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News briefly

Sarries see off champions

SARACENS defeated Leicester Tigers 26-20 in an entertaining match at Vicarage Road on Sunday. First-half tries from Richard Wigglesworth and Schalk Brits put the Men in Black in control before the Tigers fought back for a bonus point. Sarries have won four league games in a row as they moved up to third. Brendan Venter's side launch their Heineken Cup bid at Clermont Auvergne on Satur-

Harrow flying high after win

HARROW RFC's superb start to the season continued as they thrashed British Airways 102-0. Harrow have picked up bonus points in their two victories this season which have taken them top of Herts Middlesex Three. Harrow travel to Thamesians on Saturday.

Tigers battle to away victory

KINGSBURY LONDON TIGERS secured a 1-0 win at Hadley on Saturday. The visitors made a bright start and scored the winning goal after only eight minutes when Dossou Alassane beat a defender and slotted home. Kingsbury came under pressure but held on for maximum points.

Wealdstone slump to another league defeat

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WEALDSTONE's alarming league form continued after a 2-0 home defeat to Lowestoft Town on Saturday.

The setback was their sixth defeat in their first nine Ryman Premier games and left them in 17th spot with only seven points. It was their fourth consecutive Premier defeat and they have failed to score in their last five outings.

Lowestoft produced a confident performance which demonstrated why they have started their campaign so impressively. But the Stones should have taken the lead inside the first two minutes when Peter Dean's free kick was palmed away by visiting goalkeeper Andy Reynolds.

The match was flowing from one end to the other but Lowestoft struck the first major blow when they netted before half time. Full-back Andrew Cave Brown sent in a dangerous cross and Lee McGlone headed the ball on for Scott Mitchell to smash a brilliant volley into the corner of the net.

Gordon Bartlett's side enjoyed plenty of possession at the start of the second half but they were finding it difficult to create chances against an organised Lowestoft defence.

The hosts almost found the equaliser after 73 minutes when Sean Cronin released Greg Ngoyi but his 25-yard strike was brilliantly pushed away by Reynolds. Danny Spendlove also went close but his shot was kept out by the excellent shot

Wealdstone were pushing forward in search of the goal but they were caught out on the break as the visitors punished them. Former Norwich striker Adrian Forbes finished off a counter attack to seal the win for Lowestoft.

The Stones face a challenging FA Cup tie at Met Police in the third qualifying round on Saturday. The Division One South pacesetters have won all eight league matches this season and are certain to post a stern test. But Wealdstone can take confidence from their cup run which featured a 7-0 win over Tring Athletic last month.



On the ball: Greg Ngoyi attacks during the Stones' disappointing home defeat to Lowestoft Town.
Picture: STEVE FOSTER/WEALDSTONE FC

Borough ready for cup test

HARROW BOROUGH could cause an FA Cup upset this weekend when they take on Blue Square South side Hamp-Richmond Borough at and Earlsmead.

Boro manager David Howell is good friends with Hampton boss Alan Devonshire and will be relishing pitting his wits against the higher league opposition.

The match is a welcome distraction from the league after Boro lost twice this week in the Ryman Premier. Howell's side crashed to a 2-1 home defeat to Aveley on Tuesday night. Ryan Watts was on target for Boro with their consolation

Boro also suffered a disappointing 2-0 defeat at Hastings United on Saturday. The visitors had several early opportunities to take the lead with Dewayne Clarke coming close through a 20-yard

The breakthrough came after 68 minutes when a home corner fell perfectly for Ade Olorunda to head past Nick

Kurt Morlese was brought on from the bench and he went close to an equaliser when he turned and fired a shot just past the post.

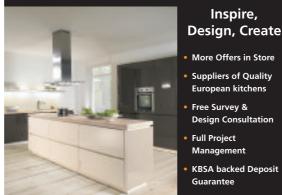
The decisive second goal arrived after 73 minutes when Michael Phillips headed home at the near post.

Morlese remained Boro's main threat but he was unable to find a goal as the visitors returned home with no points.

Boro face a busy week with a double header against Hendon following their

Howell's side visit their rivals in the Ryman League Cup on Monday night before hosting them the following Satur-day in the FA Trophy.





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