wealdstone scored the winner through Lee Chappell's first-half free-kick.

Wealdstone host struggling Blue Square South outfit Lewes in the FA Cup third qualifying round on Saturday.

Bartlett said: "They should be the favourites. I'm happier it's a Conference South side than a lower league team because it gives us a possible scalp and hopefully playing against a higher level will bring out the best in us."



On the way: Carl Martin's hard work has paid off with a move to Crewe Alexandra this week.
Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Boro lose to table toppers

HARROW BOROUGH were unable to upset the odds on Saturday as they were beaten 2-0 at Ryman Premier leaders Dartford.

The visitors were aiming to become the first side to defeat Dartford in the league this season but a brace of goals from top scorer Lee Burns, taking him to 12 for the campaign, proved the difference.

The hosts also had a late penalty but debutant goalkeeper Joe Day pulled off the save. The 19-year-old, on-loan for a month from Rushden and Diamonds, was handed the opportunity because Andray Baptiste failed to show up for training for the last fortnight and another new recruit John Armand has a broken finger.

Boro manager David Howell said: "I thought he played well for his first game. He kicked well and has a good presence."

It was always going to be a tough ask for Boro to get a result at the pacesetters whose only dropped points came in a draw at home to Wealdstone in August.

Boro have arranged a friendly on Saturday at Hitchin after their match against Aveley was postponed due to their involvement in the FA Cup.

Howell will prepare his squad for a difficult trip to third-placed Tooting and Mitcham on Monday night.

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