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Tigers run riot in Royston win

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS eased to a 4-2 win over Royston in the South Midlands Premier on Tuesday night. Goals from Henry Emenike, Franklin Morris, Rehia Osagie and Renars Zarchenko earned the points. The Tigers also defeated Hanwell Town 3-2 on Saturday. Artiomas Barinovas netted for the home side before late goals from Emenike and Elton Almieda won the game.

Middlesex sign fast bowler

MIDDLESEX CCC have signed New Zealand fast bowler lain O'Brien as their overseas player for next season. The 33-year-old helped his country defeat Pakistan last month and he will retire from international cricket after the test between the sides which starts today in Napier.

Harrow flying high after win

HARROW RFC remain top of Herts Middlesex Four after a 66-12 win over British Airways. Chris Armstrong, Mike Smith and Andy Elliott scored to put them in control. Juri Sihaloho and James Power added further efforts before the try of the match from David Ross.

Harrow Borough fightback earns point to extend run

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HARROW BOROUGH battled back from 2-0 down to earn a deserved 2-2 draw at Margate in the Ryman Premier on Saturday.

The visitors were in trouble after falling two goals behind but two efforts in the last 15 minutes earned David Howell's side a point and extended their unbeaten run to five games.

Goals from Lloyd Blackman and Anthony Joseph put the hosts in the driving seat. But Ryan Watts brought Boro back into the match when the defender's cross was diverted into his own net by Wayne Wilson. The equaliser came in the 85th minute when Peter Lyall found Jonathan Constant and his shot was deflected in.

Howell said: "We didn't work out how to deal with them tactically in the first half. But in the second half I felt that we controlled the game and it was one-way traffic.

"Their second goal was against the run of play. We were attacking and they went down the other end and scored. With 15 minutes left it was getting a bit tight but there was only one side pressing.

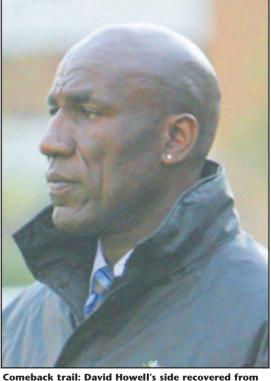
"The players didn't give up and they deserved their equaliser. It would have been a nice reward for our determination and persistence if we had got the winner at the death"

Rocky Baptiste has made global headlines over the last week following his astonishing miss against Waltham Abbey. The Margate match announcer described him as Rocky 'You Tubes' Baptiste after his internet fame but his manager believes he can deal with all the media attention.

Howell added: "I think he is probably fed up with it and relieved to get back to playing football again. He nearly got the winner with a chance in the last minute.

"It would have been a good response to the matchday announcer. He is experienced enough and his best response would be to stick the ball in the back of the net."

Boro visit strugglers Cray Wanderers this Saturday.



Comeback trail: David Howell's side recovered from 2-0 down to draw at Margate on Saturday. Picture: PIPPA DOUGLAS

Stones boost squad with double deal

WEALDSTONE have boosted their promotion hopes after signing two players on loan.

Colchester United midfielder Sam Corcoran has agreed a deal to join the Stones until the New Year. The talented 18-year-old has been tipped to make the grade with the League One promotion chasers.

Wealdstone manager Gordon Bartlett had a good relationship with Colchester boss Aidy Boothroyd during his time as Watford manager and this helped him land Corcoran.

The Stones have also brought in Lee Protheroe from Blue Square South side Welling United. The experienced rightback, who has played for Yeading, Chelmsford City and Ebbsfleet, can also play in midfield and he will add to their options ahead of a busy run of fixtures.

The squad has been depleted by injuries with goalkeeper Sean Thomas out with a fractured finger. Kieron Forbes and Marvin McCoy also have knee problems and Chris Ellerbeck has a hamstring injury.

Wealdstone were scheduled to face Ryman Premier leaders Dartford on Saturday but the wet weather forced the postponement of the match.

The Stones have up to six games in hand on some teams in the division after their FA Cup run and will be keen to get back to winning ways on Saturday at Tonbridge Angels.

Wealdstone are currently 11th in the table with Angels, who have played four more games, two places and two points above.









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