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Sarries bounce back with win

SARACENS earned their first Premiership win of the season with a 28-13 victory over Sale Sharks on Sunday. The Men in Black opened the scoring through Schalk Brits but old boy Dave Seymour levelled the score at the break, Deon Carstens restored their lead in the second half before debutant David Strettle sealed the points with a late try.

Strauss secures **England victory**

ANDREW STRAUSS hit a superb century in England's second one-day international win over Pakistan on Sunday. The Middlesex batsman put on 126 for the hosts as they defeated Pakistan by four wickets at Headingley England were set a challenging target of 295 but Strauss' brilliance was enough to see them home.

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Wealdstone release midfielder Ashe

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WEALDSTONE manager Gordon Bartlett insists his decision to release midfielder Ryan Ashe is not a gamble.

The 2007-8 player of the season has been a consistent scorer in recent seasons with 27 goals for the club but he has struggled to make the side this year and Bartlett has reluctantly let him go.

Bartlett said: "It was an extremely difficult decision because I have the utmost respect for him as a player. It was very difficult and it might come back and bite me but I had to make a decision.

"I felt his form dropped after Christmas and I took the decision that a change of scenery will be better for him. We thanked him for everything he has done for us because we are losing a 15 to 20 goal a season midfielder.

"I didn't feel it was a gamble. It is my decision and no matter what I will stand by it. Over the last three seasons he has been outstanding but I feel someone of his age should be playing regular football. I am sure he would love to prove me wrong and I hope he does because he is a damn good footballer.'

The Stones thrashed Tring Athletic 7-0 in the first qualifying round of the FA Cup on Saturday after Danny Burnell came off the bench to score four goals. The striker was joined on the scoresheet by Scott Fitzgerald (two) and Greg Ngoyi. Wealdstone will face Chesham United in the next round.

Bartlett, whose side are away to Margate on Saturday, added: "It was an unusual occurrence but I'm pleased for Danny because he needed to break his duck. I'm sure that when he was sitting on the bench he never envisaged that would happen.

I think it became a bit easy at the end and we became a bit sloppy. Despite our delight with the win you can still be critical of the performance and we could even have done better towards the end.

"An FA Cup run is always very important especially from a financial aspect. Last year, it was the lifeblood of our season with more than £30,000 brought in which was a huge contribution to our budget. It sparks morale and is also good for the supporters."

his finishing in the Stones' drubbing of Tring.

Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC et. It sparks morale and is also good for the supporters.



Four goals: Danny Burnell stole the show with

Delgado off mark for Boro

HARROW BOROUGH manager David Howell praised new talent Evrando Delgado after he scored in their 4-2 FA Cup win at Great Wakering Rovers.

The teenage attacker made his debut in the recent win over Lowestoft and he followed it up by helping Boro book an FA Cup tie at Redbridge.

Howell said: "He is the spitting image of Jonathan Constant [former player] in the way he plays and looks. He couldn't get into Uxbridge Reserves but he is a very good player and has done brilliantly for us so far. His performance against Lowestoft was one of the better debuts I've seen for the club.'

Boro, who were looking to reach the second qualifying round for the first time in four years, took complete control at Great Wakering before the hosts netted two late goals.

The visitors opened the scoring after 25 minutes when Delgado's cross was headed home by Rocky Baptiste. Delgado got on the scoresheet 11 minutes later when his shot deflected into the back of the net.

Troy Hewitt added the third in the 54th minute but this was soured as he reinjured his fractured wrist in the aftermath. Youngster Clayton Dixon also notched his first goal for the club as Boro eased to the win.

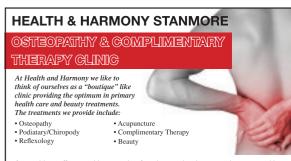
Howell's side entertain Billericay Town on Saturday and the manager expects a stern test before they travel to league leaders Sutton United on Tues-

He said: "They have a new manager and they've got Micah Hyde [former Watford midfielder]. They've made some good signings and assembled a good squad so it will be a tough game."





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