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Boro dumped out by Police

HARROW BOROUGH crashed out of the Ryman League Cup on Tuesday night after a 2-1 defeat at Metropolitan Police. Boro took the lead in the second half when Jake Lovell netted but the hosts managed to take the game into extra-time with a late equaliser. Gerry Gonnella netted the winner in the 112th minute of the tie.

Tigers settle for home point

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS earned a 1-1 draw at home to Hillingdon Borough in the South Midlands Premier on Saturday. The hosts fell behind after 30 minutes when Kobi Degraft-Johnson launched a free-kick into the corner of the net. But the Tigers fought back and Rehia Osagie netted the equaliser.

Harrow on song in cup rout

HARROW RFC thrashed Old Millhillians 48-3 in the Middlesex Floodlit Cup on Saturday. The hosts led 24-3 at half-time after two Gosling tries. Two scores from Rowlands extended their lead and put them in good shape ahead of a trip to Southgate this weekend.

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Stones urged to use FA Cup as stepping stone

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WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett wants his team to use their FA Cup run as inspiration to challenge for honours this season.

The Stones pushed League Two promotion chasers Rotherham all the way before losing 3-2 on Sunday in front of a record gate at Grosvenor Vale.

More than 1,600 supporters packed into the ground for the FA Cup first round tie as a brace from Ryan Ashe gave the Millers a huge scare.

Bartlett said: "We are out and we have to deal with it. We will be judged on what we achieve in April and this needs to be a stepping stone and not the highlight of the season."

Despite the setback, the manager was proud of his side's efforts and felt they deserved to get a replay after putting Rotherham under the cosh.

Bartlett added: "The feelgood factor around the club is excellent. The lads have done themselves proud."

"There is no doubt in my mind we would have won if Danny Spendlove had scored when we were 2-1 down. We had them totally on the backfoot and they were rocking. Their players

were shellshocked and they had been in for one hell of an afternoon.

"We had them on the ropes for half an hour and we rattled them. We deserved a replay and the comments from their supporters totally agreed with us. The atmosphere was tremendous and gave the lads a great boost.

"An awful lot of people at the club have to take credit for the way we performed. I was bitterly disappointed we didn't get something out of the game because we deserved to.

"We were very positive at half-time and there were no negative words spoken. We were looking for a good response and that is exactly what we got. It was a fantastic effort."

Wealdstone produced a strong response to the defeat by beating Boreham Wood 3-1 in the Ryman League Cup on Tuesday night. Chris Ellerbeck's hat-trick was enough to send them through.

The Stones play their first Ryman Premier match for more than three weeks on Saturday when they visit struggling Margate.

Bartlett said: "It's very important because it feels like we haven't played a league game for so long. Margate have a new manager and will want to spark things up but hopefully we can get the result we're looking for."



Battling away: Ryan Ashe struck twice for the Stones as they bravely bowed out of the FA Cup after defeat to Rotherham. Picture: ACTION IMAGES

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