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Middlesex drop Yuvraj interest

MIDDLESEX CCC have admitted defeat in their bid to sign India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh. The 28-year-old was poised to join the club for their Twenty20 Cup campaign but he will not be available due to India's tour of Zimbabwe and the Asia Cup. Former Australia wicketkeeper Adam Gilchrist has already agreed a short-term deal with the Panthers.

Easter offer for Ruislip fans

WEALDSTONE are offering special discounts for their home game against Tonbridge Angels on Saturday, April 3. Anyone from Ruislip, with an HA4 postcode can attend for just £4 as long as proof of address is brought to the game. The match is also designated Juniors Day where junior club parents can also get in for £4.

Tigers slip to home defeats

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS lost 3-0 at home to Aylesbury on Tuesday night. They were also beaten 2-1 by Dunstable Town in the South Midlands Premier on Saturday. Aaron Flood handed the visitors the lead but Paulius Olisaukas' free-kick levelled five minutes later. Dunstable netted the winner before half time.

Howell unable to sign Clarke replacement

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HARROW BOROUGH manager David Howell has accepted he will not be able to replace striker Dewayne Clarke.

The temperamental forward left the club last week to join Boreham Wood but Boro do not have the money to sign a replacement this season.

Howell said: "I haven't got the resources so we will just have to get on with it."

Boro's form has dipped alarmingly in the last month since Howell picked up February's manager of the month award. His side have lost their last three Ryman Premier games and are without a win in their last six games.

The manager admitted: "We have had a bad patch ever since I won the award. I just think we need to get a win back under our belts to get us going again and hopefully that will come on Saturday."

Boro's latest setback was a 1-0 defeat at Sutton United on Tuesday night. Howell bemoaned the soft winner conceded but was encouraged by their display.

"We had a bright start and were the better team but then we gave away a schoolboy goal," he said.

"We had most of the possession and created most of the chances. It was encouraging in terms of the performance and our commitment but the result was not very good at this stage."

But he was unhappy with his side's 3-1 home defeat to Tonbridge Angels last Saturday.

Howell said: "We gave away a bad goal and never really settled giving the ball away cheaply. It was a below par performance."

"In the other games I felt we were a bit unfortunate but we didn't really put enough into this game. We made it easy for Tonbridge and they didn't have to work hard for the win."

Howell accepts his side need to get a win under their belts, to avoid being dragged into the relegation dogfight, starting at home to Horsham on Saturday.

He added: "I'm just concerned by how we're playing and if we don't get back on track with three points then we will start to look over our shoulders."

But if we get two wins then all of a sudden it completely changes the situation."

Stones slip behind rivals in race for Ryman play-offs



Thinking mode: Stones boss Gordon Bartlett needs to turn around their league form.

Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

WEALDSTONE are in danger of losing sight of the Ryman Premier play-offs after successive defeats.

The Stones were below par in their 1-0 loss at Hastings United and followed that up with a 3-2 defeat at Tooting and Mitcham United on Monday. The results extended their winless run in the league to four games.

Wealdstone rarely threatened to get on the scoresheet at Hastings with only two shots on target. The winner came at the end of the first half when Ade Olorunda fired past goalkeeper Sean Thomas.

Speaking after Saturday's defeat, Wealdstone boss Gordon Bartlett said: "It was a massive disappointment."

"It was a lacklustre and knackered performance and the bottom line is we just didn't perform and the dressing room was like a morgue after."

It did not get any better for the Stones at Tooting after losing to their play-off rivals. Goals from Danny Spendlove and Chris O'Leary were not enough to salvage a point. The defeat leaves them in tenth spot, five points behind the tenth-five, but they do have games in hand on the teams above them.

Wealdstone were set for their first League Cup final in 28 years last night [Wednesday].

Bartlett's side took on Leatherhead United in the Championship Manager Cup final at Imber Court. The Stones travel to Maidstone United on Saturday in the league.

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