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**News briefly** 

### Henson makes Sarries debut

GAVIN HENSON made his long-awaited debut as Saracens defeated London Wasps 13-6 at Wembley on Boxing Day. The Wales star made his big return in the second half and almost scored a try within minutes of coming on. Andy Saull came off the bench and scored the crucial try at the start of the second half as Sarries extended their 100 per cent record in the Premiership at Wembley.

### **Harrow derby** postponed

HARROW BOROUGH's home game with Wealdstone was postponed on Monday due to a frozen pitch. David Howell's side are due to play on New Year's Day when they will face a short trip to Hendon. Wealdstone are also in action when they will entertain AFC Hornchurch at Grosvenor Vale.

### Rugby side in strong position

HARROW RFC will head into the New Year in great shape. The rugby club's first team are currently top of the Herts/Middlesex Division Three after winning their first eight games and have a seven-point cushion at the

## Forbes leaves Wealdstone

WEALDSTONE midfielder Kieron Forbes has completed a move to Blue Square Premier side Forest Green Rovers.

Forbes has produced consistently outstanding performances since he signed from Watford two seasons ago and his form attracted the interest of a number of professional clubs.

David Hockaday, Rovers' manager, has previous links with the player and was Watford's Under-18 coach when Forbes was a member of the Hornets' academy set-up.

Forbes, 20, recently completed 100 appearances for Wealdstone and the deal includes an undisclosed fee and sell-on clause between the two clubs. He becomes the latest player to progress from the Stones' talent development conveyor belt following the likes of Jermaine Beckford, Graeme Montgomery and Carl Martin who have moved to the full time ranks in recent years.

Wealdstone boss Gordon Bartlett said: 'I am disappointed to lose him because not only is he a good player but he is also a genuine character who has been an important part of our squad for the last

This has been a very difficult situation that has been going on for about six weeks. Kieron was coming to the end of his contract and was desperate for the chance to go back to full time football and I felt we could not stand in his way. As with all our young players, we try to help their careers and give them the platform to go on to bigger and better things and purely on Kieron's attitude and commitment he has given us over the last two and a half seasons, he deserves this opportunity

"We are all sad to see him go but he has been an absolute pleasure to work with and we will all have very positive memories of his time with us. We all wish him every success and look forward to seeing

Stones chairman Howard Krais said: 'We certainly didn't want to see Kieron leave but we believe it is right we do not stand in the way of young players who have a chance to make their way in the full time game. Moves like this encourage other young players who want to get back into the pro game to come to Wealdstone and I'm sure that Kieron won't be the last Wealdstone player to go full time."



in Australia while Jonathan Trott, left, steered them to victory in Melbourne Picture: ACTION IMAGES

### Strauss revels in Ashes glory

ANDREW STRAUSS paid tribute to his team-mates after England retained the Ashes for the first time in 24 years.

The tourists completely outplayed Australia in the fourth Test in Melbourne as they thrashed them by an innings and 157 runs.

Middlesex batsman Strauss, who captained England to success overseas, said: 'These guys deserve everything they get because the players stood up and performed when it matters.

"It's great for me but we all know a captain's nothing without the guys who stand up and deliver under pressure.

"I'm not going to take the credit for this because it's not my victory, it's the team's victory.

"It would be a damp squib if we didn't go on and win in Sydney.

England lead 2-1 with one Test to come in Sydney starting on Sunday night. Although the Ashes are coming back to England, the tourists still have to avoid defeat to complete a series victory and this is their immediate target before

they can complete their celebrations.

Strauss added "We've got to keep our feet on the ground because there are many goals that we want to achieve both in this series and into the future.

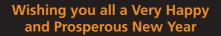
"But we're very excited right now. It's a special occasion the MCG game and to come out here and retain the Ashes is something that will live long in all our

Middlesex director of cricket Angus Fraser was quick to herald England after

their performances down under.
He said: "Winning in Australia makes legends of you as it does not happen very

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