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News briefly

Harrow win the championship

HARROW RFC were crowned champions for the second season in a row after bottom side Northolt scrapped their match against them. Harrow have gone the whole season unbeaten and cannot be caught at the top of Herts Middlesex Three. Harrow play Kilburn Cosmos in the Middlesex Vase this weekend.

Tigers crash to away defeat

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS slipped to a 2-1 defeat at Dunstable Town on Saturday in the South Midlands Premier. The visitors conceded an early goal but the Tigers quickly levelled through Ehad Ponxha. He was sent off for a second booking before Dunstable grabbed a late winner.

Stones to put on fundraising event

TICKETS are still available for Wealdstone's fundraising sporting dinner on Thursday night at Ruiship Social Club. Former referee Graham Poll is the main speaker and tickets are priced at £40 which includes a three course buffet dinner. To buy a ticket ring David Albert on 07988 792716.

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Wealdstone looking to strengthen squad

by SIMON MAIL

WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett is hoping to bring in a couple of players to boost their play-off push.

The Stones have put together an 11-game unbeaten run in the Ryman Premier to climb within six points of the top five. But Bartlett believes they still need to add to their options ahead of the transfer deadline at the end of the month.

Bartlett said: "Looking at the squad, I will probably need one or two players in the transfer deadline. We have enough options up front but we are a bit light defensively and in the middle of the park.

"I have to start thinking and if we do keep going then I need to make sure I do my job properly. I need to ensure that I tried to get someone in but that depends on availability and the budget."

Wealdstone picked up a valuable 1-0 win at Aveley on Saturday in a scrappy encounter.

The winner came after 28 minutes when Alex Dyer finished smartly.

Bartlett was delighted with the result as his team battled the con-

ditions to come away with the three points.

Bartlett added: "It was a pretty dire affair but we got the win so it's a case of job done.

"We anticipated a difficult game because there is very little atmosphere and a bumpy pitch. They are battling for their lives and they don't play much football. I think there was about 30 seconds in the first half and that was the goal.

"The important thing is when things do not go our way that we react properly. We know that we are going to lose somewhere along the line but it's about how we respond that counts."

The Stones return to Grosvenor Vale this weekend to take on strugglers Folkestone Invicta.

Wealdstone are boosted by the return to fitness of Gavin Massey and Joe Benjamin. Watford striker Massey has recovered from a hamstring problem and Benjamin is also on the mend after a quad injury.

Bartlett said: "We drew with them recently and that was a hard fought game.

"They will be fighting for their lives but hopefully we can continue to produce the form we have had lately."



Stones boss Gordon Bartlett has steered his team to an 11-game unbeaten run in the league.

Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Boro keep up play-off push

HARROW BOROUGH earned their third consecutive Ryman Premier win after beating Tooting and Mitcham 2-0 on Tuesday night.

A 25-yard strike from Rocky Baptiste and a first-half effort from Kurt Morlese kept Boro firmly in contention for a play-off place.

Boro manager David Howell said: "It was encouraging and it keeps us up with the chasing pack.

"To have not conceded a goal in three games also gives a lot of confidence to the side.

"I thought it was a very good performance considering the injuries and changes we made to the team."

Boro battled to their first win over AFC Hornchurch since 1977 after a hard-fought 1-0 victory at Earlsmead on Saturday.

Wayne Walters grabbed the winner at the end of the first half but the hosts were stung by a fourth red card of the season for Danny Leech.

Due to his sending off against Wealdstone, the 26-year-old will sit out four more games having already missed Tuesday's match.

Howell fumed: "It was a ridiculous decision. The ball has gone too far so the player has dived and the referee has bought it.

"He has been harshly dealt with and it's unfortunate that he has been the one on the end of it. It's a big blow for us but we just have to get on with it."

Boro face a quick turnaround this weekend when they travel to play Tooting again before a midweek game against Bury Town.

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