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Tigers advance in Premier Cup

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS battled to a 2-1 home win over Haringey Borough in the Premier Division Cup on Tuesday night. Goals from Henry Emenike and Rehia Osagie fired them into the next round. The Tigers romped to a 5-1 victory over Hatfield Town in the South Midlands Premier on Saturday. A hat-trick from Edson Cata put the hosts in control with Emenike and Elton Almieda also

Middlesex sign Surrey batsman

MIDDLESEX CCC have agreed a deal for Surrey batsman Scott Newman to join next season. The signing softens the blow after Nick Compton decided to leave the County Championship Division Two side. The batsman was their top scorer last season as he hit more than 1,600 runs.

Harrow extend run after huge win

HARROW RFC thrashed Northolt 69-0 in Herts Middlesex Four last weekend. Skipper Hywel Gosling chipped in with 19 points including one try. The home side ran in 11 tries in a dominant performance which extended their unbeaten run. Harrow are joint top of the table with Chess Valley and their next game is a friendly at Hatfield on Saturday.

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Cup heroes land Millers in FA Cup

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WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett says their supporters inspired the fightback which earned them an FA Cup tie against League One Rotherham.

The Stones were staring at a dismal defeat after falling 2-0 down after 11 minutes at Aylesbury on Saturday. But goals from Greg Ngoyi, who was later sent off for retaliation, Ryan Ashe (2) and a stunning solo effort from Kieron Forbes sealed the memorable 4-2 win.

Wealdstone took 450 fans to the game and Bartlett said: "The support on Saturday was unbelievable and a major factor in the way we came back. The fans must take a lot of credit for that. This is very much the people's club and I want everybody to feel part of it.

"I said to the team at half-time, when we were 2-1 down, that they could either believe in themselves or they could carry on and get knocked out of the competition. Their response in the first ten minutes of the second half totally gave us the upper hand.

The Stones can now look forward to a sell-out crowd at Grosvenor Vale on Sunday, November 8 when they host the Millers.

The manager added: "All we wanted was to get a pro club at home and now we have got that but we have to concentrate on the other match first.'

Bartlett's side, who are unbeaten in the last 15 games, have the small matter of a trip to Harrow Borough first in the FA Trophy on Saturday. He is confident he has the squad to cope with a busy run of cup fixtures but insists the time for celebrating is next spring.

He added: "It's a massive game and a local derby. We will try to prepare in the right way because we want to have a long run in the FA Trophy.

"I think we have a good squad and we have to try and use it to our advantage. We have to make sure we're successful in April not just October."



Sheer joy: Kieron Forbes celebrates with the supporters after his wonder goal at Aylesbury.

Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Borough ready for big derby

David Howell has described his side's FA Trophy clash with Wealdstone as a "financial god-

Boro have been knocked out of the FA Cup and the Trophy represents their best chance of their boosting struggling finances. A win at home to the Stones on Saturday would earn them £3,500 and Howell is desperate to upset the visitors.

He said: "It means a lot to us

financially but that isn't the be all and end all. We want to progress to the next stage and

give it our all.

"These are the games you want to be involved in and when the draw was made it got people

talking."

Boro have struggled recently against the Stones, with no wins in their last six matches. Howell has questioned their preparation for games in the past but is confident they will put on a professional front this weekend.

"This season the preparation hasn't been right and if it isn't

right you prepare to fail.
"We were prepared for the away game at Soham because we travelled on a coach together. That is the professionalism we need to produce every game.

"It's a never ending struggle at this level because people have other jobs and commitments but we need to ensure the preparation is right.'







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