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News briefly

Wembley defeat for Saracens

SARACENS' Heineken Cup hopes suffered a major setback after losing 25-23 to Leinster at Wembley on Saturday. Alex Goode's score gave them an early lead but 25 points, including a try, from Jonny Sexton turned the match around. The defeat leaves them with only one point from their first two games. The Men in Black travel to Newcastle Falcons in the Premiership tomorrow night.

Harrow seal Vase victory

HARROW RFC defeated Thames 42-15 in the National Junior Vase on Saturday. Tries from Stewart Read, Simon Bram and Sean Pratt fired Harrow into a 20-3 lead. Mark Beauchamp Barry Whitehead and Jimmy Rowland sealed the win. Harrow host Cuffley in the league this weekend.

Udal announces retirement

MIDDLESEX bowler Shaun Udal has confirmed his retirement from first-class cricket. The 41-year-old retired in 2007 but was lured back again to Middlesex where he guided them to the Twenty20 Cup. Udal played four Tests and 11 one-day internationals for England.

Stones secure Trophy win over Potters Bar

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WEALDSTONE battled to a 3-1 win at Potters Bar Town in their FA Trophy replay on Tuesday night.

The Stones salvaged a 2-2 draw at home on Saturday after a dramatic 94th minute equaliser from Scott Fitzgerald. Gordon Bartlett's side took advantage of the comeback by winning their first away game of the season and booking a second round tie at Kingstonian.

The Stones took the lead when

Kieron Forbes headed back across for

teenage striker George Daly to net his first goal for the club.

Wealdstone doubled the lead after 23 minutes when Danny Spendlove picked up the ball and smashed a 25-yard effort which deflected into the net.

It could have easily been 3-0 on the half-hour mark but Peter Dean's header floated narrowly wide of the post.

Visiting goalkeeper Jonathan North was called into action at the start of the second half when he saved well at the feet of Jake Parrott. North also held an effort from Chris Doyle as Potters Bar applied the pressure.

The home side got on the scoresheet after 62 minutes when Parrott volleved in from close range after Wealdstone had failed to deal with a corner.

Wealdstone put the game beyond doubt 15 minutes from time with their third goal when Chris O'Leary looped a header over the stranded goalkeeper.

It was a much-needed result for Bartlett's side after they were dumped out of the FA Cup last week by Metropolitan Police. The Stones return to league action on Saturday at home to Maidstone United before hosting Kingstonian on Monday.

Boro set for FA Cup test

Howell has called for his side to have no regrets in their FA Cup clash at Eastbourne Borough this weekend.

Boro are only one win away from the first round of the competition and Howell wants his side to put on a good showing at their Conference Premier oppo-

Howell said: "I just want us to have no regrets and perform to the best of our

"I expect them to be a very strong side and it will be a test because the weather is very windy on that side of the coast. I expect them to be organised and it will be our stiffest test this season.

"I wanted a home draw but we have got to go and do the best we can. There is no pressure on us. We have done well to get here and hope that we can give a good account of ourselves.
"It is the FA Cup and if we can pro-

duce something that gives us a result then we will be very happy. It would be a good achievement if we could get through. It would be a victory for the dedication and commitment of our supporters.

Boro crashed out of the FA Trophy on Saturday after a 1-0 home defeat to

The hosts dominated the first half but missed their opportunities and were punished when Lee O'Leary netted a 62nd minute winner.

'We dominated the first half but we didn't take advantage of it and paid the price. We were not good enough in the final third to break Hendon down and that was the disappointing thing. We should have won but it's own fault. We weren't clinical enough."



Finding the net: Peter Dean scores during the Stones' 2-2 draw with Potters Bar Town on Saturday.

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