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What have Capello, Defoe, **Bullard and Barmby** all got in common?

News briefly

Tigers stun title chasers

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS knocked Aylesbury off the top of the South Midlands Premier after a superb 2-1 away win on Saturday. Craig Henney fired the hosts in front early on but Kingsbury refused to give up. The Tigers started their fightback before halftime when Kye Hendrix ran on to Henry Emenike's pass for the equaliser. The winner came in the 71st minute when Edson Cata floated a header into the back of the

Award glory for White

HARROW AND WEALD-STONE Swimming Club member Polly White has won the Butterworth Salver at their awards night. The talented Bushey teenager also scooped the Girls' title (13-year-old). If you want to be a part of Harrow's growing team contact Janine Nyman on 0208 9332785 to arrange a trial.

Harrow brush aside Taylors

HARROW RFC eased to a 67-5 friendly win over Old Merchant Taylors on Saturday. Joel Kersén scored the pićk of the tries in a muchchanged lineup for Harrow. The Herts Middlesex Four side play a friendly against Borehamwood on Saturday.

Horror show for Stones in Bartlett's 1000th game

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WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett's 1000th game in charge turned into a nightmare after Waltham Abbey

spoiled the party.

The Stones were seemingly in charge after goals from Mark E'Beyer and James Gray gave them a 2-0 lead at the St George's Stadium on Saturday. But a second-half capitulation saw the Ryman Premier's bottom club score four goals without reply to seal an unlikely 4-2 win.

Bartlett said: "It wasn't the way I wanted to celebrate 1000 games. I can't remember another game where we were 2-0 up and conceded four second-half goals. It was a new experience but not one I ever want to have again.

"We capitulated in the second half. We have been a bit fragile lately. Winning becomes a habit and at the moment it's the exact opposite for us.
"I went

home very disappointed but I would have done regardless of whether it was my 432nd or 1000th game. I was very disappointed with our application in the second half."

The Stones extended their winless run this year to seven games after drawing 1-1 at Margate on Tuesday night.

Darren Locke marked his

return to the side by netting his first league goal of the season. But the visitors were pegged back in the 75th minute and goalkeeper Sean Thomas was instrumental in preserving a point with several late saves.

Bartlett said: "We hit the woodwork in the last minute against Margate and these were going in early on in the season. We just have to ride the storm. We must come out of this mini slump quickly in order to build on the foundations."

The Stones received some unexpected news this week after they were reinstated into the Ryman League Cup despite losing 2-1 at Tonbridge Angels last week. Wealdstone are back in the competition because the home side played an ineligible player, Akwasi Edusei, but with so many fixtures to play and a spate of injuries Bartlett is far from happy.
"We don't particularly want to

be back in it but we just have to take it on the chin and move on," the manager admitted.

"If you look at our league situation, our early success has meant we have paid a high price recently.'

Wealdstone face a short trip to



Hendon on Saturday before Day to forget: Stones boss Gordon Bartlett returning home to take on saw his side collapse on his 1000th game in

Borough sink Kingstonian at Earlsmead

HARROW BOROUGH manager David Howell insists his side have the confidence to reproduce the form which saw them defeat second-placed Kingstonian on Tues-

Second-half efforts from Rocky Baptiste and Dewayne Clarke earned them a notable scalp despite goalkeeper Andray Baptiste's late sending off for handball outside the

It completed an excellent week for Boro after they came from behind, with goals from Baptiste and Dean Fenton, to win 2-1 at Billericay Town on Saturday.

Howell said: "It was one of our most pleasing displays. We did so well on Saturday but the problem we have had is with our consistency.

'Kingstonian have won seven and drawn two of their last ten so they've been in great form. But apart from an early shot they were never really in the game.

"The players have the confidence and they are well aware that it is just the belief in sustaining that week in week out.

"We want to do the best we can and we are beginning to believe we can maintain that consistent level of performance.

Boro have climbed up to 11th in the Ryman Premier and are only five points away from the play-off spots but Howell is refusing to take any notice of this.

He said: "The league position is false and if you pay attention to it then you are riding for a fall. It is of no consequence at the moment. All we want to do is strike up a run of form and the league table will take care of itself.

Boro face a testing week ahead starting Tuesday night.

Dartford on charge on Saturday.

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With a home game on Saturday against Tooting and Mitcham United.





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