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Boro to offer cheap tickets

HARROW BOROUGH are offering cheap tickets to football fans. To celebrate Non-League Day, fans of other clubs can watch Boro play Hendon on Monday for £5 if they produce their season tickets. Kids can get in for a pound to this game and also the home match with Lowestoft on Tuesday, September 7.

England bid to seal series win

ENGLAND started the final Test against Pakistan at Lord's this morning [Thursday]. The hosts lead 2-1 after Pakistan earned a four-wicket win at the Oval on Saturday. England skipper Andrew Strauss leads his side into the last Test before the Ashes starts in November. Middlesex team-mates Eoin Morgan and Steve Finn also retain their spots.

Harrow secure Winchmore win

HARROW earned a 13-run win at home to Winchmore Hill in Middlesex Division Two on Saturday. Harrow could only muster 124 all out from their innings and appeared to be in trouble. Winchmore Hill seemed to be cruising on 66 for two before a dramatic fightback from Harrow. Michiel Vosloo produced a brilliant seven for 50 as Winchmore were bowled out for 110.

Bartlett delighted by Stones' reaction

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WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett paid tribute to his players after they responded to their dismal season opener with a convincing 3-0 win over Tooting and Mitcham United.

The Stones produced a shocking performance on Saturday in their 2-0 defeat at Hastings United but they bounced back by thumping Tooting at Grosvenor Vale on Monday night.

Bartlett said: "We looked sharp and fit in training so I couldn't see [Hastings] that one coming at all. I don't know whether it was nerves, the expectancy of a new season or over confidence. It happened but the important thing is how you react and I take my hat off to the boys for that.

"The players knew they had let the fans and themselves down on Saturday. The performance just wasn't acceptable but we bounced back very well. There was a total contrast in the two performances from the depths of Saturday which was pretty dismal to the standards we would expect against Tooting."

Wealdstone took the lead after 14 minutes against United when Kieron Forbes' cross was volleyed home by former Watford striker Scott Fitzgerald. The Stones extended their lead within nine minutes when Fitzgerald turned provider with a ball which strike partner Greg Ngoyi converted. Wealdstone killed off the match just before half time when Ngoyi added his second of the night.

Bartlett said: "The work ethic in the middle of the park was excellent. I don't like to single players out but Kieron's commitment to the cause was outstanding and a credit to him.

"It was important for the lads to do themselves justice. If you are going to go down don't go down with a whimper like on Saturday."

The Stones host Horsham on Saturday before travelling to AFC Hornchurch on Bank Holiday Monday.

"Hornchurch have signed a few players and they are going to be a big side. Hastings were a big efficient team but we made them look a lot better than they are. We need to build on Monday and we need to have a good team ethic this year."



Double strike: Greg Ngoyi struck twice in Wealdstone's 3-0 win over Tooting and Mitcham United.

Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Island defeat for Borough

HARROW BOROUGH manager David Howell was left scratching his head after the best 45 minutes during his time at the club resulted in a 2-0 defeat at Canvey Island on Tuesday night.

Howell insists the first-half performance was as good as he has seen but they walked off 1-0 down after conceding a late goal and were unable to match their levels after the restart.

Howell said: "In the first 45 minutes it was as good as we have passed the ball since I took over seven years ago. The problem was we got no return from it and I hope this is not something we will come to expect this season. We came in 1-0 down after completely dominating the match.

"It was really disappointing but we controlled the game without killing them off. I think the players were a bit shellshocked and it showed in our second-half performance.

"We need to learn that the periods of the game we control you need to get something for your efforts."

Boro began the Ryman Premier season with a convincing 2-0 win at home to Maidstone United on Saturday. Goals from Kenta Nakashima and Rocky Baptiste ensured Boro got their first points on the board.

Howell has added to his squad by bringing in experienced Boreham Wood striker Dean Green.

The manager, who has admitted he is looking to bring in another defender, said: "He is a very experienced striker and he will give us more options up front. I still think we have a lot of young players that are unproven.

"I would like to give them a chance but if they don't perform then I need players that can do a job for me."

Boro travel to Tonbridge Angels on Saturday before returning to Earlsmead to face rivals Hendon on Bank Holiday Monday.

"I think Hendon are good footballing side," Howell said.

"They had a bit of a blip last year with some issues off the field but if they can settle then they certainly have plenty of goals in them."

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