

## Harrow boss steps aside

Harrow Borough manager Dave Anderson has decided to step aside after a run of one league win in ten, but will remain manager until his successor is found.

The 52-year-old made the decision on Monday evening and will now help Boro search for his replacement.

Anderson, who joined the club in 2011 after leaving Slough Town, steps down with the side 23rd in the Isthmian Premier Division – two points and as many places from safety.

A statement released by Harrow Borough on Wednesday morning read: "On Monday evening Dave Anderson informed representatives of the Board of Harrow Borough Football Club that he regretfully was standing down from his role as manager.

"He cited the team's poor run of results as the main reason.

"He also wanted on record his appreciation of the patience and support he had received from The Chairman, Board, VPs and Supporters through a difficult period.

"He has agreed to continue his role until the club have found his successor and has additionally agreed to be involved in the recruitment process.

"Once a new manager is in place he is expected to leave the Club which he had also served on previous occasions as assistant manager.

"Harrow Borough would like to place on record their thanks to him for all his hard work over the three-and-a-half years that he has been managing the side and wish him all the best for the future.

"Applicants for the post of first team manager should put their applications in writing to the chairman



Dave Anderson has stepped aside as Harrow Borough boss after 18 league defeats this season. Picture: ACTION IMAGES

care of the club address, or alternatively by email to peter@harrowboro.co.uk."

Anderson was appointed as David Howell's replacement in June 2011 after the latter left for St Albans City.

In his first season Anderson helped Boro avoid the drop, finishing 17th in the Isthmian Premier Division.

The following saw incremental

improvement with a 15th-place finish, before Boro slipped to 18th last term.

The former goalkeeper lists Hendon, St Albans City and AFC Wimbledon among his former employers.

Anderson was unavailable for comment.

Boro's winless streak in the league extended to six games on Saturday as they succumbed to a 4-2 home defeat

by East Thurrock United.

Marc Charles-Smith and John Sonuga scored either side of half-time to put Harrow 2-0 up.

However, braces from Lewis Smith and Sam Higgins turned the game on its head and sent Boro to their ninth home defeat.

Boro travel to Hampton & Richmond on Saturday.

## Stones knocked out FA Trophy

Wealdstone finally saw their 11-match unbeaten run in all competitions ended after losing 3-1 against Bath City in the FA Trophy.

Gordon Bartlett's side were on the back foot after just a minute as the dangerous Andy Watkins opened the scoring.

And Bartlett rued the early goal afterwards. He said: "A defensive error in the first minute put us completely on the back foot despite a good response with the equaliser.

"I thought we looked flat and unconvincing all over the park today.

"We lost out on the other two goals because we didn't close them down effectively and our ball retention was poor but at least we picked up and looked brighter in the second half."

However, to the Stones' credit, they wasted little time in drawing level, midfielder Elliott Godfrey nodded home Richard Jolly's cross for the hosts to make it one apiece.

Bath re-took the lead midway through the second half when Knighton picked his spot and fired beyond Jonathan North.

Seven minutes before the break, the visitors scored the killer third; Frankie Artus on home to drive home after a scramble in the Wealdstone penalty area.

Chelmsford City visit Grosvenor Vale in Conference South action on Saturday.

Goalkeeper North has been named the Conference South player of the month for December after keeping four clean sheets from six games.

North said: "Great credit is due to the back four, midfield and all the team who have turned things around."

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